

# PROFILES

with

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Have you ever thought of being a Big Brother? Sherry Quantrell is a case worker for the Halton Hills Big Brothers organization and speaks highly of the organization.

She finds the work much more positive than her former social work with Peel Children's Aid. "This is happy work with a positive end," she smiles.

### Big Brothers are friends

The Big Brothers organization matches volunteer mature males with fatherless boys as friends.

Working on the premise that boys without a male in the home need frequent contact with men in order to grow up with a male image and a good feeling, Big Brothers introduces youngsters to male friends.

The relationship remains an informal friendship. At no time is the big brother suppose to be a surrogate father or a disciplinarian, Sherry explains. However, he is expected to spend about four hours a week with the boy taking him out for enrichment experiences that can vary from fishing, ball games, movies, or visiting in the big brother's home.

Sherry comments most boys need a friend to talk "male talk" with, no matter how complete their maternal relationship. The variety of experience provided by sharing time with a man of wide interests is usually invaluable to a developing lad.

At the moment, the Halton Hills branch has nine matches (boys paired with big brothers) and four boys waiting for volunteers.

"There's been a slow draw in Acton but there's a lot of need there," says Sherry. "We're not visible in the community yet."

Sherry has been with Halton Hills Big Brothers for 18 months, ever since it was decided to hire a part-time case worker. She works out of her Erin home and laughingly says her office is her living room or her car.

She would like to be handling 35 matches cases and so is hoping more big and little brothers contact her.

Boys' mothers usually call the organization feeling their sons need companionship. The boy has to be enthusiastic about the idea before Sherry will consider him as a little brother.

A lengthy interview in the home follows and Sherry always tries to take the young lad out on his own for an informal visit. Only boys from ages 7 to 15 are considered. Sherry says boys older than 15 lose interest and are often into male activities more independently. Younger than 7, the boys are still under mother's wing, Sherry says.

A prospective big brother should be prepared to give about four hours of his time weekly to his young friend and be willing to commit himself for a year or more. It is preferable for a big brother to be over 21 and definitely working.

"We're looking for mature responsible adults with varied interests, time and commitment." Sherry interviews the applicant in his home with his wife or girlfriend if the relationship will have a bearing on the little brother.

After a match is made, Sherry sees her charges frequently and is on hand to help if problems arise. She has only had to make a re-match once.

Big Brothers is run by a board of directors who are looking for more help. Volunteers are always welcome, Sherry says, and adds time commitment is small.

Funded almost totally by Bowling for Millions, a sponsored bowling marathon run nationwide in February, the organization is always in need of money. Private donations make up the gap between costs and pledges.

George Wagner or Georgetown heads up the Big Brother board of directors in Halton Hills.

Sherry, as case worker, is the only expense the Halton Hills branch has. Her job is imperative—as she says, someone has to do the screaming.

### Wanted a people field

Married and a mother of a boy 12 and daughter 5, Sherry got into social work after university training.

"I wanted a people field," she states. She worked for the Peel Children's Aid for seven years, leaving five years ago to have her second child.

She found social work as a negative line of work and was glad to stop, she says. "It was nice to discover there were other sides to life."

Sherry did, however, enjoy handling adoptions toward the end of her work period, she comments. "The turnover (in staff) was incredible—everyone just burned out."

Now that she is working with Big Brothers she is enjoying her social work and finds the job ideal for a mother with young children.

She feels very good about the organization and says "If I was in the same position I would be looking for something like this (for her son)."

Big Brothers needs big brothers, little brothers and board members. Do yourself a favor and call Sherry Quantrell at 833-9653 (Erin).



Sherry Quantrell for Big Brothers.

# Lawson holds gavel as new school board leader

Milton's Bill Lawson emerged from a three-round tussle to become chairman of Halton's Board of Education.

Lawson, an 18-year veteran with the board, said he is confident the new board will make the right decisions so that students will benefit most.

Lawson survived three rounds of ballots, all of them secret, to take the top seat. As chairman he will earn another \$3,300 on top of the standard \$4,500 trustee pay.

