

# New softball field at Kuentz center will be dedicated

By Betty Latty  
Gazette correspondent

It's official.

The new softball field at the Fred Kuentz Recreation Center in Sun City West will be formally dedicated at 10 a.m. Oct. 19.

And former Del E. Webb Communities executive Fred Kuentz has been invited to throw out the first ball to launch the season for the Sun Cities Senior Softball League, according to Axel Olson, league president.

All 12 teams of the league will then participate in a two-inning, round-robin tourney to initiate the field, at Stardust and R.H. Johnson boulevards.

The new softball field has been under construction for almost a year. It has an electronic scoreboard and enclosed dugouts with water fountains in each.

Bleachers have been moved from the players' old field at Grand Avenue and Meeker Boulevard to the new site. Fences are placed 270 feet from home plate, about 30 feet farther than at the old field.

The public is invited to attend the Oct. 19 dedication, said Don Goble, a past president of the senior softball league.

Use of the field is not limited to the league, according to its officials. Sun City West recreation center card holders and their guests also are eligible to use the park.

The first major event scheduled at the field is the fifth annual Del Webb Senior Softball Tournament March 9-11, 1990.

More information about the league and the dedication are available from Olsen at 584-9377, or Goble, 584-4453.

## Scenics

### Variety store opens

Sun City West will have a variety store in its midst when Bob's V & S Variety opens in Sundome Plaza in mid-October.

Bob Riddle, the store's owner-operator, will be remembered by Sun Cities folk as a former manager of the TG&Y store, once in Sun City's Grand Center at 107th and Grand avenues.

Riddle explained that "V & S" stands for Value and Sincerity, a trademark of Cotter & Co., Chicago-based major supplier for the stores.

The new store will carry a full-line sewing needs department, said Riddle, one which will include fabrics, notions and patterns.

Other merchandise will include craft materials, a large line of artificial flowers, housewares, hardware, greeting cards and beauty aids.

Another major department will offer live plants and garden supplies. Outdoor bedding plants and houseplants will be included, said Riddle, who added that he will offer seasonal plants such as poinsettias and Easter lilies.

The variety store, however, will not be offering any kind of clothes apparel, nor will it have any selections of baby-care items.

Riddle, who has lived in Phoenix since 1971, came to Arizona from Wilmington, Del. At one time, he owned the Card Carousel Card Shop, at Cave Creek and Thunderbird roads; he later joined the TG&Y-Newberry organization.

Riddle expects to employ about 15 people, he said, and added that he might call upon his family — that's his wife, Cynthia, son Scott, and daughters Nicole and Jodi — for help on special occasions.

Official date for the store's opening has not been set, but is expected to be in mid-October. A grand opening also is planned, Riddle said.

Bob's V & S Variety is located at 13583 Camino del Sol, in the west portion of Sundome Plaza. The telephone is 584-2448.



# If You 'Re' Build It, They Will Come

## New Woodworking Facility Grand Opens

By Ed Troch

Taking nearly a year to hear the sound of whirring woodworking machines at Kuentz's Recreation Center, the official opening of the completely rebuilt and refurbished SCW Woodworking Club took place this week.

Some of the improvements according to club president Bill Newman:

Enlarged quarters (by some 3000 Sq. Ft.

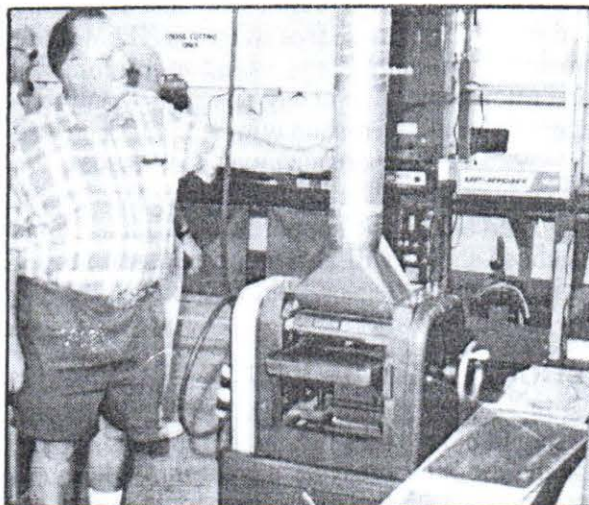
A complete library on woods and projects, in the space formerly occupied by the metal shop (now relocated).

A newer and improved vacuuming system, far superior to the original one. Addition of two 10" saws, two lathes, two band saws and a 15" radial saw.

On hand at the opening just before noon, were: Pres. Bill Newman, 1st V.P. Al Prestholdt,

New member Hal Fells (l.) is shown a new addition to the Woodworking Club's power tool system by 2nd VP Frank Andrews during an open house this week.

Photo, Ed Troch



SCW Woodworking Club Pres. Bill Newman shows off a new and vastly improved vacuuming system to visitors.  
Photo, Ed Troch

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2nd V.p. Frank Andrews and other club officers. Refreshments in the form of coffee and donuts were on hand. According to Newman, it took nearly 3000 hours of volunteer work by members to bring this day to fruition.

