

Teacher says YPI program has impacted his students

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"The victims can get therapy sessions too. There are many different kinds of abuse, not just physical and emotional. It can be spiritual or threatening to take someone's child or pet away from them. It's not just men that abuse women. Sometimes, it's women abusing other women."

Civics teacher Shawn Brown is in his first year with the YPI program and is impressed with the impact it's had on his students. He noted that it's actually difficult to find a viable grassroots charity based in this area because of the YPI organization's specific guidelines about what community groups it will recognize.

"Part of what the foundation wants the students to do is to actually visit the charity and I think it's probably one of the more practical projects you might do in high school because God

forbid, you or someone you know might be a victim to something like (domestic violence)," Brown said.

"The kids know that there's an Acton Foodshare, but where is it? Just visiting the charity is really eye-opening for a lot of the students, like the Darling Home For Kids in Milton. They say, 'Wow, this exists in our community?' These are charities that are five minutes from our school."

All three girls said that they would like to volunteer at Halton Women's Place when they turn 18 and added that if they win the \$5,000 first prize, the money would go to the shelter's children's programs, which aren't government-funded.

Any local-area grassroots charities that are interested in becoming involved in the YPI project next year at ADHS can call Shawn Brown at 519-853-2920 or email brownsh@hdsb.ca.

St. Francis student tops in public speaking

Grade 8 student Julia Zebarth of St. Francis of Assisi in Georgetown was declared champion for this area following the Halton Catholic District School Board's elementary public speaking

competition held recently.

Zebarth's speech on solidarity was judged to be the winner out of several competitors for the Christ the King Family of Schools' region.

EARTH WEEK CELEBRATION 2012

Sunday, April 22, 2012, will mark the 42nd, Anniversary of Earth Day. To promote environmental awareness and celebrate Earth Day, the Town of Halton Hills promotes "Earth Week" which includes activities such as: The 22-Minute Makeover, Community Wide Clean-Up Day, Halton Hills Earth Day and the Earth Day Fair.



Halton Hills Earth Day
Saturday, April 28th, 2012, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Robert C. Austin Operations Centre

The 12th Annual Earth Day event will take place at the Robert C. Austin Operations Centre located at 11620 Trafalgar Road, Georgetown. Join us in celebrating Earth Day with the following activities:

- Residents can purchase trees for a nominal cost of \$5.00
White Spruce, Eastern White Pine, Alternate-Leaved Dogwood, Red Maple, White Birch, Red Oak, and Common Choke Cherry (Limit of 4 trees per person up until 10:00 a.m.)
- Pick up free compost and wood chips.
- Drop off Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Waste.
- Various pieces of Public Works Equipment and Vehicles will be on display, along with interactive and fun activities for children with prizes.
- Delicious breakfast and barbeque lunch.

Donations to the local food banks will be gratefully accepted

Contact:

Public Works Division, Robert C. Austin Operations Centre
11620 Trafalgar Road, Halton Hills ON L7G 4S4
Tel.: 905-873-2601 ext. 2603

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Halton Hills Earth Day Fair
Saturday April 28th, 2012, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Georgetown Market Place

Again this year, an interactive Earth Day Fair will take place at the Georgetown Market Place located at 280 Guelph Street. The following activities will be offered for all ages:

- Mountsberg 'Birds of Prey' Exhibit from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Fun and interactive children's activities, hosted by Credit Valley Conservation and Conservation Halton.
- Environmental group displays. Browse many exciting local initiatives.
- Visit the Union Gas booth for a FREE energy kit. Save money and benefit the environment!

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Green Leadership Tours
Saturday, April 28, 2012

Bring the family to tour local buildings and initiatives that have demonstrated environmental leadership. Be inspired by practical examples of efficient home and business operation. The following 'green tours' will be offered:

TOUR LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	TIME
Devereaux House 11494 Trafalgar Road Georgetown ON L7G 4S4 www.deveauxhouse.ca	The Devereaux House is a restored 19th century home, incorporating many practical green building features, including tankless water heating, efficient lighting, geothermal heating, low-flow toilets and rain barrels. Visit the Devereaux House to find simple ways of how you can include similar features in your own home or business!	3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Headquarters Fire Station 14007 10 Side Rd Georgetown ON (10 Side Road & 8th Line)	Don't miss your chance to visit the Headquarters Fire Station, an example of the Town's commitment to efficiency and green building technologies. Stop by and see what all the excitement is all about!	10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Halton Hills Library 17 River Street Acton ON	Tour this beautiful new library and learn about its sustainable operation, focusing on energy and water conservation.	10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
HERE! Halton Enablers of Renewable Energy Contact Lisa at 905-299-2327 or here.office@gmail.com	Considering solar energy? Visit homes in Halton Hills that have added solar panels to generate renewable energy. You too can go solar!	1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Wastewise (Halton Hills Community Resource Centre) 36 Armstrong Ave Georgetown ON	Find a hidden treasure at Wastewise, help reduce waste and learn about a unique local operation!	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Green-Port Environmental 64 Todd Road, Georgetown www.green-port.com	Learn about green building technologies including passive solar heating, heat recovery ventilators, in-floor heating, wetland preservation, low-flow toilets and the use of natural sunlight.	10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

For additional information on the Earth Day Fair:

Contact:

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