In the final round Lawson was pitted against Burlington trustee Noel Cooper. Another Burlington

trustee, Bill Priestner was the first to lose in the

voting. Trustee Betty Fisher

Georgetown managed to get through the first round.

Burlington's Elaine Riehm was elected vice-

chairman. Taking a page from a popular education theme—Back to Basics—

Lawson, the past vice-chairman, urged the board to adopt the same theme to its relations with employees.

"Honesty, truth, respect, responsibility and integrity are needed," said the new chairman. "It's time for back to the basics to be



Bill Lawson, a veteran of Halton Board of Education, was elected chairman during the board's inaugural meeting Thursday at Burlington while Elaine Riehm, of Burlington, was elected vice-chairman.

more than a program theme. I'd like to promote that theme so it applies to our relationship between the board and its employees."

Lawson's nomination, from Burlington trustee Dr. Helen Howard-Lock, was seconded by another veteran Milton trustee, Ivan Armstrong, who said that when there is work to be done, Bill Lawson is there.

In his speech Lawson said he believed the role of the chairman is that of representing the board's position at all times. "I don't believe the chairman should only visit committees in crisis situations."

## Obituary

### Auva Lindsay

Former Acton resident, Auva Alexandra Lindsay died November 8, after a lengthy illness.

Daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ninian Flockart Lindsay, Miss Lindsay was born on a farm east of Acton on Highway 7.

She is survived by sister Jean E. Lindsay and brother Dr. James C. Lindsay of Toronto, and was pre-deceased by sister Mae A. Lindsay and brother Ninian G. Lindsay.

A member of the Methodist Church, Miss Lindsay attended Young Peoples and choir groups while in Acton. After moving to Toronto she attended Bloor Street United Church and was in the choir.

After completing a Dental Nurses' course at the Royal College of Surgeons she spent a number of years working in a dental office.

As president of the Dental Nurses' Alumnae of Canada during the war she helped raise money to purchase a mobile dental unit for overseas.

Before retirement she served on the staff of the Canadian Dental Association.

Funeral pallbearers were Gerald Graham of Picton, Orville Day of Hamilton, Donald Lindsay and Fred Nurse of Georgetown, Clarence Coles of Acton and Douglas Darragh of Toronto.

## Obituary

### Allen Snow

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Snow of Ballinacraig, Allen Montgomery Snow died suddenly November 21, in his 31st year at Bashaw, Alberta.

A resident of Alberta for the past few years, Mr. Snow is also survived by wife Lenore and stepchildren Rick, Connie, Sharlene and Shannon, brothers Clare Snow of Acton and John and Greg Snow of Ballinacraig, sisters Louise of Vancouver, and Myrna of Acton.

Born January 19, 1950, Mr. Snow attended Georgetown High School and worked as a truck driver in St. Albert, Alberta, where he resided for the past 18 months. Prior to his marriage Mr. Snow lived for six years at Thornbury, Ontario. He was a member of the Lions Club in Collingwood and worked in the community.

Memorial service was held November 28 at Shoemaker Funeral Home and interment took place in Fairview Cemetery.

He will be the first full time MOH Halton has had since Dr. J.D. Chamberlain retired one year ago.

Halton Region's next Medical Officer of Health is expected to be Dr. Peter Cole, 35. Dr. Cole, a physician with the city of Toronto Family Services Branch, is expected to be officially hired this week.