As to the new facilities, Newman says, "We will be happy if the members are." 2nd V.P. Frank Andrews, who was escorting a brand-new member about,

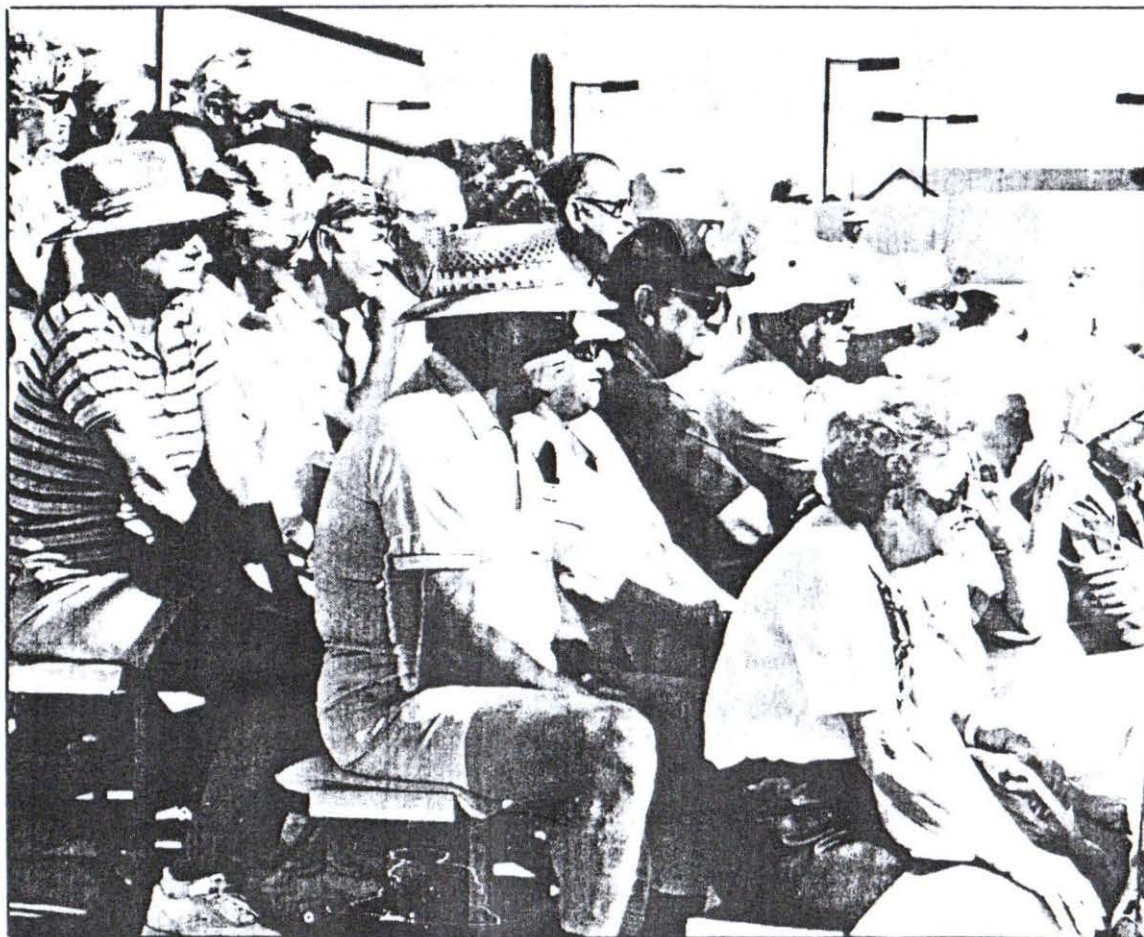
said, "the club relies heavily upon members who were former architects and engineers to make this day come true. Al Prestholdt, 1st V.P. and incoming president said, "We are here to serve our members, and to keep the (new) facility safe and a wonderful place to enjoy!"

It is expected that the first few weeks will result in a rush by members to complete projects put "on hold" for nearly a year.



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# Kuentz softball field is dedicated



Daily News-Sun photo by Walter L. Dozier

**TURN OUT FOR DEDICATION** — More than 400 people turned out for Thursday morning's dedication ceremonies at the new Del Webb softball field at the Fred Kuentz

Recreation Center in Sun City West. Fred Kuentz, a retired vice president of Del Webb Corp., threw out the ceremonial first pitch at Thursday's ceremonies.

By WALTER L. DOZIER  
Daily News-Sun staff

SUN CITY WEST — With all of the excitement and formality of the World Series, more than 400 people from the Sun Cities celebrated the opening of the new Del Webb Softball Field at the Fred Kuentz Recreation Center in Sun City West on Thursday morning.

The dedication ceremonies marked the end of a one-year construction project. The field will be the new home of the 12-team Sun Cities Senior Softball League.

The Fred Kuentz Recreation Center is located at 14401 R.H. Johnson Blvd. in Sun City West.

"This is a special day," said Stan Steciak, league announcer. Steciak presented the colors during the ceremonies.

"This is a beautiful installation. Everybody is happy with Del Webb."

The field is named in honor of Fred Kuentz, a retired vice president from Del Webb Corp. Kuentz threw out the ceremonial first pitch Thursday.

The ceremony included speeches by Axel Olson, vice-president of the league and Chuck Roach, executive vice-president of Del Webb Corp. Jack Greenstein was the master of ceremonies.

"I think this is great," said Bob Vosbrink, a league player

with the Athelite team and the manager of the Amazing 65s, one of the league's traveling teams.

"It's a climax to eight years of Senior Softball in this area. We want to thank Del Webb for putting up this field and the other field.

"This will make our league grow," Vosbrink said. "I wouldn't be surprised if we had 16 teams next year."

After the ceremonies all 12 teams squared off in an every-player-bats-once exhibition.

Bob Rentner hit the first home run, a 255-foot blast over the left-center field fence.

The 12 teams in this year's league are Horne Furniture, Spaland, Thunderbird Bank, Denny's TV, Lund Cadillac, Ace Radiator, Beall's Fashion, Sun City Bank, Quinn and Loe, Athelite, Meade Realty and Mull Realty.

