

## Local dentist dies while scuba diving

### Autopsy to be held into accident off St. Kitts

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A well-respected Milton dentist died Sunday while scuba diving off the coast of Saint Kitts.

Dr. Barbara Wilson, a Campbellville resident who operated a den-

tal practice on Wakefield Road, is dead at the age of 44.

"She was a very outgoing person," said friend Greg Murray of Hamilton. "She was the kind of person you adopt because she was so friendly."

Dr. Wilson was a college room-

mate of Mr. Murray's wife Margaret. The couple knew Dr. Wilson for 25 years. She grew up in Preston and moved to Milton in the mid-1970s.

A graduate of the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Toronto, she first practiced in Mil-

ton in 1976 at a medical building on Main Street East and later moved to Laurier Avenue.

As a result of her popularity, Dr. Wilson's clientele grew and she purchased property on Wakefield Road. She renovated an old church, which became her new office.

Dr. Wilson, who was divorced, lived alone in her rural home. She loved scuba diving, under-



Barbara Wilson

water photography, and travelling. Mr. Murray described the dentist as a fairly-experienced scuba diver — a hobby Dr. Wilson first pursued in university.

She was on the executive of the Burlington Dental Academy and more recently was elected to the board of directors of the Ontario Dental Association.

Co-workers were too upset to talk about Dr. Wilson's death Monday. Mr. Murray said friends he contacted to deliver the dismal news reacted in "absolute state of shock."

The cause of her death is so far unknown. She was underwater with fellow members of a Burlington scuba diving club when she indicated that she was having trouble, said Mr. Murray.

By the time she made her way to the surface of the water, she was only semi-conscious. "There was a doctor on the boat who was scuba diving with them. He started to give her oxygen and CPR."

Dr. Wilson eventually lost consciousness, and efforts to save her life failed. An autopsy will be performed to determine the cause of death.

She is survived by her parents Robert and Hilda Wilson, and sister Ellen Wilson, all of Madoc, a small town north-east of Belleville.

Her funeral was in the process of being arranged at press time yesterday. It is expected to be held at Grace Anglican Church early next week.



Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

## Feeling hot

Mixing summer and winter gear, Ruth Suter of Hornby took advantage of the great conditions at Glen Eden Sunday when temperatures hit 15 degrees C. The local ski area will be open again this weekend from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

## Late Stan Allen among medal recipients

Halton North MPP Noel Duignan will present Commemorative Medals for the 125th anniversary of Canadian Confederation to 26 area residents Saturday (April 3).

Three of the awards will be posthumous, two of them to men who were prominent Milton figures.

The late Stan Allen, a former Halton Centennial Manor administrator, will receive an award. The Manor has been renamed Allendale in his honour.

The late Lloyd Chisholm, a Campbellville horse trainer who figured strongly in the push to bring Mohawk Raceway to the area, will also be honoured.

The awards, to be presented at the Halton Hills Civic Centre in Georgetown at 2 p.m., are to recognize significant contributions

to the community or nation.

Former Halton North MPP and Milton resident Walter Elliot is getting an award, as are Mayor Gord Krantz and Nassagaweya resident Cindy Lunau.

Former Halton Region Conservation Authority chair Brock Harris gets the nod, as does Halton Regional Police Chief James Harding. Environmental activists Barbara Halsall, Rita Landry and Diane Van de Valk will also be recognized. Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller gets an award, as does the late Dick Willis, Halton Hills' Citizen of the Year.



Stan Allen

Other recipients are: Bill Chard; Chief Warrant Officer F. A. Garbutt; Captain William Herron; Cadet Brigade Superintendent Keith Laws, Bob McNeilly; Les Mellish; Lauretta Mills; Bernice

Nichols; Deputy Commissioner Ronald Piers, Adult Brigade Superintendent Brian Rae; Major Richard Ruggle and Fern Wolfe.

## Wellness Fair is for the health of it

Milton's popular Wellness Fair is back for another year to show local residents the healthy way.

Sponsored by the Milton District Hospital Foundation, the event is a hands-on show which includes 21 booths presented by area organizations.

Participants include Milton District Hospital, the Canadian Mental Health Association, Halton Region Health Department, Victorian Order of Nurses, Lung Association, La Leche League of Milton, Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario, St. Joseph's Hospital, Canadian Red Cross Society, Chiropractors of Milton, Canadian Hearing Society, Allendale, and E.C. Drury High School.

Many of the displays include activities promoting healthy lifestyles.

Those interested can catch the show Saturday at Milton Mall from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## NEWSLINES

### Officer assaulted

A Halton police officer was assaulted Thursday night while trying to stop a fleeing suspect.

Police were called to a domestic dispute between three men in the parking lot of the Optimist Centre on Commercial Street at 10:50 p.m.

Constable Kevin Maher was leading one of the men to his cruiser when the suspect broke free, police said.

While his partner Constable Stephanie Miloknay was attempting to stop him, he knocked her down. She suffered a cut to her lip and bruises to her face.

The man was recaptured by other officers who arrived at the scene. A 22-year-old Ontario Street man faces charges of breach of probation, assaulting police, and escaping custody.

Meanwhile, a bystander who decided to interfere was also arrested. A 22-year-old Hayward Crescent man was charged with causing a disturbance and obstructing police.

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