

# Michelle Barnoski's body found in Warkworth

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The remains found at a Concession Street residence in Warkworth Friday morning have been confirmed as those of Michelle Noella Barnoski, 33 of Warkworth.

OPP spokesperson Constable Phil Pike confirmed the identity of the body, but a cause of death was not be released.

Police were still at the scene Monday conducting a forensic investigation and we expected to be there one to two more days.

The body was found in a shallow grave under skids and tires in the backyard of a Warkworth residential address, Northumberland OPP confirmed Friday afternoon.

Michelle Noella Barnoski, 33, was last seen May 27. Police executed a search warrant at a Concession Street residence in Warkworth Thursday, June 12.

The body was found Friday morning less than 100 yards behind the house.

A 14-year-old male youth, who cannot be named under the Youth Criminal Justice Act, was charged with the second-degree murder of Ms. Barnoski. Also charged is 34-year-old Marc Vickers of Warkworth with accessory after the fact to second-degree murder. Mr. Vickers lived in the same house as the missing woman. Both accused were remanded in custody until June 20 to appear in Cobourg court.



Michelle Barnoski

Ms. Barnoski rented space from Mr. Vickers in the Warkworth house, OPP Det. Insp. Dave Quigley said, but the two were not in a common-law relationship.

The property was unsuccessfully searched one week earlier by canine units. Det. Insp. Quigley said a second search warrant was obtained after specific information was received about the location of a body.



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The scene Friday: OPP investigators examine a scene where a body believed to be that of Michelle Barnoski, 33, was found behind a Warkworth residence Friday morning. Police say the body was wrapped and buried in a shallow grave. It was then covered with materials. Investigators failed to locate the body during a previous search.

"The body was wrapped in a material," Det. Insp. Quigley said. A neighbour of Mr. Vickers said he had lived in the home for four to five years, but believed Ms. Barnoski only moved in one to two years ago.

"I heard she worked at the Red Cross in Trenton, but I don't think I've ever seen her," Ruth

Allanson of Concession Street in Warkworth said.

Mrs. Allanson had baked a pie and taken it over to her neighbour's residence to welcome them to the neighbourhood.

"I've never had any problems with any of them and never heard any noise," she said Friday.

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## CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

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**Citizen of the Year:** Marion McComb, centre was announced as the Citizen of the Year award winner Colborne Rotary Club Monday night. Left is Rotary president Hugh Spence and past president Jim Williams, right.



## BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

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**Business of the Year:** Anne Corkery of Computer Solutions in Colborne, centre, was announced as recipient of the Business of The Year award winner Colborne Rotary Club Monday night. Left is Rotary president Hugh Spence and past president Graham Norcutt, right.

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## Doors Open day Sat.

It's Doors Open this Saturday in Cramah and Brighton. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Doors Open Ontario advises you plan your day to avoid disappointment. Here are some of their tips:

Plan your Doors Open Ontario visit ahead of time. Pick up maps and site listings so you know where you are going.

You don't have to be a heritage expert to enjoy a Doors Open adventure. Select sites that interest you most. Doors Open allows you to tour stunning sites that may not normally be open to the public - free of charge.

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## CHERYL ROCKS AT CD LAUNCH



PHOTO BY BOB OWEN

Sometimes when it takes longer to get there you savour it a little more. Last Saturday was a night to savour for Cramah singer/songwriter Cheryl Casselman. Her recently launched CD *Any Road North* has already been picked up by the CBC for national play. The Rotary Room was jammed to capacity for Saturday's official launch party, an appreciative audience for the rich lyrical tones of the blues/country artist and her band. Accompanying her were Al Brisco on steel guitar, Steve Pittico, Spike Pittico, Cheryl Casselman, Steve Rapos on bass and Cassandra Edison on backup vocals.

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