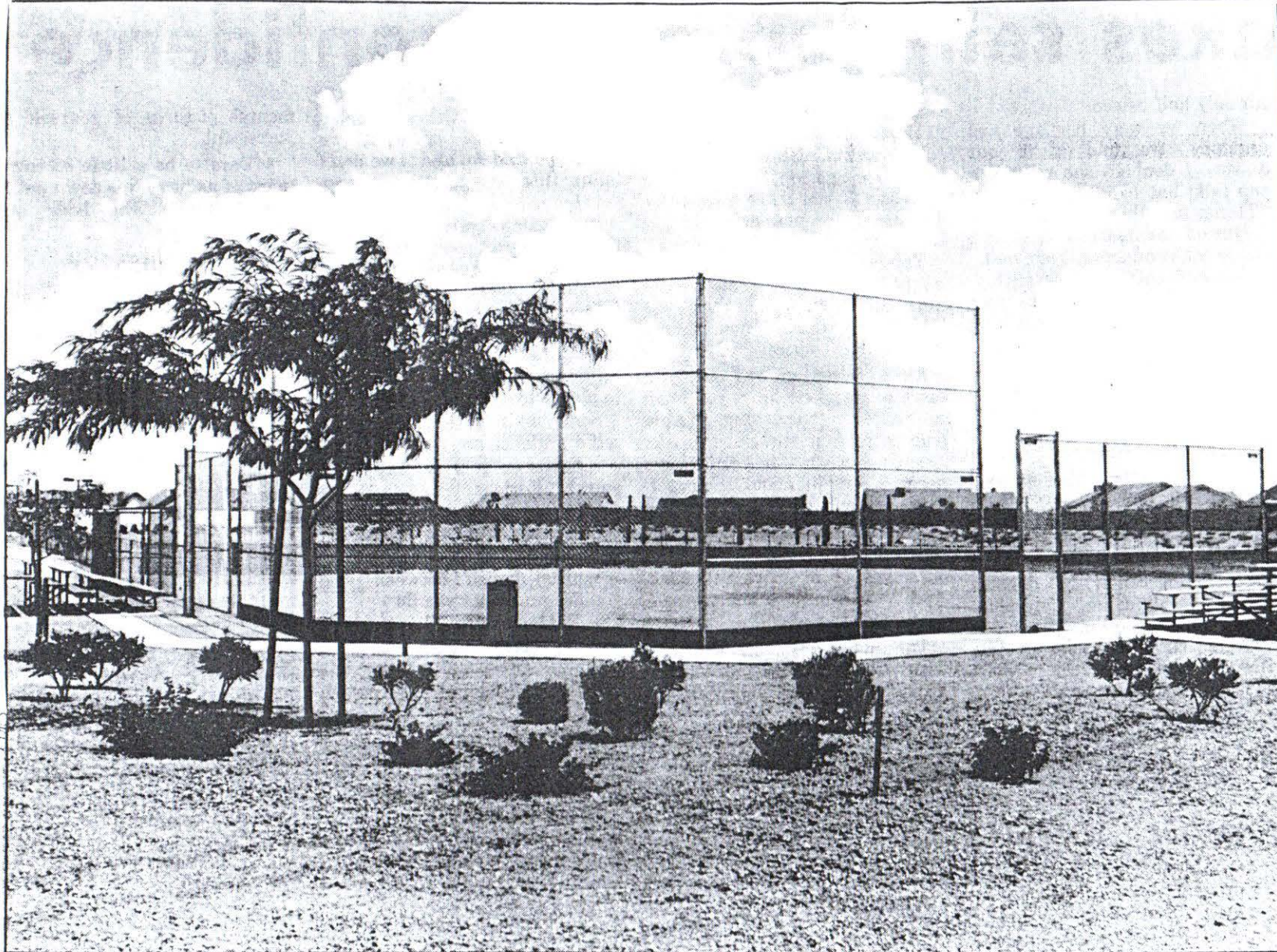
"It was just beautiful," said Josephine Czerneda of Sun City of the ceremony.

Czerneda's husband, Ted, plays for the Thunderbird Bank team.

"It was very touching and the field is just beautiful. It looks professional. They're doing so much for our boys."

Fall season league play begins Oct. 23.





**NEW FIELD ALMOST READY** — The new softball field at R. H. Johnson Blvd., is almost ready. The Sun Cities Senior Softball League will use the field most of the time.

Daily News-Sun photo by Mollie J. Hoppes

# Softball field nearly finished

## Park should be ready Oct. 16

By WALTER L. DOZIER

Daily News-Sun staff

SUN CITY WEST — The new Del Webb softball field at the Fred Kuentz Recreation Center in Sun City West is expected to be ready for the start of play in the Sun Cities Senior Softball League on Oct. 16.

The Kuentz Center is at 14401 R.H. Johnson Blvd.

"We're still working on it," said Bob Rentner, vice president of the Sun Cities Senior Softball League. "We're shooting for the middle of October."

The new softball field, which has been under construction for nearly a year, will have an electronic scoreboard, enclosed dugouts and water fountains in each dugout.

Rentner said the new field is much bigger than the old field at Grand Avenue and Meeker Boulevard. The fences at the new park are 275 feet from the plate, compared to 240 feet at the old site, Rentner said.

Bleachers from the old field will be used at the new park, and have already been moved, Rentner said.

"It's going to be beautiful," Rentner said of the league's new

home. "It looks super. It looks very professional."

Chuck Roach, executive vice president of Del Webb, said the field was paid for from the recreation centers' \$5 million budget this year. Roach said the field was built by a combination of Del Webb construction services and will be maintained by the company's land development staff.

"We're excited at the prospect of having a facility within the confines of the community," Roach said. "It's coming along nicely. It's a great addition to the community."

Play at the new field will not be limited to the Sun Cities Senior Softball League. The field will be available for use by Sun City West recreation center card holders and their guests.

"Residents are eligible to use it at any time," said Steve O'Donnell, assistant general manager for the Recreation Centers of Sun City West.

The 5th Annual Del Webb Senior Softball Tournament planned for March 9 through March 11, 1990, will be played on the new softball field and will be the field's first major event.



