

Region staffers to discuss water Oct. 24

'How's your water?' has been a common question in recent months as rural homeowners continue to test the quality and safety of their well water.

Halton Region Health Department reports an "unparalleled increase" in public concern and awareness about private well water since the Walkerton tragedy last spring which resulted in the deaths of six residents.

Unfortunately, many rural well owners are reporting contamination or reduced supplies of water. In 1993, a Health Department survey of 300 homes revealed in that summer 53 per cent of wells were contaminated with total coliform bacteria and 31 per cent showed the presence of E. coli. This survey has been repeated and the results will be available next month.

In the meantime, local residents can meet Halton Region staff members face-to-face at an information meeting to be held on Wednesday, Oct. 25, 7:30 p.m. at the Ballinafad Community Centre.

On hand will be Health Department representatives Roderick Thompson and Paul Burgher and the region's hydrogeologist Steve Holysh. Information will be provided on how private property owners can test, shock, care for and conserve their well water.

This public meeting has been organized by the Hickory Falls Ratepayers and POWER (Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources).

For more information call Daphne Shropshall at 877-2680 or Barbara Halsall, 873-0344.



Bazaar nears

Holy Cross Catholic Women's League members Lisa Knoepfli (left) and Carrie Perkin admire the display in the window at Young's Pharmacy as they prepare for the upcoming CWL Bazaar at Holy Cross Hall, Oct. 21. The bazaar, featuring more than 21 vendors, runs from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will offer all sorts of Christmas crafts, as well as lunch and Sienna's Cafe tea room.

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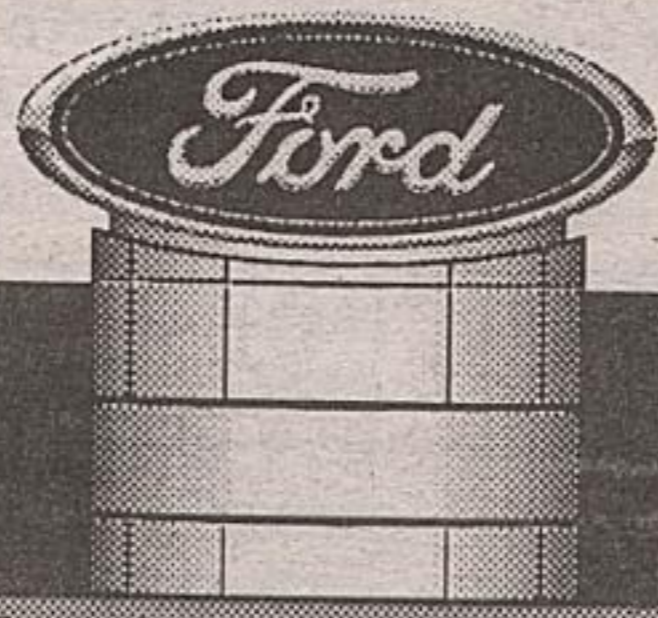


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