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Jim Young's widow Roberta, right, center, presents a \$177 check to Cummings Elementary School Principal Martina Mangan for the SMART program. Also pictured, representing John Knox Presbyterian Church, are Rev. John Neal and Lane Axley.

## Cummings gets check for reading program

By DEREK WILEY  
Of the Keizertimes

Through SMART (Start Making A Reader Today), Jim Young read to children at Cummings Elementary School for 20 years.

After his death, Young is making sure the program remains strong.

Thanks to donations given to a memorial fund at John Knox Presbyterian Church, Young's widow, Roberta, presented a \$177 check to Cummings Principal Martina

Mangan on Tuesday, Nov. 8. "He read here and a couple other grade schools as well," Roberta said.

"He just loved to work with the kids. He enjoyed it. It's one-on-one. A lot of these kids don't have a parent to read with them and he could talk with them and it really added to his day."

Cummings has 11 students, kindergarten through third grade, in its SMART program. "Typically the kids stay with the same adult reader the

entire school year," Mangan said. "The teacher selects one kid per class, K-3, and it's typically the kids who need the most individual attention. It's a really good program. They get to build relationships."

Adult volunteers read with students once a week and if a child attends every week for a month, they get a book to take home to start building their own library. The money raised in Young's honor will go towards the purchase of those books.

## Theater 30th anniversary Nov. 18

The McNary drama department is celebrating 30 years on the Ken Collins Theater stage Friday, Nov. 18.

"Ken Collins was a giant of theater and Linda Baker was a giant of theater in the city," said Dallas Myers, McNary drama director. "Their legacy is what we want to celebrate."

The event, which will feature performances from alumni and participants in McNary

theater, a pre-show reception, along with more memories, stories and reunions, begins at 6 p.m.

Ticket prices are set by the buyer and available online at mcnaryhs.ticketleap.com. The drama department is asking for \$5 minimum and are happy to accept donations.

The funds will go towards upgrading lighting equipment in the theater.



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Rachael Dudek, middle, was commander of the champion color guard team for McNary at a competition in Redmond on Saturday, Nov. 5.

## McNary color guard team wins AFJROTC competition

McNary's Air Force Junior ROTC participated in their first of six competitions on Saturday, Nov. 5 in Redmond.

Color guard team two, commanded by Rachael Dudek with cadets Noah Egli, Mesdrain Guerro-Esquivel and Kyle McMunn placed first at the Cascade Mountain League Drill Meet.

McNary's armed dual team of Pearl Prinslow and Kyle

Fletcher and unarmed dual team of Egli and Angel Cuesta-Torres both finished second.

Collin Roberts also took second in the individual armed competition.

Prinslow commanded color guard team one to third place with Cuesta-Torres, Wyatt Shore and Tommy Kreshon. Prinslow was also commander

of the McNary unarmed drill team, which finished fourth. Cuesta-Torres commanded the armed drill team to fourth place as well.

McNary will host its first ever drill meet on Saturday, Dec. 10 at 8 a.m., competing against schools from all around Oregon and Washington. The event is free and open to the public.

### obituaries

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#### Sharon Cross

May 22, 1941 - October 29, 2016

Sharon Cross, life long Keizer resident, passed on Oct. 29 at the age of 75.

After triple bypass surgery 11 months ago, she struggled with multiple health problems. Sharon was alert, coherent, and ornery as ever, and still had her sense of humor all the way up to two days before her passing. She will be greatly missed.

She was preceded in death by both her parents, and all her

siblings, and her son Scott Cross. Survivors include sons

Mark (Soraida) Cross, Ron (Stephanie) Cross, and daughters Lori Kapfer, Jodi (Nick) Olsen, and daughter in-law Brenda Cross, and several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Per Sharon's request, there will be no service. Her ashes will be spread in the Van Duzer Corridor at a later date.

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All students, teachers and employees of the old Keizer School are invited to an all-school reunion.

**Saturday  
Nov. 12  
1-4 p.m.**

Tour your old school as it is today and remember as it was (1916-1986).

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