## Top doc select

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# WOODLAND MARKET

Fresh Ontario <b>Pork Shoulder Roasts</b> lb. <b>1.09</b>	1 lb. bags <b>Nabob coffee</b> <b>2.99</b>	1.36 L 48 oz. <b>V8 Juice</b> <b>.89</b>
<b>Butt Roasts</b> lb. <b>1.19</b>	Weston 24 oz. loaf reg. or thin sliced <b>Sandwich Bread</b> <b>.69</b>	Old South Frozen Florida 12.5 oz. <b>Orange Juice</b> <b>.79</b>
<b>Butt or Shoulder Chops</b> lb. <b>1.39</b>	Yum Yum or Sweet Mixes 1 L. <b>Bick's Pickles</b> <b>1.49</b>	Parkay 3 lb. ¼'s <b>Margarine</b> <b>1.99</b>
Maple Leaf ½ cryovac <b>S.P. Cottage Rolls</b> lb. <b>1.79</b>	Canada Packers <b>Devon Side Bacon</b> 500 g pkg. <b>1.79</b>	Lipton dry 2's <b>Onion Soup</b> <b>.89</b>
Maple Leaf frozen <b>sausage meat</b> 500 g pkg. <b>1.39</b>	Schneider's frozen <b>mini sizzlers</b> 500 g pkg. <b>2.39</b>	12 L Detergent <b>Tide</b> <b>7.29</b>
Schneider's ass't. pop. var. <b>luncheon meats</b> 175 g pkg. <b>.89</b>	Schneider's ass't pop. var. <b>mini deli sausage</b> 500 g pkg. <b>1.59</b>	Weston pkg. of 8 <b>apple snack buns</b> <b>.89</b>
Fresh store sliced young <b>beef liver</b> <b>.99</b>	fabric softener sheets <b>bounce</b> 60's <b>3.99</b>	Mitchell's pure 48 oz. <b>Apple Juice</b> <b>.89</b>
Rich's 1 kg. <b>coffee rich</b> <b>.89</b>	Bravo plain spaghetti <b>sauce</b> 14 oz. <b>.59</b>	Cloverleaf 6 ½ oz. tin <b>light chunk tuna</b> <b>1.29</b>
Arctic Garden Calif. or Ital. Style frozen 2 lb. mixed <b>vegetables</b> <b>1.49</b>	Lancia ass't var. <b>egg noodles</b> 375 g <b>.89</b>	Aylmer 48 oz. tin <b>tomato juice</b> <b>.89</b>
Carnation frozen hashed brown <b>potatoes</b> 2 lb. <b>.59</b>	Salco smoked <b>oysters</b> 125 g. <b>1.19</b>	Salco whole <b>oysters</b> 142 g. <b>1.29</b>
Aylmer Harvard choice sliced <b>beets</b> 14 oz. <b>2/1.00</b>	Salco mandarin <b>oranges</b> 10 oz. <b>.79</b>	Salco mandarin <b>oranges</b> 10 oz. <b>.79</b>
regular <b>Eno</b> 100 g. <b>1.69</b>	Heinz <b>strained foods and drinks</b> <b>3/89</b>	Heinz <b>strained foods and drinks</b> <b>3/89</b>
deodorant 200 ml. <b>Right Guard</b> <b>2.15</b>	4 ½ oz. <b>gravy</b> 10 oz. <b>3/1.00</b>	4 ½ oz. <b>gravy</b> 10 oz. <b>3/1.00</b>
Aylmer choice fruit <b>cocktail</b> 14 oz. <b>.69</b>		
Libby's 28 oz. <b>sauerkraut</b> <b>.69</b>		

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### CHRISTMAS STORE HOURS

December 22 & 23 — 8 a.m.-9 p.m.  
 December 24 — 8 a.m.-6 p.m.  
 December 25 & 26 — Closed  
 Sat. Dec. 27 — 8 a.m.-6 p.m.  
 December 29 — 8 a.m.-6 p.m.  
 Dec 30 — 8 a.m.-9 p.m.  
 Dec. 31 — 8 a.m.-6 p.m.  
 Jan. 1 — Closed  
 Jan. 2 Open  
 8 a.m.-9 p.m.

### FRESH TURKEYS AVAILABLE ORDER EARLY

Nabisco <b>Shreddies</b> 500 g <b>.99</b>
luncheon meat 340 g. <b>Prem</b> 12 oz. <b>1.48</b>
Tetley 72's <b>tea bags</b> <b>1.99</b>
TV time <b>popcorn</b> 8 oz. <b>.69</b>
Libby's red kidney <b>beans</b> 14 oz. <b>2/1.00</b>
Libby's with pork or in tomato sauce <b>brown beans</b> 19 oz. <b>.69</b>
bath size bar bundles 3's <b>Zest</b> <b>1.79</b>
Heinz in tomato sauco <b>spaghetti</b> 28 oz. <b>.79</b>