

# Museum members help in more ways than 1

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Kerbyville Museum and History Center hosted an open house April 16 with the dual purpose of unveiling a new display commemorating the National Park Service Centennial and as a kick-off to their new \$100,000 capital campaign to replace the museum roof.

Each spring, the National Park Service (NPS) and the National Park Foundation invite everyone to celebrate National Park Week, which this year runs April 16 through 24.

2016 marks the 100th anniversary of the establishment of NPS. The oldest of the 411 parks is Yosemite, parts of which were first protected by President Lincoln in 1864, during the Civil War.

The new exhibit is titled: "1916 - 2016 National Park Service Centennial."

"Find Your Park" is the theme for the Centennial, and the exhibit displays

photos of various parks and monuments across the United States, including Crater Lake National Park and Oregon Caves National Monument and Preserve. In addition, two new banners printed with "National Park Service - 100 Years" will be displayed next to Redwood Highway, to highlight the exhibit.

Saturday's Member Appreciation Day at the museum was created to thank museum volunteers and members and reach out to the greater community to demonstrate to potential grantors that Valley residents support this important community resource.

"Leaks have been staining the ceiling tiles and asphalt is washing into the gutters," said museum curator and board secretary Dennis Strayer. "The current roof was installed 20 years ago but due to errors installing insulation, the entire roof must be removed down to the rafters and rebuilt. The museum building houses 50,000 items and it's the museum board's responsibility to insure their

protection."

"Granting organizations look for large memberships, so we're hoping to double or triple our membership over the summer before applying for these grants. Grantors also like to see a strong educational component in museum programs. We just completed our 10th annual Heritage Day March 17. Each year we host all the fourth-graders from Evergreen Elementary to tour our one-room school house, the original Naucke House and barn, the authentic sweat lodge and, of course, the museum," Strayer explained.

Membership includes free admission to the museum, plus a 10 percent discount in the museum gift shop. Individual memberships are \$15 and couple or family memberships are \$20 for the year. Despite inflation, this rate has been fixed for many years.

Those interested in supporting the effort can mail donations with the memo: "Roof Project" or membership fees to Kerbyville Museum

& History Center, P.O. Box 3003, Kerby, OR 97531.

The museum got started by the I.V. Federated Women's Club in 1958. Many of the members and their husbands were direct descendants of pioneers who came to the Valley between 1850 and 1900, concurrent with the Valley's gold rush.

The women's club wanted to create a host sight for Oregon's Statehood Centennial Year in 1959. They bought and fixed up the Naucke House and operated it as the first museum in the county.

In 1964 they celebrated the grand opening of the concrete block museum and leased the entire property to Josephine County to be the county museum two years later. The county returned ownership to the club in 1998 and the Kerbyville Museum board formed at that time.

The club disbanded in 2004 and deeded the property, buildings and collections to the board. Strayer is the only original board member still serving.

The Naucke House was restored and repaired between 2010 and 2012 at a cost of about \$60,000. All 21 windows were replaced, the front porch and ramp were rebuilt and seven layers of lead paint were professionally removed. The structure was then repainted with two coats each of primer and paint.

To help raise matching funds for the roof, the board will again sell ice cream at Jubilee Park during the Labor Day weekend and also participate in the annual

"Highway 199 Yard Sale."

The museum will accept donations of furniture, working tools and appliances, books and art, but no clothing for this event. Call 541-592-5252 for further information.

Summer hours for the Kerbyville Museum are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and Sunday noon to 4 p.m. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for veterans or seniors 56 and older, \$2 for youngsters age 6 to 16; and a family rate of \$10.



(Photo by Judy Hoyle, Illinois Valley News)

**Kerbyville Museum curator Dennis Strayer shows off part of the new Find Your Park exhibit.**

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"I think that we are going to see in 2016 this next wave of investors, the next wave of business operators, and people who've sort of been watching or dipping their toe in, really starting to swing for the fences and take it really seriously," ArcView CEO Troy Dayton said in an interview.

ArcView Market Research, part of cannabis industry investor network ArcView Group, provides some of the most regularly-cited figures and estimates on the market for legal marijuana.

In Oregon, a bill that removes state criminal liability from banks

and credit unions that do business with legal pot enterprises was signed April 4 by Gov. Kate Brown.

House Bill 4094 removes from state statutes any criminal liability for providing banking services to legal cannabis businesses, ensuring that financial institutions that serve both medical and nonmedical cannabis businesses will not be subject to state criminal laws.

The law also directs the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services to study what other potential options may be available for banking services for the legal marijuana industry.

The new law, however, doesn't address the biggest problem for pot shops when it comes to banking: Marijuana's prohibition under federal law has kept traditional

banking generally off-limits to the industry, even in states where it is legal.

In an article published in *The Oregonian*, Rep. Tobias Read, D-Beaverton, who sponsored the bill, acknowledged that HB 4094 doesn't remove liability under federal law. Still, he said he hopes the legislation sends a clear message to federal lawmakers about Oregon's position on the issue.

"It makes no sense to say these businesses are legal on one hand and simultaneously on the other hand say that legal businesses don't have access to banking services," Read said. "In the end, having an entire segment of the economy -- and a growing one at that -- based on cash is not good for anybody."

*The Oregonian* article

concluded with an interview with Lynn Heider, spokeswoman for Northwest Credit Union Association, who said the law is "an important first step" but that federal legislation is still needed.

She pointed to 2014 federal guidance, issued to the banking industry that creates "unreasonable layers of due diligence, reporting and compliance steps" for banks doing business with the legal marijuana industry.

"Unless Congress passes a law removing the criminal liability for financial institutions, our concern is that the regulatory environment may prevent many from serving marijuana businesses," Heider said.

A second law signed by Gov. Brown April 4, SB 1524, makes it easier for veterans who receive

services from the VA health system to renew medical marijuana registrations.

These two signatures follow Brown's signing SB 1511 in March, the second of two broad cannabis bills passed this year. That bill includes provisions that will allow businesses serving adult consumers to provide medical marijuana products. It also allows medical marijuana dispensaries to sell concentrates to adult consumers.

Many of the changes that came from legislation this year will make it easier for the roll-out of licenses for businesses that will serve the adult consumer market, including provisions that help established medical marijuana businesses enter into the adult retail market.

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