

Wales' Premier Choir

Tredegar Orpheus Male Voice Choir

Established in 1909, in Tredegar, this 50 voice choir is on its first Canadian tour. It is appearing in Milton by special arrangement through family members. Some city appearances are already sold out.

Wed. May 3, 2000
7:30 p.m.

St. Paul's United Church
123 Main St. Milton, Ont.

Tickets \$15, Seniors/Students \$12

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Students get down to earth in environmental campaign

The fact that Earth Day is on a Saturday this year hasn't dampened the spirits of students who have a number of events planned throughout the week leading up to the celebration.

Earth Day will be held on Saturday, Apr. 22, while Earth Weeks start tomorrow and continues until the end of the month.

In Milton, most schools are taking part in the celebration by hosting activities such as school clean-ups, litterless lunches and peace gardens.

• J.M. Denyes School is encouraging students to bring litterless lunches Tuesday. Throughout the week, students will clean up the school grounds.

• Tuesday will also be a busy day for Hitherfield Preparatory School students. Students will wear green instead of their school uniforms. They will also bring litterless lunches and plant cedar saplings.

The students have also been busily decorating brown paper bags that will be given to stores in Oakville and Acton as well as Nature's Fire in Milton. The stores will use the bags for customers' purchases during Earth Weeks.

A parent will be coming to Hitherfield to speak with students about a Canadian designer who makes clothing from recycled materials.

• Robert Baldwin and St. Peter's schools have joined forces to create a peace garden. The schools have also partnered with the Town of Milton, Nortel Networks and Mattamy Homes.

The peace garden is part of the naturalization of Robert Baldwin that was started several years ago with the creation of a Butterfly Meadow and a woodlot expansion.

It's those two projects that have earned the school a Blue Planet Award, which will be presented in May at Ontario Place.

• Sam Sherratt School students will attend the Earth Keepers Program.

• Our Lady of Victory School is in the final stages of its Nature's Play Yard. Named by one of the students, the project has several habitats including a forest area and a plant meadow. The third stage is the introduction of a wet meadow with toad ponds. All the plants are native to the area.

Teacher Noelle Stutt said the school is hosting a contest to design a peace garden.

Some of the students are attending the Blue Planet celebration at Ontario Place.

• Trillium School will also doing a clean-up around its campus.

• Holy Rosary School is encouraging students to wear green and blue and bring a litterless lunch. Students will participate in nature walks and a school clean-up. They will also hear environmental tips of the week.

