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DEFINITELY NOT KANSAS but a surprisingly good recreation, complete with a yellow brick road. The staff at Lifestyles Hair Design went all out before Halloween to treat their customers to a little trick. From left to right, Angie, Julie, a less enthusiastic scarecrow, Chris, and a mysterious local wizard who dropped by for the fun.

A hummer of an experience!

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Imagine being chauffeured with two of your friends in a Hummer to Niagara-on-the-Lake, or going on a wine tour - or maybe just taking a cruise on a warm day with the top down.

The Hummer experience is just one of the fabulous prizes offered at EWAG's Dinner & Auction. If you prefer something more serene, picture yourself in a hand-crafted 16-ft. cedar strip canoe. There's a glider flight from York Soaring Club and a flight over Erin/Caledon in a two seater aircraft. Many other items, such as Muskoka chairs, wreaths, framed prints and more will be on the auction block. As well as live and silent auctions, there's a 50/50 draw, raffle and balloon tables.

The annual fundraiser for East Wellington Advisory Group for Family Services is Saturday, December 4 at Erin Legion, with the silent auction and viewing at 4:30 and dinner at 6 p.m. Advance tickets are \$15; call 519-833-9696.

Rockwood Centennial School opens Memorial Garden

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Many invited guests - both organizations and individuals - attended the dedication ceremony of the Rockwood Centennial Memorial Garden on Monday, November 8 at 10:45 a.m.

The beautiful garden has been created to honour the memory of seven young people who passed away while attending Rockwood Centennial Public School since the school's opening in 1967.

Deborah Steplock, who has been principal at the school for two years, remarked, "The support and encouragement was greatly appreciated..."

"Out of a crisis comes a true sense of community, and we are a community."

The garden, she stressed, is the result of planning, collaboration and mutual support of many groups and individuals.

John Root, staff advisor at the school, told the crowd that the student council passed a motion to place benches and grow a garden in memory of the students.

"The garden you see before us was designed in June of last year," he stated. "Approval was then obtained from the Upper Grand District Board of Education, and the physical work commenced during the summer."

Community members donated perennials and their time to beautify the spot nestled at the front door of the school. The large piece of granite upon which the names of the deceased have been carved resides in the centre of the garden, and park benches, flowers and plants surrounds it. A brass plaque on the front exterior wall of the school lets visitors know more about the spot. There is also a special permanent vase for cut flowers under the large window.

Laurel Tubman, president of the school council, said that having the memorial garden gives students the opportunity to reflect upon the wonderful gift of life, and not take it for granted. As for the most recent deaths in the community, Laurel emphasized that, "This garden will ensure that they will be remembered for many years to come."

At the conclusion of the moving ceremony, Mary Kelly, representing the families, assisted Deborah Steplock and Laurel Tubman with the cutting of the ribbon.

Students in whose honour the garden was created are:

- Vicki Crane, 1971
- Darlene Seim, 1972
- Tommy Kelly, 1975
- Scott Hennessy, 1978
- Kim Petty, 1982
- Kristan Wahlstrom, 1999
- Karissa Pieczewski, 1999



Laurel Tubman
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