Earth week activ

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Earth Day and Week was well recognized this year in Halton Hills and the surrounding area despite a rough start because of the weather. Initial clean ups were planned for Saturday April 21 but remaining ice and snow from the previous week made it challenging for many people to come

In Eden Mills, Earth Day weekend was marked with a village clean up; a tree planting at Barb Marshall

and Joe Paller's house; a "Spring Nature and Wildflower Hike" with Brian Husband, a professor in the University of Guelph's Department of Integrative Biology; and a showing of "The Sacred Relationships", a 2013 documentary exploring how, according to a write up, "reconciling the relationship between Aboriginal people and the rest of Canada can lead to healthier water".

By Monday, April 23, Halton Hills bustled to life with lots of 22-Minute Makeover's where people were asked to clean-up outside of where they spent their day. One such place was McKenzie-Smith Bennett Public

"By taking part in these activities, students learn responsibility, stewardship and contribute to the general overall well-being of the school and school community," said McKenzie-Smith

School.

Bennett Vice Principal, a considerable Curtis Morton. "These types of activities engage students in authentic learning experiences and contributes positively to the school's culture."

Downtown Acton saw



Regional Councillor Clark Somerville, Councillor Jon Hurst, BIA Chair Dr. Dana Selby and Councillor Mike Albano.

clean up undertaken. Mike Albano, Councillor Ward 1, was among those who helped. "For a couple of days, the team swept and picked up cigarette butts

and washed windows to get rid of dust, dirt and grime after a very long winter."

In the final celebration of Earth Week, events were held on Saturday, April 28 at the Robert C. Austin Operations Centre, a municipal facility on Trafalgar Road, and the Georgetown



Ben and Dave Cole

Marketplace.

"As community members we take pride in our town," continued Albano. "We are just doing our part to make a difference and spruce up Acton. All of us should do our part for the environment in the community we live. Every little bit helps."



SCOUT TREES: Many hands shared the work at the annual Scouts Tree Planting Day held at the **Dufferin Aggregates' Acton Quarry last Saturday** morning. Since 2011 more than 50,000 native species trees have been planted. - Les Schmidt photo



ROTARY TREES: Milton District Governor Kathy Dick, assistant District Governor Vino Khimasia and president Romeo Mitchell, along with members of Rotary Milton and Rotary Acton were on hand at Acton Rotary Park last Saturday to plant 38 maple, oak and birch trees. The district has planted a total of



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