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alongside silent and oral auctions, is the department's largest annual fundraiser. Silent auctions begin at 5:30 p.m. The oral auctions will be part of the main show beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets, which include a bidding paddle, are \$10.

After spending the past several years building up McNary's Studio M, where students can record and produce music and videos onsite, the theatre cameras will help create additional synergy.

"A lot of the programs are still isolated right now. The closed circuit cameras can make us more collaborative," said Todd Layton, digital arts instructor at the school.

A lower-end three-camera system would be about \$18,000. A higher-end camera system could include five cameras with room to expand, but it comes with a price tag of about \$50,000. Due to the cost, the department may squirrel away a good portion of the proceeds and purchase something more than the basic package.

Once installed, the camera system would provide for high-end job training with less effort and coordination.

"Students would be able to activate the cameras in Studio M or even off-site. Right now, we have to have four or five people volunteer to come in and record things, which means we miss some events. We'd like to be able to document everything that happens in the theatre for historical purposes, but also to produce high-quality DVDs for sale to families and others in the community," Taylor said.

In addition to the larger purchase, the proceeds fund \$5,000 in student scholarships; one \$500 scholarship for each of the seven fine arts pursuits and an overall "grand prize" \$1,500 scholarship. Each section of the department will also receive money for pet projects. Layton would like to replace the school's vinyl cutter, music programs are looking to replace or upgrade some instruments, the visual arts will get more money for materials and the drama department is hoping to purchase some LED lights.

Big-ticket items up for auction include:

- A trip to Pints of Portland where the winning bidder will help create their own brew and then return with a party of 10 friends for its unveiling. They'll also get a keg of their creation.
- A landscaping package that includes 20 hours of labor, \$150 in base materials and \$500 for plants.
- An exterior house-painting package.

- A trip to the Oregon coast.
- A high-end electric ukelele.
- A Traeger grill.
- A wine tour with a department director.
- A local getaway package.

For those who can't make the event themselves, Taylor invites them to make an appointment with someone in the department for a tour of what is being offered.

"During the last period today, I had six groups of stu-

dents working on six different projects and most of them stayed after school to work without being asked. More than arts, we teach organization, follow-through and taking pride in your work," Taylor said.

Donations to the Fine Arts Department can also be given at the McNary High School main office at any time. The school is located at 595 Chemawa Road N.

Knight of Arts takes place there as well.

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Zana Fern Hales Cornforth

Feb. 13, 1923 - March 1, 2015

Zana Fern Hales Cornforth was born in Hastings, Okla. on Feb. 13, 1923 and died March 1, 2015 in Keizer.

Her family moved frequently during Zana's childhood before settling in Salem. Zana married Guy Cornforth on Aug. 6, 1947.

Zana worked as a hair dresser and then as a bookkeeper for Ladd & Bush Bank. After she and Guy started a family, Zana stayed at home to take care of her daughter Janet and son David. She enjoyed many hobbies, including ceramics, making dolls and tea cup collecting. She was life member of Salem Rebekah Lodge #1.

Zana was preceded in death by her husband of 53 years,

Guy, who died in 2000 and

brother, Braxton Hales. She is survived by her daughter Janet, son-in-law Larry Tombleson, her son David, daughter-in-law Jacque Cornforth,

her grandchildren Tami (Pete) Johnson, Dayn (Tiffany) Tombleson, Mary Cornforth, Elizabeth Cornforth and her six great-granddaughters.

Viewing is March 8 from noon to 5 p.m. The memorial service is on March 9 at 1 p.m., both at Virgil T. Golden Funeral Service.



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Keizer's new website close to going live

By CRAIG MURPHY
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The City of Keizer's new website should be up any day now.

Or is that any week? As previously mentioned in the Keizertimes, Keizer City Councilors approved a contract last May to replace the city's antiquated website. The anticipation at the time was the new site would be up and running by the end of 2014, but the old site from 2004 is still being used.

John McKown, president of Evo Government Websites, confirmed in December changes were made last fall to speed up the project, though there wasn't a large-scale employee turnover.

"The project manager that we had on the project was replaced because the project was not moving forward as fast as it should," McKown said. "We are committed to giving Keizer the best possible result, and it was for this reason that we changed team members running the project. While this is obviously longer than we specified in our proposal, we are confident that the new website will serve Keizer well and continue to offer value and performance for years to come."

On Feb. 27, McKown gave another update on the progress.

"The design work is completed, the website is built, and the content has been migrated from the old site to the new site," McKown said. "Training has been provided (to Keizer staff) and they are happy. It's ready to launch this week coming up."

City Manager Chris Eppley, however, gave a different timeline.

"The website is about ready to be populated with our data," Eppley said on Feb. 27. "I'm guessing 30 to 60 days from going live."

Tim Wood, Keizer's assistant controller who has been working on the project, gave a timeline closer to Eppley's.

"As of last Friday all of the existing content from the old website had been migrated to the new site," Wood said on Tuesday. "The website project team has had an initial training session on how to use the content management system and are in the process of reviewing and reorganizing the existing content and creating new content as needed."

"Once the website project team completes the review and reorganization process the site will be ready for the initial launch," he added. "Realistically we are a few weeks out from launching the site as we want to give adequate time to complete the internal review process."

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