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Holtzman museum donation: \$100,000

Star Staff Report

WINCHESTER — The Shenandoah Valley Discovery Museum has received a significant gift for its capital campaign.

In a statement released on Tuesday, the museum announced a \$100,000 gift from Bill Holtzman, president and CEO of Holtzman Oil Corp. of Mount Jackson, to name the pioneer cabin at the museum to be built in Jim Barnett Park.

The pioneer cabin — which will be known as The Holtzman Cabin — is an authentic 18th century log house recovered from a former homestead. It will be reassembled in the Dwellings Courtyard.

The cabin will be furnished with authentic period pieces as a place for imaginative play. A large main room with a fireplace, kitchen, and living quarters and a loft complete the interior.

A porch and heirloom garden will be used for educational programs and play.

The museum is working toward attaining platinum certification by the U.S. Green Building Council for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, as well as recognition as one of the world's most environmentally sustainable buildings.

The construction of the museum will allow each sustainable, innovative technology to be seen and understood.

The sustainable features include integrated design, site integration and orientation, passive solar design, day lighting and low-energy lighting, thermal mass utilization, photovoltaic cells, wind power, geothermal heating and cooling, sustainable materials of construction, rainwater harvesting and water conservation, and natural ventilation.

In the press release, Holtzman said he is looking forward to bringing his grandchildren to a green building.

Peggy McKee, executive director, has been working with the donor.

“Mr. Holtzman saw the vision of the new museum and immediately wanted to be a part of it,” she said in the release. “This is the kind of leadership that is going to make the dream come true.”