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Education Week Activities

George Kennedy Public School French Immersion students put on their most ferocious faces in an attempt to imitate their paper mache replica of the infamous pre-historic dinosaur, the Tyrannouraurus Rex that the class built as part of their study on extinct and endangered species. This is only one of five different dinosaurs that went on display in the school's library during education week. George Kennedy students were not alone in doing something

special during this week of celebration. Some of the other creations and events put on by area schools included "Spring Rhythms" at Centennial Middle School, the musical "On Broadway" at Stewarttown Middle School, the science fair at Harrison Public School, Project Wild at Park Public School, a Book Fair at Limehouse Public School and "Spring Fantasy" at M.Z. Bennett Public School.

Local man sues Region

A Georgetown man is taking Halton Region to court over what he says is "a hell of a mess" in his backyard pond.

Bill Edie owns a house on the southeast corner of Trafalgar Road and Maple Avenue next to the North Halton Golf and Country Club. His lawyer served the Region with a legal notice in March, alleging the Region was responsible for mud deposited in his pond.

"What should be a beauty spot is a hell of a mess," said Mr. Edie last week. "Instead of a pond full of trout we have a pond full of mud."

Mr. Edie lives on the property near Stewarttown Road with three other senior citizens, including his wife. He says problems with his pond, which is filled with "four feet of mud" began when Halton Region put in large waterways for draining purposes over 10 years ago. He says the excess water and sediment drains into his pond.

"They removed a 12-inch culvert from under the road and replaced it with a 40-inch culvert," he said.

But Halton's Commissioner of Legal Services Mark Meneray says the situation in the Edies' backyard is not the Region's fault.

"We've been served with Mr. Edie's legal statement of claim and we are going to defend this action. Reading the statement that we've got (from Mr. Edie's lawyer) we don't feel there's any liability," said Mr. Meneray.

This is Mr. Edie's second attempt at suing the Region. He first took the government to task eight or nine years ago. The Region sent him to the Credit Valley Conservation Authority at that time and the pond was cleaned out, but only half-way, says Mr. Edie.

Sediment and washout, an erosion of soil from excessive water, are to blame for build-up in the pond, said Mr. Edie.

And while he finds the golf course surrounding his yard pleasant to look at, he said his pond "spoils the view day after day."

The Edies wake up and look out their back window every morning and see the "horrible damage," he said.

"I'm sure it's taken a few days off our lives to have to go to court to sue these people (the Region) to get some kind of justice."

He said it's the taxpayer who will account for what he calls the Region's mistake.

POWER lauded as Citizen of the Year

By BRIAN MacLEOD
Herald Staff

POWER members gathered in Acton Saturday to pause and receive a hearty slap on the back for their efforts in fighting the proposed landfill site at the Acton quarry.

The 400 strong POWER (Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources) group was chosen as Acton Citizen of the Year by the Acton Chamber of Commerce.

POWER formed two years ago when news of the proposal by Reclamation Systems Incorporated (RSI) to put a landfill in the quarry was made public.

POWER President Ruth French and about 50 of its members were on hand at the Acton Citizens Band Hall to celebrate the honor and to promote the fight against the dump.

members, said Ms. French, adding that many put in 20 to 30 hours a week on environmental issues surrounding the dump proposal on top of their full-time jobs.

Former town councillor Pam Sheldon, herself a vocal opponent of the landfill site, said the group has earned the respect of the local business community, the media and the citizens of Halton Hills.

POWER's public awareness campaign has helped spark a growing interest in the group despite a tendency for ratepayers groups to lose interest over a long period of time, said Mrs. Sheldon.

"Instead, their support is growing and because of them I predict that there will be no garbage dump in the Acton quarry."

The group also received accolades from **Christina McLachlan**, representing Halton.

The strength of the group is in its

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