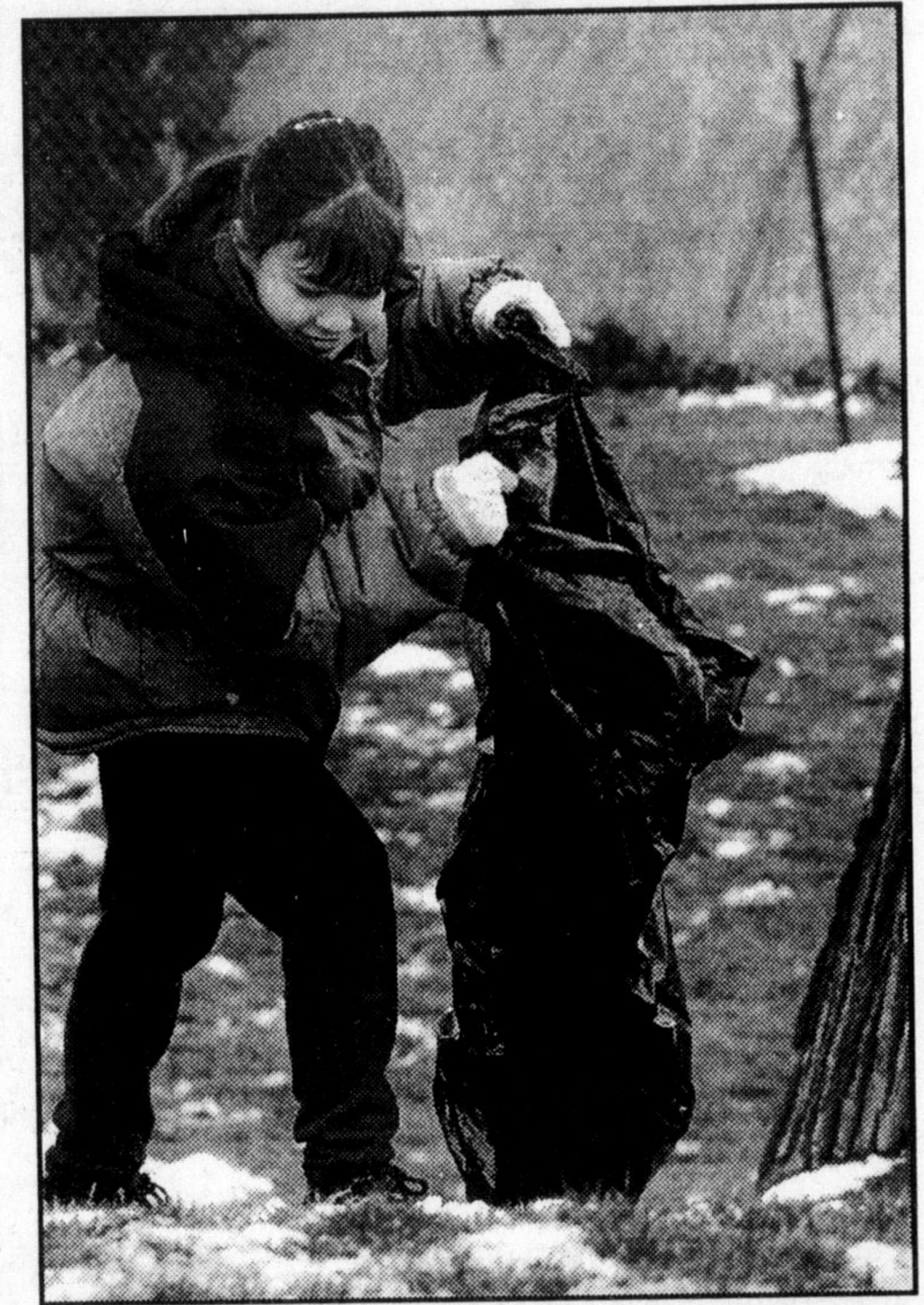
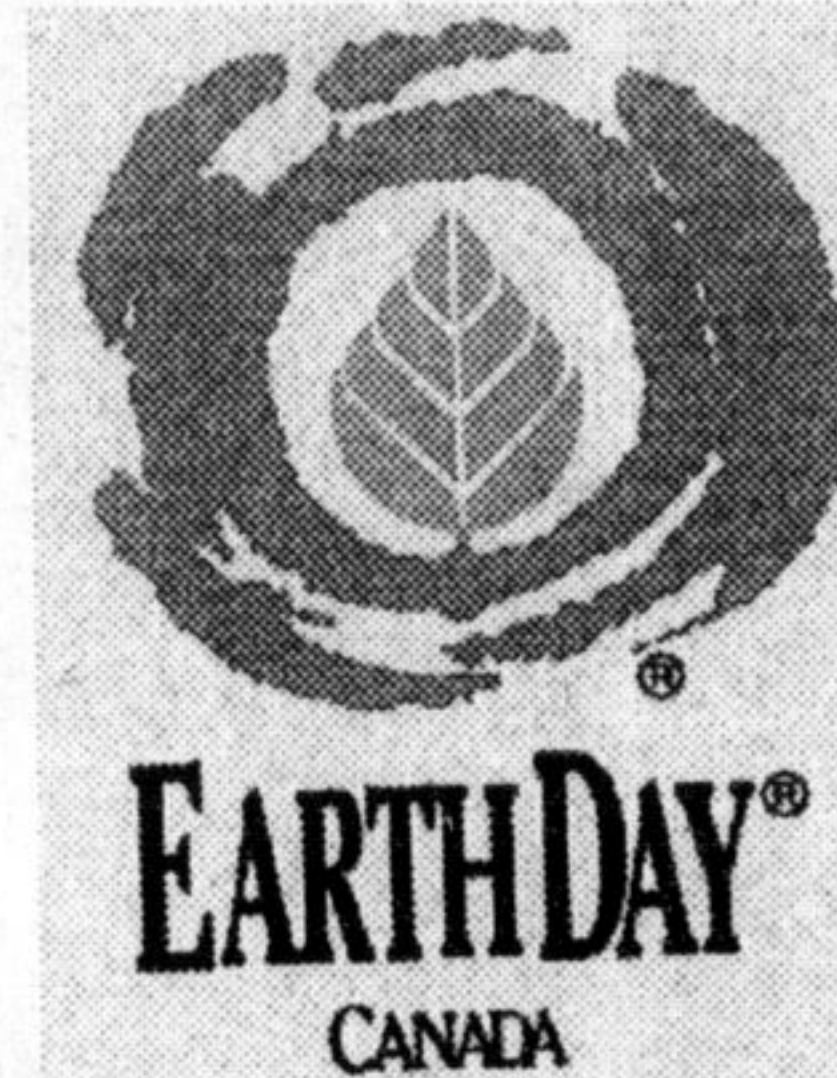


