

Knight of Arts 'amazing' success

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McNary's Knight of Arts was a success in almost every way imaginable.

The event, held Saturday, March 7, at McNary High School brought in about \$35,000. Funds will be used to pay down the cost of the music programs' latest CDs in addition to helping install a closed-circuit camera system in the school's Ken Collins Auditorium.

The unexpected donation of high-end microphones from Uptown Music during the fundraiser will also go a long way to cutting costs on future CD projects.

"It means we can now fully produce all our own recordings of the groups for our yearly CDs and concert recordings," said Leah Garro, McNary Fine Arts Boosters president.

All told, about 2,000 hours go into planning the event. Garro's involvement with Knight of Arts goes back three years, but even she was stunned by the outpouring this year.

"Whether it was businesses stepping up to donate, people wanting to contribute funds, or parents volunteering to plan and work at the event, everyone was so willing to do what they could to help out. The end result was an amazing night," she said. "I am also proud of the variety of ways these funds have benefited our programs. We have helped replace instruments for the band, paid entry fees for students to attend art shows, built a recording studio and a piano lab, and now we have a chance to outfit our theater with some high-end recording equipment."



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Event raises \$35,000

A: McNary clarinetists perform for visitors. B: Kai Steele serves up teriyaki bites. C: The Celtic Orchestra performs for attendees. D: Ryan Lopez takes part in a solo with Hyrum Kohler (not pictured).
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One result of all the work and contributions was adding classes in studio production and recording arts and engineering to the curriculum this year. "These are real world opportunities for kids to learn skills that will take them well beyond high school," Garro said.

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anniversary

HELEN AND RICHARD PETERSON

Helen Joy (nee Reimann) and Richard Lee Peterson marked their 60th wedding anniversary on Friday, March 13.

The couple, Keizer residents since 1956, met at Parrish Junior High School. They also attended North Salem High School together. Richard spent his career in heavy construction. Helen calls herself a domestic engineer and home maker.

The Petersons have four children—Douglas, Michael, Jeffrey and Angela, and five grandchildren.

The couple celebrated their anniversary with family.



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