

# Family of the Month



**The family life**

Our Family of the Month! The Bourgeois family at their home on Fifth St. On the couch, from left to right are Adam, Teri and Bob. Vanessa is standing behind.

## Midland's Bourgeois family

The Bourgeois family is a Midland family. Bob, 42, and Teri, 40, have lived here all their lives and their lovely home on Fifth St. was where Teri spent her childhood.

Bob owns Bourgeois Motors along with his brother John and he has been married to Teri for 22 years. Together they have had four children: Elizabeth, 20; Corinna, 19; Vanessa, 16; and Adam, 13.

The Bourgeois living room testifies to the wealth of family life. It's not so much the polished hardwood floor or the plush and massive chesterfield but the pictures on the wall and trophies on the shelves which speak of community involvement and family togetherness.

The Bourgeois' have given a lot to their community.

Hockey is unquestionably number one in everyone's heart. Bob is now beginning his second year as coach of the Major Peewees and Teri has volunteered as a minor hockey secretary.

It was something new for Teri since she had previously given a lot of time and effort to the Girl Guides.

"After ten years I wanted a change. But it was still one of the hardest decisions I ever had to make. I enjoyed being a guideleader so much," she says.

There's a lot that the Bourgeois family enjoys. Teri cross-country skis in

the winter but the rest of the family prefers downhill skiing. Vanessa loves to ski.

The three girls have all taken piano lessons. Adam wasn't interested; he's been too busy playing minor hockey and participating in school sports.

Vanessa has participated too. "I like to play volleyball," she says. But her mother can't help but add that Vanessa "is an excellent volleyball player."

Vanessa and Adam are both good students. Vanessa skipped a grade (she's in grade 12 and just turns 17 this week) and Adam is what his sister calls "a top achiever."

If he isn't busy enough keeping up with both business, family and hockey, Bob can't help but look for more to do. But then, as Bob admits, "I've always liked too many things. You've got to make priorities because you can't do it all."

He wouldn't want to give up his coaching though. "I get a good feeling from working with kids; it keeps you young. I know one coach who has been active in hockey for 49 years and

he says the same thing."

If Bob and Teri's other children seem less dominant in the conversation it's because neither are there right now. Elizabeth has started her first year of a general B.A. program at the University of Toronto and Corinna is now working at the Holiday Inn in Toronto.

In the summer the family vacations on Bosley Island and Vanessa likes to waterski.

You couldn't convince Teri that there might be a better place to live than Midland. She's lived here for 40 years and she's loved living here.

"I went to Victoria to visit once. It was very pretty and the people were very friendly and of course the weather was lovely - but...it wasn't the same as Midland; somehow it lacked something which makes this my home," Teri says.

Vanessa has no complaints either. "It's nice and small so everyone knows each other; every time you walk down the street it's like one big party since there are no strangers. It is fun," says Vanessa.

## Disagreement over numbers

Midland has about 35 numbered companies on its tax roll. Mayor Al Roach and Councillor Gail Barrie are two councillors who think the people behind the numbers should be identified. Reeve Bev Day and Deputy-Reeve Nancy Keefe are two councillors who disagree.

A numbered company means that on forms indicating ownership of a company, a sequence of numbers appears in the space for owner's name, instead of a person's name.

The council and people should know the identity of people before the council

"allows certain people to do certain things," the mayor said. When the council deals with a request from a numbered company, it cannot be accused of bias in its decision, the reeve said.

## The Baha'is of Tiny

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