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FRIDAY...

Three area women are hoping to open an orphanage...in Haiti. For details see Friday's edition.

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Lynda Waller was joined by her children (from left) Vanessa, 7, Shannon, 6 and Brady, 4, as they survey the burned out shell of their family home on the Sixth Line, south of Georgetown. The blaze started in the early hours Sunday morning, while the Wallers were out of town for the weekend. The Ontario Fire Marshal's Office is investigating to find the cause of the blaze.

Photo by Ted Brown

Blaze levels rural home

LISA TALLYN Staff Writer

A Halton Hills family is living in a Milton hotel after fire gutted their Sixth Line home Sunday morning.

The Waller family lost everything in the blaze and is currently looking for a home (preferably rural) or trailer to rent while their house is rebuilt.

Family friend Sheri Klutt, who also lives on Sixth Line, has established a fund for the family at the Laurier Centre Scotiabank branch in Milton. Donations can be made at any Scotiabank branch into account # 68452 0405825.

Lynda Waller said she and her husband Simon were away at their Gravenhurst cottage celebrating their 10th wedding anniversary, and their three children, aged 4, 6 and 7, were staying at their grandmother's cottage in Kincardine when the fire started.

Police and firefighters were called to the home, north of Steeles Ave., shortly after 5 a.m. Sunday when a passerby noticed black smoke and flames coming from the rear of the home and alerted a neighbour to call 911.

Milton Fire Department were the initial responders to the call due to the location of the home, then Halton Hills firefighters responded.

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Listeria scare hits Halton Region

JASON MISNER Special to The IFP

Two Halton residents have been stricken with the same strain of listeria linked to a deadly outbreak of the bacteria that originated at a Toronto meat plant.

Halton Region health inspectors have been asked by the Ontario Ministry of Health to visit area hospitals, long-term care homes, day-care centres and independent stores to ensure that meat products at the source of the outbreak have been pulled from shelves and are not being used by the service industry.

The affected residents include a woman in her 80s and a man in his

60s, said Matt Ruf, Halton Region's manager of food safety. Both patients live in Burlington. The department would not identify the patients, who are currently under the care of their respective doctors.

He said the patients' doctors ordered lab tests in July, which confirmed the presence of listeria, a potentially-fatal bacteria that can lead to fever, muscle aches, nausea or diarrhea. It is a reportable health disease in Ontario.

Locally, staff at both Halton Hills Extendicare and Mountainview Residence in Georgetown, have been in contact with Halton Region Health Department about the outbreak and said that neither facility

had purchased any of the recalled products.

Over the weekend, the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) received lab results from Health Canada that confirmed a link between meat products produced at Maple Leaf Foods' Bortor Road plant in Toronto and an outbreak of listeriosis in four provinces.

The plant remains closed and more than 220 ready-to-eat meat products recently shipped from it have been recalled. The products are packaged under various well-known names such as Hickory Farms, Schneiders and Shopsy's.

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