

Vickers in court via video

Facing a second-degree murder charge, 35-year-old Marc Vickers of will appear in court by video remand Oct. 20.

The case of the Warkworth resident is undergoing a change of solicitor at this point, with Gary McNeely taking over from Brad Halls. Mr. McNeely appeared in conjunction with Mr. Vickers' video appearance in Cobourg's Ontario Court of Justice Monday from the Central East Corrections Centre in Lindsay.

Mr. Vickers was arrested June 12 in connection with the disappearance and death of Michelle Noella Barnoski.

The 33-year-old woman was reported missing to police by family members on May 29. Her body was discovered June 13 in the back yard of her residence, which belonged to Mr. Vickers.

A co-defendant, who cannot be named under the Youth Criminal Justice Act, is also charged with second-degree murder.

Mr. McNeely, of Peterborough, requested the delay in order to review the disclosure for the case that he has only recently received.

— CECILIA NASMITH

Arson suspected

The Northumberland OPP is currently investigating a suspected arson Monday evening in Brighton.

Just before 7 p.m. Oct. 6, OPP and the Brighton Fire Department attended a small fire that had been set in a construction area at 75 Elizabeth St., King Edward Park arena. There was minimal damage. No injuries were reported.

Anyone with information is asked to call Northumberland OPP at 613-475-1313 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

Building stalls in September

Building has slowed in Cramahe Township.

Figures released by Cramahe's Chief Building Official Natalie Moroz-Cornell show only one home was started last month.

The total for the month was only \$307,000 and, without the Penny Lane home, it would have been only \$57,000. The total marked a slight drop from August when building totalled \$365,000.

On a year-to-year basis, there have been nine fewer homes built in the first nine months of 2008 than in 2007 when 26 were erected.

The only redeeming factor this



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HIATUS OF HERITAGE WALKERS IN WARKWORTH



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Walkers on the Oct. 5 Warkworth Heritage Walk stop for a rest at this home on Mill St.

BOB OWEN/SUN MEDIA

Owner believes cattle shot were spooked by bear

By Pete Fisher

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Dave Wright of Grafton says Northumberland OPP officers did the right thing when they shot and killed 14 of his cattle Wednesday morning after the animals were found wandering close to Highway 401 traffic.

"We can't risk a life," he said, acknowledging the damage that could be done to the passengers of a vehicle involved in a collision with a cow.

"The cows are worth money, but not compared to somebody's

life," he said.

Mr. Wright said he had moved the cattle to a friend's property located near Highway 401, but he believes a bear kept scaring them and they would wander off into the deep brush and end up along the highway.

Because the cattle were spooked, he said, "you couldn't get close to them."

"(Northumberland OPP officers) needed to do what they did."

Mr. Wright cut a hole in the fence and removed the dead cattle using a tractor.

Deaths

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QUINN, Gerald William - Peacefully at Streamway Villa, Cobourg on Monday September 29th, 2008 in his 86th year. Beloved husband of the late Barbara Baker. Loving father of Arthur Quinn (Glenda), Alice Burkitt, Robert Quinn (Marilyn), Elizabeth Anderson (Tom) and Jennifer Walker (Ian). Dear grandfather of Laura (Sean), Gerald (Laura), Steven (Nicky), Theresa (pre-deceased), David (Tanya), Cheri (Shawn) Benjamin, Megan (Jeff), Joseph, Samuel, Joshua, Seth and great grandsons Nathan and Bastian (pre-deceased). Gerald is pre-deceased by his brothers Harold & Fred Quinn. Friends are invited to call at the **MACCOUBREY FUNERAL HOME**, 11 King St., W., Cobourg on Friday October 10th from 7-9 pm. A private graveside service will be held at a later date. If desired donations may be made to the Terry Fox Foundation. Condolences received at www.MacCoubrey.com.

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— BOB OWEN