



KERBY EVENING of Art included (clockwise from top, left) a young ‘burl girl’ at It’s a Burl; Bridge-view Vineyards wine tasting and display of intricate wood furniture at Dove Tail Joint; ‘Archaic Art’ by Bill Ott at Southern Oregon Guild’s Gallery & Artists Center; a display of Art by Amy at Kerbyville Farm; Michael & Karen Yanase and their selection of fine baubles at Yanase Jewelers; and Dennis Strayer and friend at Kerbyville Museum in the new communications exhibit. Other participants were Hampton’s Rock Shop and Kauffman Wood Products (Photos by *Illinois Valley News*)



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THE 26th ANNUAL Wild Blackberry Arts & Crafts Festival will be held in Cave Junction on Friday through Sunday, Aug. 10 through 12. Getting in the mood for the juicy event is Seleena Leiya, 12, granddaughter of Mark Russo, festival chairman. The event will include live music, various booths, a breakfast by Cave Junction Lions Club in the county building, bingo games, a softball tournament, a presentation by Wildlife Images, and numerous other attractions. See story on page 5. (Photo by Michelle Binker, *Illinois Valley News*)

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