# Kuentz Rec Center closed due to failing roof structure

Some rooms  
open; others  
main closed

FRED CARNICELLI  
Cities Independent

What started out as a sag in the roof has grown into a major snag for those using facilities at the Kuentz Recreation Center in Sun

City West.

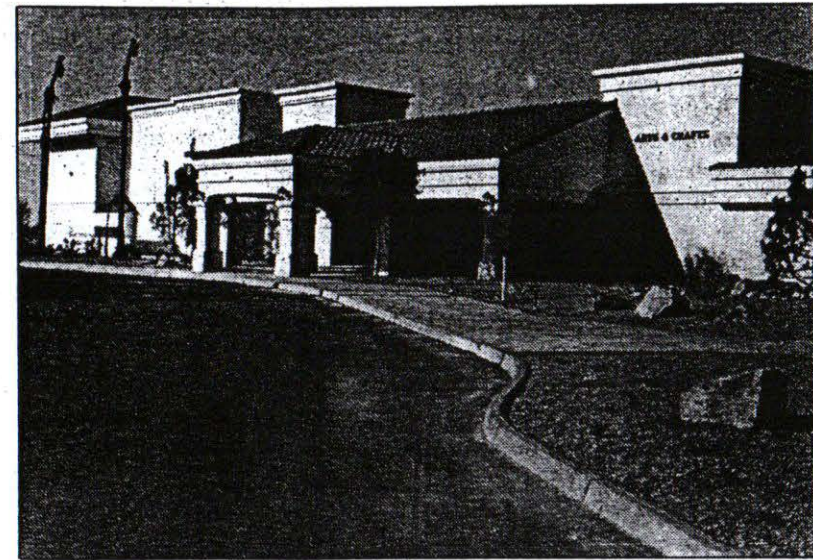
The entire center, located at 14401 R.H. Johnson Blvd., was closed last Wednesday after officials discovered structural damage to the roof. Some of the classrooms and facilities will reopen this week but the metal shop, wood shop, meeting room and several craft rooms remain closed.

The first signs of trouble were spotted a few weeks ago in the metal shop. Officials noticed the roof sagging — in some places as

much as eight to 12 inches. Additional signs of trouble were then found in the adjoining wood shop.

"We've been working with the developer and we've decided to close the entire facility down for further investigation," said Les Hicks, general manager of the Recreation Centers of Sun City West, at the board's Oct. 12 workshop meeting.

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A sagging roof over the metal shop and wood shop at the Kuentz Recreation Center prompted Rec Center officials last week to close the entire facility. After an inspection, the recreation center has been partially reopened.

## ■ ROOF

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"It was a difficult decision, but we feel it's really in everybody's best interest to do so.

"The No. 1 priority, needless to say, is the safety of the residents," he emphasized.

The building's architects and structural engineers have concluded a preliminary examination of the facility, which opened in January 1989.

Engineers have already begun shoring up the roofs of the two club facilities, although they emphasize there was no danger of the roofs collapsing.



## Kuentz Rec Center Dedication Draws Thousands

by Jim Bailey  
Staff Writer

### Ribbon Cutting, Speeches, Music Entertains

"To borrow a phrase, this is the honor of my life," Fred P. Kuentz told the thousands of SCW residents who were on hand for the dedication of the Kuentz Recreation Center, named in his honor, on Friday, February 10.

"This is a fantastic occasion! I'm still stunned to have this beautiful recreation center named after me," he declared.

A portrait of Mr. Kuentz was presented to the honored official which will hang in the Stardust Theater.

This third and last recreation center, located on 13.6 acres of land in the northwest quadrant of Sun City West, is a campus of six buildings involving nearly 40,000 square feet of work and meeting space for different clubs and organizations.

The \$5 million facility was named in honor of Fred P. Kuentz, retired chairman of the Del Webb Development Company.

Kuentz left the company on February 10, 1986 after a 34-year career with the Del Webb Corporation.

Featuring a 300-seat performing arts theatre, softball field, state of the art fitness center, club-craft & meeting rooms, plus an individual industrial arts center and an outdoor pool, the center will be operated by the Recreation Centers of SCW, Inc. It was built by the Del Webb Construction Services.

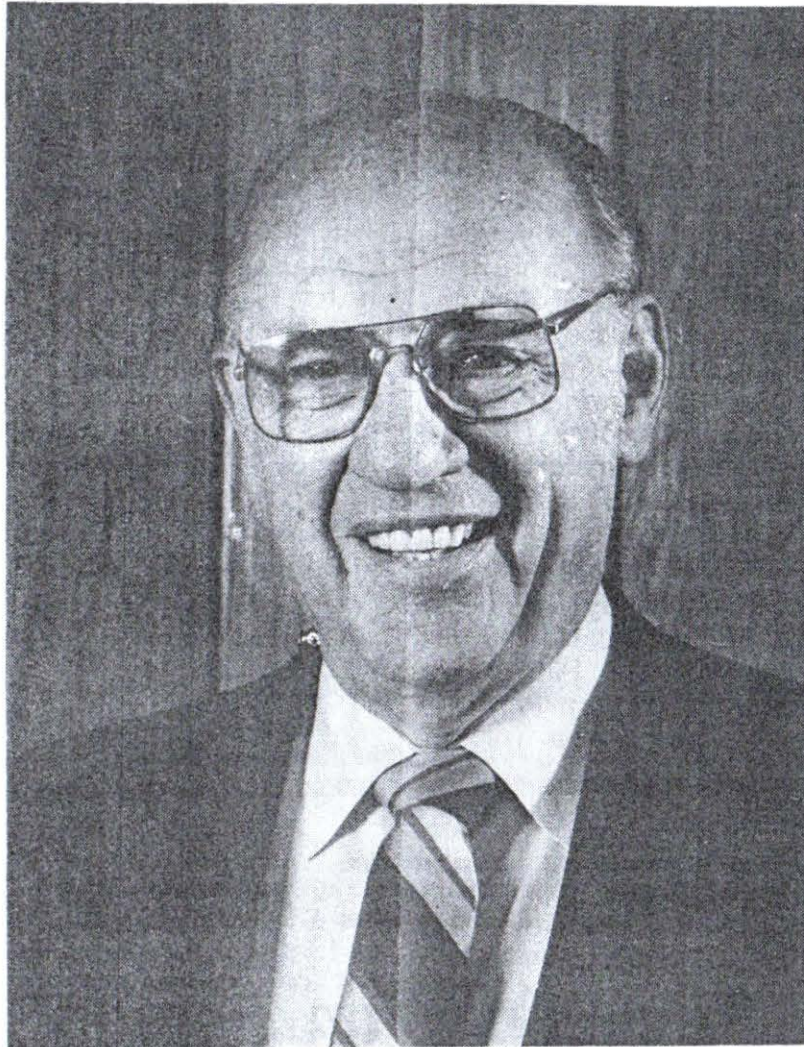
Dedication ceremonies included short speeches by Chuck Roach, SCW general manager of Del Webb Corporation; Virginia Ritson, president of the SCW Recreation Center Advisory Board; Paul Tatz, executive vice-president of the Del Webb

