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Arts, cultural center planned in Kerby

Development of the Southern Oregon Arts and Cultural Center at Kerbyville Museum on Hwy. 199 was announced Friday, June 10.

The plan is based on a joint-venture agreement by the Southern Oregon Guild (SOG), and the museum. The plan was outlined in a news release from Jerry Work, SOG president.

As envisioned, the center would encompass three major components:

- *A museum to perpetually display items of significant historical and regional interest.
- *A gallery for the sale of regionally produced art-and-craft items.
- *A training and services

component focused on providing training in the business of art gallery and museum management.

The center also would provide access to specialized photographic, scanning, printing, and digital media production facilities for regional artists, artisans, and others interested in becoming professionals.

Work said that the museum and SOG are nonprofit organizations with IRS 501 (c)3 status. Gifts, grants and donations are fully deductible for the donor. The planned arts and cultural center is also to be a nonprofit venture.

He noted that both organizations have missions to

promote and preserve art, culture and history in Southwestern Oregon. The center's planned training and service activities are intended to be conducted in partnership with educational institutions, nonprofit organizations, clubs, guilds, and arts groups from the region.

Noted Dennis Strayer, museum board president, "The museum and gallery components of this new center are intended to be mutual reinforcing as a means of drawing a broader segment of the local and tourist public into the facility than either the museum or SOG could do on their own."

"The training and services component will provide

an avenue through which both our organizations can better serve the constituencies we represent.

"It's a win-win situation for both organizations, and for all the citizens of Southwestern Oregon," Strayer concluded.

Added Work, "We both recognize that this will take a long time to bring to fruition. But the positive impacts on the region, and for those interested in establishing living-wage careers, will be more than worth the effort."

"The Kerbyville Museum board will retain overall curation responsibility and stewardship for the items displayed in the museum

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Cynthia Hobbins, pool manager

CJ Pool to open June 18

Free hot dogs, free swimming; donations allow season to begin

Because of donations -- including one for \$10,000 from Sterling Developments & CLL Investments -- the Cave Junction Swimming Pool will begin the summer with a grand opening Saturday, June 18 from 1 to 5 p.m.

The grand opening, sponsored by the Cave Junction Pool Committee, headed by Rita Dyer, will include a free hot dog and soft drink for each person attending. Admission will be free.

In case of rain, the grand opening will be postponed until Saturday, June 25.

The city of Cave Junction, which owns the pool, didn't have enough in its new budget for the facility, but donations from the community have made a splash.

For the two weeks after

June 18, the pool, operated by the city this season, instead of Grants Pass Family YMCA, will be open Mondays through Fridays from 1 to 5 p.m. for open swimming. (The schedule thereafter will be in "Illinois Valley News.")

It's planned, said Dyer, who's also a Cave Junction city councilman, to keep the pool open through Sept. 2. Season passes will be available Saturday at a 10 percent discount: \$110 per youth; \$125 per adult. Season passes for a family of three or more will be available for \$200.

Season passes allow "unlimited pool usage at a savings of nearly 50 percent" for those who will use

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'Corky' Quen cashing in at Evergreen after 24 years

Retirement celebration Friday, June 17 with refreshments at Cave Junction branch

Once a "new girl" in banking, some 30 years later, Betty "Corky" Quen has no problem noting that now she's "one of the old broads."

When she retires Friday, June 17 she'll be a month shy of working for Evergreen Federal Savings for 24 years. Overall she's been in the banking business nearly 30 years.

In honor of her retirement, refreshments will be served Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Evergreen's Cave Junction branch.

She's been around so long that one customer, when he learned of her impending retirement, said, "I can't remember banking without you."

Noted Quen's supervisor, Teena LaVette, "Dynamite comes in small packages. We will miss her so much."

If there's one aspect of Quen's demeanor that many people recognize, it's that

she's "right out there."

"You know where you stand with people like her," said Brady Adams, Evergreen president. "We have the same personality type -- extraversion, sensing, think-

ergreen for the branch in Cave Junction, built in 1976, in 1981. She began in new accounts, moved into managerial work, and then into the bank manager position.

She previously had



CORKY QUEN

ing, judging -- so even if you don't want to know where you stand, those with that personality will tell you what they think. I will miss her straightforwardness."

Quen was hired by Ev-

worked for the former Jim's Sentry Market (now CJ Select), and subsequently was hired as a teller at the former Western Bank (now Sterling Savings Bank) by Patricia Dees, who now is manager

of that bank. She later was hired by Evergreen, and worked for SOFCU.

The retiring, but never shy manager, was born in Kentucky. She moved to Illinois Valley with her family in 1959, and went to Illinois Valley High School, which is now Lorna Byrne Middle School.

Her "Corky" nickname, she said, stems from her maiden name, Courtney. She's married to Jack Quen, and they plan to spend lots more time together in her retirement. One pastime they're to which they're looking forward is riding their Harleys.

"We want to take a long trip, but not too long," said Quen. "We also enjoy going to casinos, and we have tons of grandkids to visit."

Way back when, after her time at Illinois Valley High School, Quen studied banking at Rogue Community College. She recalled

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Following are the high and low temperatures, and rainfall, recorded by O'Brien residents Cheryl & Harry Johnson:

- *Mon., June 6, 60-43, .55
- *Tues., June 7, 60-42
- *Wed., June 8, 71-41
- *Th., June 9, 75-55, .04
- *Fri., June 10, 75-54
- *Sat., June 11, 71-52
- *Sun., June 12, 84-44

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Weather Watch

Cave Junction

Wednesday, June 15
Sunny to partly cloudy
High--82, Low--52

Thursday, June 16
Rainy and Windy
High--71, Low--49

Friday, June 17
Rainy . Winds in the afternoon.
High--70, Low--45

Saturday, June 18
Cloudy, showers possible
High--73, Low--47

Sunday, June 19
Cloudy and sunny.
High--76 Low--46

Monday, June 20
Sunny with some clouds
High--81 Low--44

Tuesday, June 21
Partly sunny
Winds 8 mph
High--81, Low--48.



HIGH-FLYIN' HATS concluded the graduation ceremony at which 94 seniors received diplomas in Ken Mann Memorial Gym at Illinois Valley High School Tuesday night, June 7. Additional photos on page 8. (Photo by Dale & Elaine Sandberg)



Matthew Kendall, 6, checks one of the books in the new collection for children. (Photo by Christina Hill)