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Kathleen Johnston, a grade 4 student at Holy Rosary School, picks up litter as part of the school's Earth Day activities.

• E.C. Drury High School's environmental club is organizing a campus clean-up. It's also setting up awareness displays and playing environmental-themed announcements.

On an ongoing basis, the club offers a battery, fine paper and pop can recycling program.

The school is being presented a Blue Planet Award for the Butterfly Garden they designed and built using native species. The club also raised money for environmental organizations.

On May 6 (Keep It Clean Day), the club will help the Bruce Trail Association with a clean-up on the Niagara Escarpment.

• Bishop Reding Secondary School will team up with Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources to plant trees around Halton. They're also participating in a school clean-up, hosting a raffle to raise money for an environmental charity and promoting the recycling program.

Earth Day began in the 1970s in the United States as a way to educate people on environmental issues, said Jed Goldberg, president of Earth Day Canada. It wasn't until its 20th anniversary that Canada started participating.

Now there are more than 500 million people from 180 countries who participate, he said.

"Six million Canadians take part in 10,000 events in Canada," he said.

For more information about Earth Day, visit Earth Day Canada's website at www.earthday.ca.

Celebrating 'Mother Earth'

As part of Earth Day festivities, staff at Crawford Lake Conservation Area encourage everyone to join them in celebrating 'Mother Earth' Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Special guest Chief Top Leaf from the Mohawk First Nation will share teachings about Mother Earth through the use of traditional stories, dance and artifacts.

Visitors will take a step back in time while exploring the longhouses and may participate in Chief Top Leaf's presentations throughout the day in the reconstructed village.

Other interesting activities

throughout the day will include free children's button-making, family videos, exhibits, displays and hiking the woodlands that surround Crawford Lake.

Guests are also encouraged to stop by the newly-expanded gift-shop where every dollar spent supports conservation.

Staff invite guests to bring their own trowel and pot so they can take several periwinkles, which cover the entire forest floor, home as a gift.

Llamas, courtesy of Wyldewood Llama Treks, will be on hand for an educational look into their unique history.

Anyone interested in the special

Woodland Llama Ramble Hike is asked to pre-register by calling 854-0234.

Admission for the one-day event costs \$5 person. Children aged under 4 years are admitted free.

The first 50 vehicles in the parking lot will receive a calendar from nature photographer Rob Stimpson.

Earth Day is slated for April 22. Crawford Lake is located at the corner of Steeles Avenue and Guelph Line, 15 km north of the QEW and 5 km south of Hwy. 401.

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