Corporation; response by Fred Kuentz; ribbon cutting and music by the Sparky Thurman Band and the Bouncing Czechs Polka Band.

Refreshments were served and various club representatives provided tours of their meeting or craft rooms.

There were three Stardust Theatre performances presented in the afternoon to full houses in the 300-seat theatre. Theatre West presented "Curtain Call" a musical gem, and the Musicians Club presented "Class Reunion" a 22-minute operetta written by SCWester Carl Easterbrook.

Comments by the SCW residents and others who attended the ceremonies ranged from "isn't this great!" to "I can hardly wait to get into the exercise room, the therapy pool or the swimming pool."



Fred P. Kuentz, for whom the new SCW Recreation Center was named, became president of the Del Webb Development Company in 1983 and one year later chairman of the board.

(Photo furnished)





by Paul Tatz  
Exec. Vice Pres. Del Webb  
Corporation

It is a great privilege for me to stand here today in the new Fred Kuentz Recreation Center. Serving as executive vice president while Fred was president of DEVCO and ultimately assuming his duties in the company when he retired, I am intimately familiar with the impact that Fred Kuentz has had on this community.

I'm sure he's feeling a bit like a father coming home to his son by returning here today, especially on such an auspicious and ceremonious occasion.

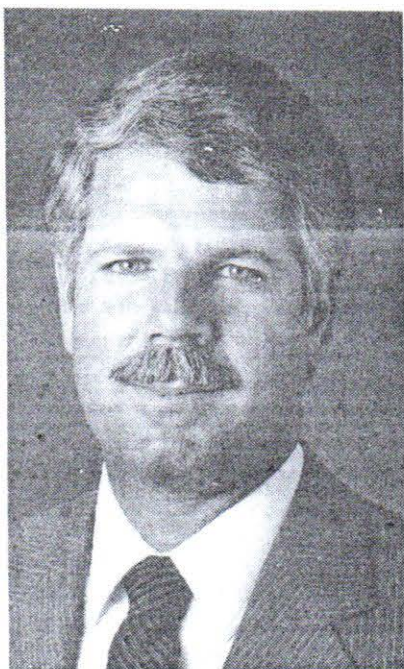
It has been three years to the day Fred retired from Del Webb after a 34 year career with the company. His first contact with Del Webb came in 1948 as an employee of an electrical subcontractor. The next year Fred was on the Del Webb payroll.

Starting out on electrical design and cost control, Fred was soon given additional challenges for the company, overseeing the development and management of shopping centers, office buildings, motels and hotels, medical centers, golf courses, restaurants, country clubs, apartments, utility companies, manufacturing facilities, and a variety of other commercial enterprises.

His executive promotions included vice president in 1961, senior vice president in 1963, and executive vice president in 1965. In 1967 he was appointed to the Del Webb Corporation Board of Directors and earned the position of executive vice president in charge of the development group.

In 1963, he was named president of Del Webb Development Company and was involved in setting the direction for the expansion of the active adult concept. One year later he was appointed Chairman. He brought with him to Sun City West a management style that encouraged teamwork.





**by Chuck Roach**  
**Del Webb SCW General**  
**Manager**

We are here today to dedicate this outstanding \$5 million dollar facility, and to honor the man for whom it is named.

The opening of the Fred

Kuentz Recreation Center marks a milestone in the development of Sun City West. It is the third and final recreation center for the community and the culmination of a cooperative effort between Del Webb, the Recreation Centers of Sun City West Advisory Board and a grass roots partnership.

The Fred Kuentz Recreation Center Planning Committee, comprised of Recreation Center Advisory Board members and community residents, was charged with the responsibility of shaping the center.

Del Webb is most appreciative of the time this planning committee invested in this project. I'd like to thank Jack O'Connor, past Advisory Board president, who chaired the group and led them down their successful

path...Virginia Ritson, our current Advisory Board president...Jim Muth and Faye Fiorelli who had also served on the board...and Ray Shrewsbury...Jack Tuerk...and Jerry Welch, the non-board resident who worked so hard.

I'd also like to thank the other Advisory Board members, past and present, who helped in the planning for this center...Jesse Hall, Larry McIntyre, Margaret Harmon, Allen Powell, William Bain, Thomas Cunninham, Keith Hook, Jack Greenstein, John Canning and John Roberts.

Bill Woodyard, general manager of the Recreation Centers of Sun City West and Steve O'Donnell, assistant general manager invested countless hours, months and years into the successful completion of this project.





