Benefit dance for Arnold Carruthers set Sunday at Missoula Elks Lodge

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MISSOULA--

A donation benefit dance for Arnold V. Carruthers of Spokane, Wash., a former University of Montana student and Missoula musician who suffered a stroke this summer, will be held from 5 p.m. to midnight Sunday, Nov. 24, at the Missoula Elks Lodge. Local musicians have volunteered to provide the music for the dance, which is open to all interested persons.

Carruthers, who is recovering at the Veterans Administration/in Spokane, is slated to be a guest on the KSPS-TV (Channel 7) program, "Collage," at 8 p.m. MST Thursday, Nov. 21. Partially paralyzed as a result of the stroke, he may play the piano with his right hand during the television program.

Besides the Missoula benefit, three other cities--Spokane, Great Falls and Kalispell--have scheduled benefit programs for Carruthers this Sunday.

Carruthers, a 1947 graduate of Flathead High School, Kalispell, focused on music and business administration while he was enrolled at UM from 1953-56. Carruthers and his band played in Missoula several years ago for UM homecoming activities, and the band also has performed in other communities in the area.

Carruthers and his wife, Bonnie, have six children.