Test your wells ...

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In April, the Health Department implemented a region wide survey of approximately 300 wells to determine bacterial quality and well construction. Water samples are being analyzed for the presence total coliform and E.coli bacteria as well as nitrate contamination. Once the survey is complete, the results will be compared to a similar study conducted in 1993. A report outlining the results will be available late this fall.

For more information about water quality, please call the Halton Region Health Department at (905) 825-6060,

ext. 7815. For local calls for Acton use 853-0501 or Georgetown 878-8113.

Ex-Actonite dies in tragedy

The E-coli outbreak in Walkerton has claimed the life of a former Acton resident.

Vera Coe, 75, was still a member of the Acton Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion when she died in Walkerton hospital on May 24, 2000.

A Durham resident, Mrs. Coe was sent to Walkerton hospital for a scheduled surgery and received contaminated water during her stay.

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New recruit in Georgetown

Halton Regional Police will swear in 12 new constables on Friday. Only one of the number, Hamilton native Kyle Jenkin will be assigned to the

Georgetown division.

A University of Guelph graduate in kinesiology, Jenkin took his paramedic training at Conestoga College

and has worked as a paramedic for ambulance services in Flamborough and Cambridge.

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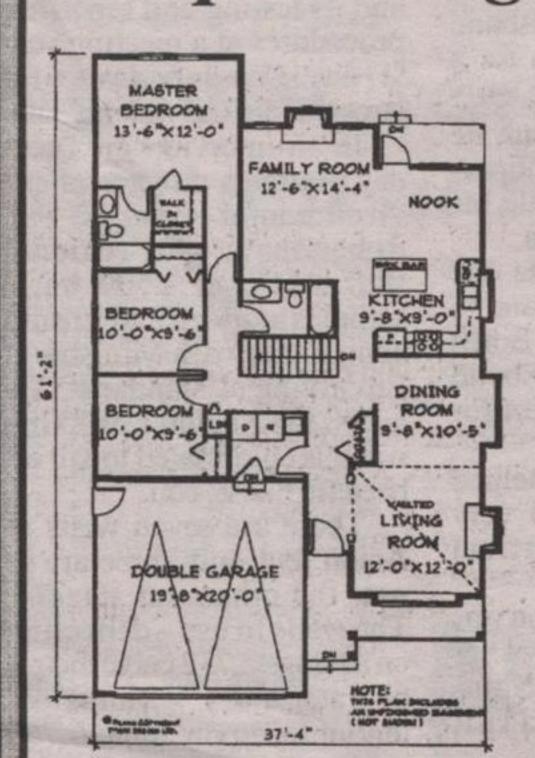
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Water here monitored

Cont. from Pg. 1 Davison wells on Churchill Road North, one of two Fourth Line wells and the Prospect Park well. Through a network of 21 wells. Halton supplies groundwater to about 60,000 people in Acton, Georgetown and Milton, and another 20,000 residents in the rural area.

Robertshaw said the raw water is treated for iron and manganese and chlorine is added. Daily sample testing is done on the raw and treated water and in the delivery system. The Region has its own lab in Oakville, with a microbiologist on staff, and the Health Department also carries out bacteriological test-

Robertshaw said in Acton last year they did more tests than required, collecting and testing 248 water samples. The Ministry requires 180 tests annually, checking for the presence or absence of fecal coliform.

Of those tests, there were seven samples that showed a presence of fecal coliform, a so-called level one incident.

"In that case we would do re-testing and re-sampling and corrective action which may mean flushing the main or additional chlorination," Robertshaw said, adding a level two incident would include a worsening level of contamination or a test indicating E. coli in the system.

"There have been no level two incidents in Acton, as far as I know," Robertshaw said, adding the deteriorating lining in a water pipe caused a level two incident in Burlington last year. The pipes were replaced and the level of chorlination increased.

Asked if the Walkerton tragedy could occur in Halton, Robertshaw declined comment on that situation. but stressed Halton's water system has a high level of security, adding the Region's methods and systems for reporting tests results would be discussed at the Council briefing.

"We have a program that provides for on-going testing and monitoring of the water quality, that in the case of the numbers of samples, exceeds the minimum requirements that the Ministry established," Robertshaw said, adding they have system in place to work very closely with the health department to resolve any problems.

"There's a high level of scrutiny of the samples and the testing and there's a good track record of an action plan that can be put in place."

Seminar set

Rev. John K. Saynor of Genesis Bereavement Resources will be the guest speaker at a Bereavement Seminar at the MacKinnon Family Funeral Home on Tuesday, June 6 at 9:30 a.m.

In addition to those who have recently lost a loved one, local ministers and those involved with bereavement services are invited to attend the half day seminar.

The MacKinnons request RSVPs at 853-0350 from anyone planning to attend.