**by Virginia Ritson  
President, Rec Center  
Advisory Board**

This was a unified effort between Del Webb, the Recreation Centers of Sun City West, Inc. and the residents of this community.

Having served on the Planning Committee, I can assure you that it was rewarding to be a part of the Sun City West's future...and a real education. And, as Advisory Board President I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all who served on the planning committee and made a commitment to do the best job we possibly could.

We worked very closely with Del Webb Senior Vice President Tom Ryan and had roughly a year to make our recommendations on what should be included in this center. I'd like to thank Tom and the rest of the Del Webb staff for constructing such a wonderful facility which everyone will enjoy well into the future.

We studied our counterparts to the East, looking at Sun City's recreational facilities and examining their turn over rates on the various club and craft activities and projected the future growth of Sun City West. We believe the Fred Kuentz Center represents one of the finest facilities around and will complement Sun City West's existing recreational amenities.

Our recommendations included not only what you see here today but also a renovation of portions of the R.H. Johnson Recreation Center. That work will begin soon.

I'd like to thank Del Webb for involving the residents in the decision making process and for making Sun City West America's leading city.



# SCW greets new Kuentz center

By CHRISTINE SELIGA  
News-Sun staff

**SUN CITY WEST** — The community's third recreation center opened Friday afternoon with its namesake cutting a red ribbon and thousands of residents coming to tour the center.

The Fred Kuentz Recreation Center, on 13.6 acres of land at Stardust and R.H. Johnson boulevards, is the final recreation center to be built in Sun City West. It joins the R.H. Johnson Recreation Center and the Beardsley Park Recreation Center to serve the recreation needs of the approximately 25,000 people who will live in Sun City West once it is finished.

"The opening of the Fred Kuentz Recreation Center marks a milestone in the development of Sun City West," said Chuck Roach, executive vice president of Del Webb Communities and manager of Sun City West, at the dedication ceremony.

He said the center marks the cooperation between Del Webb, the Sun City West Recreation Centers Advisory Board and the residents of Sun City West.

Residents were involved in the planning of the center. Three years ago three members of the advisory board and three other



Submitted photo

**FRED KUENTZ** — Former chairman of Del E. Webb Development Corp. helped open the new center.

residents formed a committee that reviewed about 45 requests for space in the new center.

"The job was not easy nor was it glamorous, but it was necessary," Roach said.

The center is named after Fred Kuentz, retired chairman of the Del Webb Development Co. Kuentz worked for the Del Webb Corp. for 37 years.

Kuentz and former recreation centers advisory board president Jack O'Connor cut the ribbon,

officially opening the new center in front of hundreds of spectators.

The center has five buildings totaling almost 40,000 square feet and cost about \$5 million to build. It has a wood shop, a metal shop, an outdoor pool, jogging track, six tennis courts, five multi-purpose rooms, the only softball field in Sun City West and a 300-seat performing arts theater.

Residents got a chance Friday to try out the theater for size during several free performances by Theatre West and the Musicians Club.

Carl Easterbrook, author of "Class Reunion," which was performed Friday, said he likes the size of the theater because it is intimate and gives a performer a feeling of being closer to the audience.

"I think a lot of our players here would rather play in this kind of environment as opposed to a huge hall and if necessary repeat the show," he said.

He has watched one rehearsal in the theater and the acoustics seem to be excellent, he said.

"There isn't a bad seat in the house," Easterbrook said.

The new center means several changes for the R.H. Johnson Recreation Center.

The art and weaving clubs from R.H. Johnson Recreation Center will move to Kuentz. A model railroad club will move into in R.H. Johnson and the center will be remodeled to expand the sewing club, the Village Store and the recreation centers administration.

The metal club is a new club that will have a metal shop in the Kuentz center. People in the club will be doing repairs and making things such as metal ornaments. Maurice Griffin is the club president.

"I think it's great. It's just a great facility," he said of the center.

He and members of his club met with advisory board members and the center's architect to plan for the metal shop.

There are 138 club members and Griffin said the number will grow now that the club has a home in the Kuentz center.

"I anticipate we'll have at least 200 members by the end of the year," Griffin said.

The plans for the center were modified in early 1988 when the cost of building the center started to overrun the proposed budget. Most of those changes in the plans were changes in the decorative features of the center.





News-Sun photo by Stephen Cherek

**LATEST ADDITION TO SCW RECREATION** — Sun City West residents gather near the entrance to the Stardust

Theatre. The new facility boasts 300-seats, a raked floor and featured entertainment all afternoon.



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## Kuentz Recreation Center officially opens this week

Twenty-nine years after the Del E. Webb Corporation opened its first recreation center in Sun City, the company is about to open its 10th and final recreation center in the Sun Cities.

On Friday, Feb. 10, an official dedication ceremony will be held for the Fred Kuentz Recreation Center in Sun City West.

The facility is the third recreation center to be built in Sun

City West. There are seven recreation centers in Sun City, all built by Webb and now owned by the residents.

The new \$5 million-facility is located on the corner of R.H. Johnson and Stardust boulevards. It is named in honor of Fred Kuentz, former chairman of the Del E. Webb Communities.

"This facility is comparable in size to Beardsley Park Recreation

Center," says Charles Roach, the company's general manager in Sun City West.

Like many of the community's recreation centers, the new facility will contain exercise areas and space for arts and crafts activities and social clubs.

The Kuentz Recreation Center, however, will be the first recreation center in the Sun Cities to feature a full-size softball field

and a performing arts theater.

The Stardust Theater, says Mr. Roach, is a 300-seat performing arts center "suitable for small theater groups."

The softball complex will serve as the permanent home for the Sun Cities Senior Softball League and will be the site of the annual Sun Cities Invitational Softball Tournament, which attracts senior softball teams from

across the country.

