

The Inter-Mountain

Children perform for ERCC

ELKINS – Residents of the Elkins Rehabilitation and Care Center tapped their feet as they enjoyed listening to tunes like “Ode to Joy” and “Warm Kitty” performed by piano students of all ages and led by Elkins resident Marijane Kiley.

Kiley said her students appreciate the opportunity to perform their songs and noted playing at ERCC is good not only for the performers but the residents.

Kiley thanked the ERCC residents and said the students enjoy playing for them.

“We have several students who have worked very hard learning their recital music,” Kiley said. “This is their last lesson of the year, so they wanted to come up and play for you.”

ERCC Administrator Pat Summerfield said having the students perform is a great time for the residents.

“I think it brings back memories for them of their children and grandchildren,” Summerfield said. “Anytime you bring a child into a nursing home you can expect lots of smiles and a lot of happy faces. The residents really enjoy this and we are happy to have Marijane Kiley’s students here with us today.”

Kyan George, who is 5 years old and a student at the Highland Adventist School, said he has been taking piano lessons for about a year.

“Today I played ‘Evening Shadows’ and I really like playing ‘Flight With the Eagle,’” Kyan said.

Emily Rowan, who is in third grade at Midland Elementary School, performed her pieces in honor of her grandmother, who is a resident at ERCC. She said she also dedicated her music to her mother, Angela Rowan, and her grandparents, Carol and Nancy White, who were all there to support her.

ERCC resident Stanley Gould said he liked listening to the children play.

“They were very good and we enjoyed them very much,” Gould said.

Those performing at ERCC include George, Haley Cunningham, Aniya Mitchell Kiley, Aubrey Currence, Lilly Anger, Cindy Zhu, Isabella Boehm, Kaden George, Amy Dong, Isaac Anger, Madalyn Hickman, Rowan, Kayleigh Busch, Anthony Dong, Isabella Karlen, Luke Anger, Kaylee Schotsch and Allysun Hammond.

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