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ALLORE, Dorothy



Dorothy Allore has been pretty much chained to her desk for the past six weeks, putting in six-day weeks that begin at 8 a.m. and end "whenever I get out of here..." She's Quinte's district returning officer for the June 8 election and it's getting down to crunch time for Allore and her staff.

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she can finish a sentence or a thought for me, she's that good. And Helen Vandervoort, our election clerk, is a real help, too."

The job is part mathematician, social worker, counselor and public relations flack.

"This job is mostly," she says, "understanding human nature and people. You have people in who will just be screaming in your face and, by the time they leave, usually they're shaking your hand.

"I understand the system is antiquated and has to be changed, but it's what we have to work with now and we try, above all, to understand that we're here to serve the public above all."

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