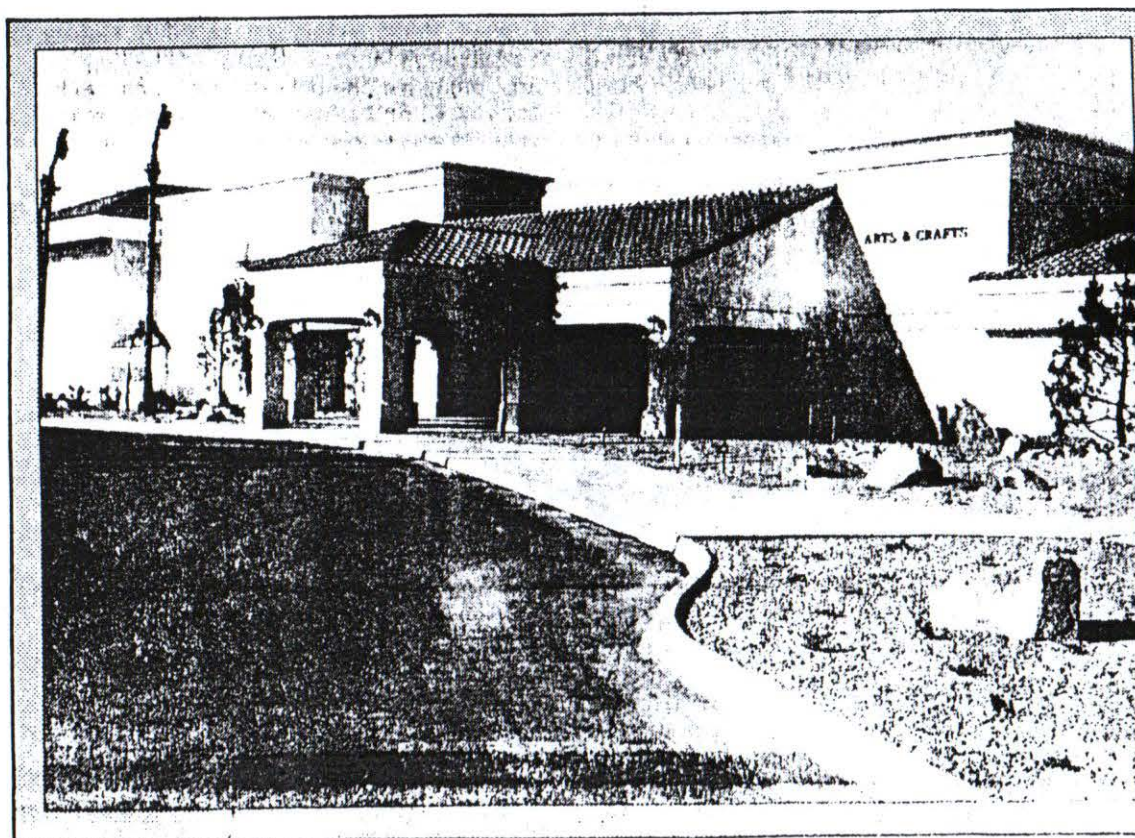
Mr. Roach says a great deal of time and creativity went into the planning of the center.

He says the company wanted the facility to be an attractive "showcase" in the community, one that would reflect the modern-day attitudes of active retired adults.

The open house ceremony will begin at 2 p.m. Feb. 10. Enter-

tainment will be provided by the Sparky Thurman Orchestra and the Bouncing Czechs Polka Band.

Three theatrical performances will be held at the Stardust Theater. The performance, "Curtain Call," will be presented at 2:45 and 4:15 p.m., while the Musician's Club will present a performance of Carl Easterbrook's "Class Reunion" at 3:30 p.m.



**REC CENTER OPENS.**  
*The Fred Kuentz Recreation Center, Sun City West's third and final recreation center, officially opens this week. An open house is planned for Feb. 10.*

*Bret McKeand/Independent*



Mark Henle, *Phoenix Gazette*

Work on the Kuentz Recreation Center in Sun City West is expected to be completed by January. While the site appears

isolated, it is soon to be surrounded by houses and other development.

# All for exercise

## \$5 million recreation center to be finished in January

By **Connie Cone Sexton**  
*Phoenix Gazette*

SUN CITY WEST — Construction is on schedule for the final recreation center planned by Del Webb Corp.

The \$5 million project is expected to be completed by January.

The Kuentz Recreation Center at R.H. Johnson and Stardust boulevards will complete a trio of centers for residents. The other centers are R.H. Johnson and Beardsley.

The new center was named for Fred Kuentz, Del Webb Communities' retired chairman of the board and chief executive officer.

Ken Plonski, Webb's manager of public affairs, said the completion of the Kuentz facility "will fulfill the master agreement" offered by Del Webb.

"While the demand is not there at the

present time (for the center) we make it our practice to build out in front of demand. This one is in anticipation of the demand," he said.

Plonski said the center is in a part of the community that he expects will be built out soon.

Development around the center now includes the Sun Cities Community Service office and the Sun City West sheriff's posse headquarters.

A seventh community golf course also is in the vicinity. "And we're beginning to build some homes in that area," the public relations manager said.

One addition to the new center that the other centers lack is a 300-seat performing theater. The center also will have a metal shop, Plonski said.

The facility, to be a series of adjoining

buildings, will include several multipurpose rooms in one building.

There will be six outdoor tennis courts and an outdoor 5,000-square-foot swimming pool.

Other amenities include an art room, weaving room, woodworking shop, physical fitness center, a women's club, a therapy pool, a softball field and a one-quarter-mile jogging track.

Plonski said the design of the single-story center will keep to the area's Mediterranean-style architecture.

"It will continue in that mode but will have a little more dramatic architecture, such as the use of tile, incorporating arches and there will be a little more lush landscaping," he said. "We really wanted to make it a very visually attractive center."



