



## Lip Sync Event raises \$65,000 for Cindy's Fund

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OAKLAND — The “Evening with the Stars” Lip Sync Event raised approximately \$65,000 for Cindy’s Fund at the Oakland Elks on Sept. 27.



The Audience Choice Award went to Vince Upole and Travis McCann. They will appear with Cindy’s Fund in the Autumn Glory Parade on Saturday, Oct. 11.

Judges’ Choice winners were a tie between Harper and the Wotring Clan, with Harper, Ryder, Brock, Kaillor, Tripp and Scottie; and the Heebie Jeebies, with Gary, Phil and Jack Wotherspoon and Dave Arnold.

The most money was raised by the Garrett Regional Medical Center group, with a total of \$29,218. The group included Dr. Marjorie Fridkin; Dr. Charles Walch; Mark Boucot, CEO; and Dr. Millie Lopez.

The event was catered by Sweitzer’s BBQ. Judges were Jason McClung, Louise Shiflett and Shaun Savage.

“We had another amazing lip sync show, with people already signing up for next year’s show,” said Sandy Bell, Cindy’s Fund President. “There was such a variety of acts that made it more entertaining. Each group of contestants went to the extreme of perfecting their act, from costumes to creativity to performance. We are looking forward to another amazing show next year, with the date not determined yet.”

There were a total of ten acts this year, with funds raised directly benefitting Garrett County people with cancer.

Cindy’s Fund is an all-volunteer organization, and all monies raised stay in Garrett County. It is dedicated to the memory of Cindy Hanks Kutchman, who died of ovarian cancer at a young age.

She was instrumental in promoting early cancer screening in Garrett County and establishing the early screening program through the Garrett County Health Department, which provides the service for those who cannot afford it.

Cindy’s Fund provides assistance for Garrett County citizens who have been stricken with cancer.

“We have been blessed that there has never been a time when we could not cover all the expenses requested,” Bell said. “We need to consistently hold fundraisers to bring money in so

that we can pay it back out. We never know what each person is going to need in assistance. It can be as easy as a few gas cards or thousands of dollars in medical expenses.