

Colborne man loses his life as car leaves 401

A 52-year-old Colborne man died Monday when his car went off Highway 401 east of Cobourg and rolled down an embankment.

Matthew Faris was pronounced dead at the scene.

It was the second accident he had been involved in within an hour of his death.

Mr. Faris was east-bound at about 1:30 p.m. when he was involved in a minor accident near the Wesleyville exit west of

Port Hope.

At about 2:45 p.m. he was in the passing lane near the Gully Road overpass in Haldimand Township when he drove off the roadway, striking the guard rail on the south shoulder. The car rolled down an embankment.

A post mortem was scheduled at Peterborough Civic Hospital Tuesday. The investigation continues.

Cobourg OPP say alcohol was not a factor.

Livestock lost in Cramahe barn fire

By Mark Hoult

A Cramahe Township woman says her family is taking things "one day at a time" after fire consumed their barn early Sunday morning, killing 30 milking cows, three calves and a number of pigs.

Sherry Greenly said her family is doing its best to cope with what she calls "a major loss" to their farm, located just south of Warkworth off Mitchell Road.

"For a farmer this is a major setback. These cows were quite good milkers," Mrs. Greenly said in an interview Monday after helping her family clean up after the fire.

Mrs. Greenly estimates the loss of the barn and its equipment, including a pipeline milking system, at \$100,000. And the animals were worth more than \$30,000, she said.

Unfortunately, the barn and animals were not insured. The family

was able to help some of the animals escape from the fire, including 28 cattle that were in pens attached to the barn and some calves that were in calf hutches.

"It's not a total loss. We do have the startings of a beef herd along with some heifers that aren't milking yet," Mrs. Greenly said, noting that her husband also brings in income as a tractor-trailer driver.

Mrs. Greenly said her 13-year-old son Dan glanced out his bedroom window about 12:30 Sunday morning and saw that the roof of the nearby barn was burning. He shouted to wake up the rest of his family and "everybody just jumped up and started putting their clothes on."

While Mrs. Greenly phoned the fire department, friends and relatives, the rest of the family ran outside. Dan and his brother Jason and sis-

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Fatal accident— Police and investigators survey scene just west of Grafton where a Colborne man lost his life on Monday afternoon. Photo by Pete Fisher

Wait and see if charities benefit

Council waives fees for new bingo hall

By Eileen Argyris

The council of the Township of Cramahe has voted to waive its right to collect a portion of bingo prize money from a proposed new bingo hall to be operated by area businessman Jerry Hasiuk.

Mr. Hasiuk was before council last week, asking the township to waive the fee of three per cent of all prize money for each night of bingo.

The township is entitled to collect this fee under the rules of the Gaming Control Commission.

In the lottery licensing policy manual, the legislation says: "A municipality may set its own fee structure to cover the costs of preparing and issuing licenses, as well as addi-

tional costs relative to the supervision and control, provided the fees charged do not exceed three per cent of the total prize board."

If the prize board at the proposed weekly bingos were to be \$5,500 per evening, the municipality could rake in \$8,500 a year, township administrator Gerry Morrison told council.

"It could be a way of making up for lost revenues," the administrator suggested.

But Mr. Hasiuk argued that the main beneficiaries of the bingos would be local "charities" such as the young people's figure skating club, minor hockey, a judo club, minor ball and soccer.

"Some," said Mr. Hasiuk,

"are more interested (in running bingos) than others."

In addition, Mr. Hasiuk claimed his business had been "hit with a \$10,000 tab to get this place on the go."

The proposed bingo hall location is the former Hasiuk building centre at the corner of Purdy Road and Percy Street.

Mr. Hasiuk called the bingo hall scheme "an incredible way of putting money directly into the hands of charities."

He said, if the bingo hall should run a "Monte Carlo" event, "I have no objection if the township takes \$10 a table, or whatever."

Deputy Reeve Jim Williams pointed out that "on a really good night a

group can raise as much as \$1,100."

He also said it would be good if local groups no longer had to go out of town, to Cobourg, Brighton or Trenton, to run their bingo events.

The township administrator, meanwhile, said he had investigated the matter and Cobourg and Murray Township each charge bingo operators in their municipality the three per cent fee.

Brighton council, he said, had not charged a fee for bingos in the town because all the proceeds were coming back to the town through service clubs, which sponsored the bingos.

However, Mr. Morrison

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