# SUN CITY WEST'S THIRD RECREATION CENTER UNVEILED

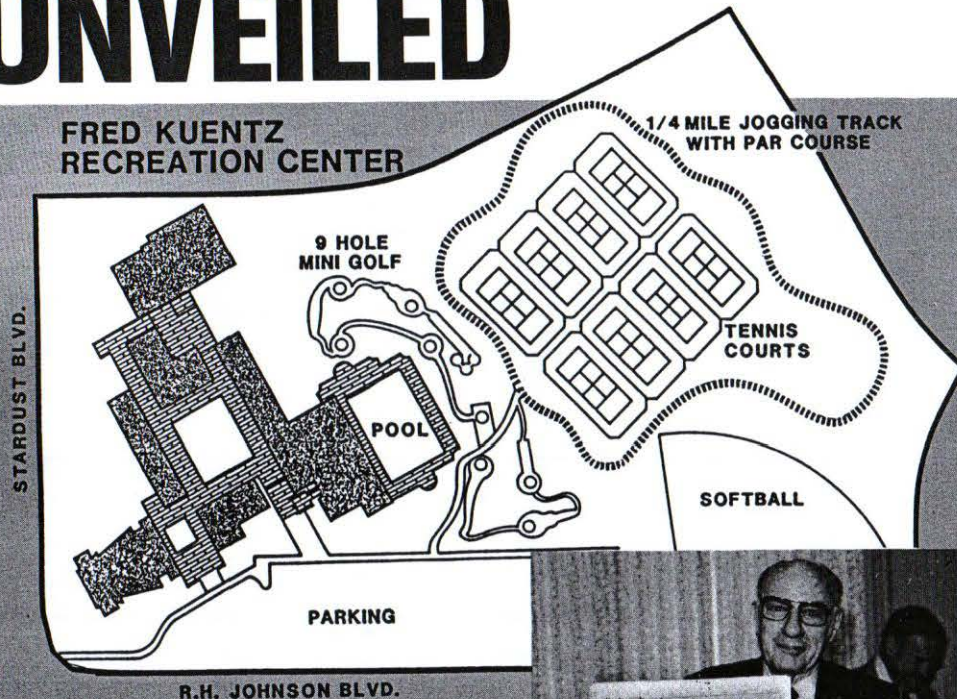
Construction on Sun City West's third, and final, recreation center will begin this fall and will take about a year to complete. The \$5 million center will be named in honor of Del E. Webb Communities Inc. past Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, Fred Kuentz.

The center will be located on 14 acres of land on the southeast corner of Stardust and R.H. Johnson Boulevards. A southwestern theme will prevail in the new center with liberal use of tile and stucco, complemented by desert landscaping.

The Fred Kuentz Recreation Center will include:

- 300 seat theatre
- women's club
- art room
- weaving room
- woodworking shop
- metal shop
- physical fitness center
- therapy pool
- 7,000 sq. ft. outdoor pool
- nine-hole mini golf
- eight tennis courts (four lighted)
- 1/4 mile jogging track with par course
- softball field

## FRED KUENTZ RECREATION CENTER



- five multi-purpose rooms (including space for Leather Crafters, Computer West, Folk and Decorative Art, Encore Needle and Craft, Creative Silk Flower, Basket-weavers, Palo Verde Patchers, and classroom facilities)

The project also includes renovating some of the facilities at R.H. Johnson Recreation Center, including enlarging the administration offices and Village Store.



FRED KUENTZ RETIRED FROM DEL WEBB ON FEBRUARY 10, 1986 AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER. HE JOINED THE WEBB CORPORATION AS AN ELECTRICAL ENGINEER IN CONSTRUCTION OPERATIONS IN 1949. DURING THE 36-YEAR CAREER WHICH FOLLOWED, HE SERVED IN A VARIETY OF POSITIONS, MOVING FROM OPERATIONS MANAGER TO EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION.

THE NEWSPAPER HE IS HOLDING WAS A GIFT FROM THE WEBB MARKETING DEPARTMENT AT HIS RETIREMENT PARTY. THE HEADLINES READ "KUENTZ TO DEVCO: I QUIT! WORLD LEADERS SHOCKED."



# Construction to begin in fall on new SCW recreation center

SUN CITY WEST — Westers will have \$5 million worth of sidewalk tending to do come fall.

That's when the Fred Kuentz Recreation Center goes under construction.

Sun City West's newest and last recreation centers will be built on the northeast corner of Stardust and R. H. Johnson Boulevards, across the street from the Community Service Building and the Sun City West Sheriff's Posse Building, which now under construction.

The new center will feature Southwestern architecture, with liberal use of tile and stucco. Desert landscaping will complement the lines of the structure.

Earlier this year a special New Recreation Center Advisory Board was created. Chairman is Jack O'Connor, president of the Recreation Center Advisory Board. Advisory board members Faye Fiorelli and James Muth also belong to the committee, as do Virginia Ritson, Ray Shrewsbury, Jack Tuerk

and Jerry Welch.

The committee sifted through requests coming from town groups and meeting with Sun City and Sun City West club members. Members also visited both cities' recreation centers.

Of 45 requests for recreation center space, only 15 didn't make final recommendation, and of those, a few only because of high costs, said O'Connor.

The final plan was approved by Del E. Webb Communities Inc., the planning committee and the advisory board.

The building is named after Fred Kuentz, retired Webb chairman of the board and chief executive officer.

The center will include a 300-seat theater, space for a women's club, an art room, a weaving room, woodworking shop, metal shop, physical fitness center, a therapy pool and a 7,000-square-foot outdoor pool.

The center also will feature five

multi-purpose rooms, including space for Leather Crafters, Computer West, classroom facilities, Folk and Decorative Art, encore Needle and Crafts, Creative Silk Flower, Basketers and the Palo Verde Patchers.

Final features are:

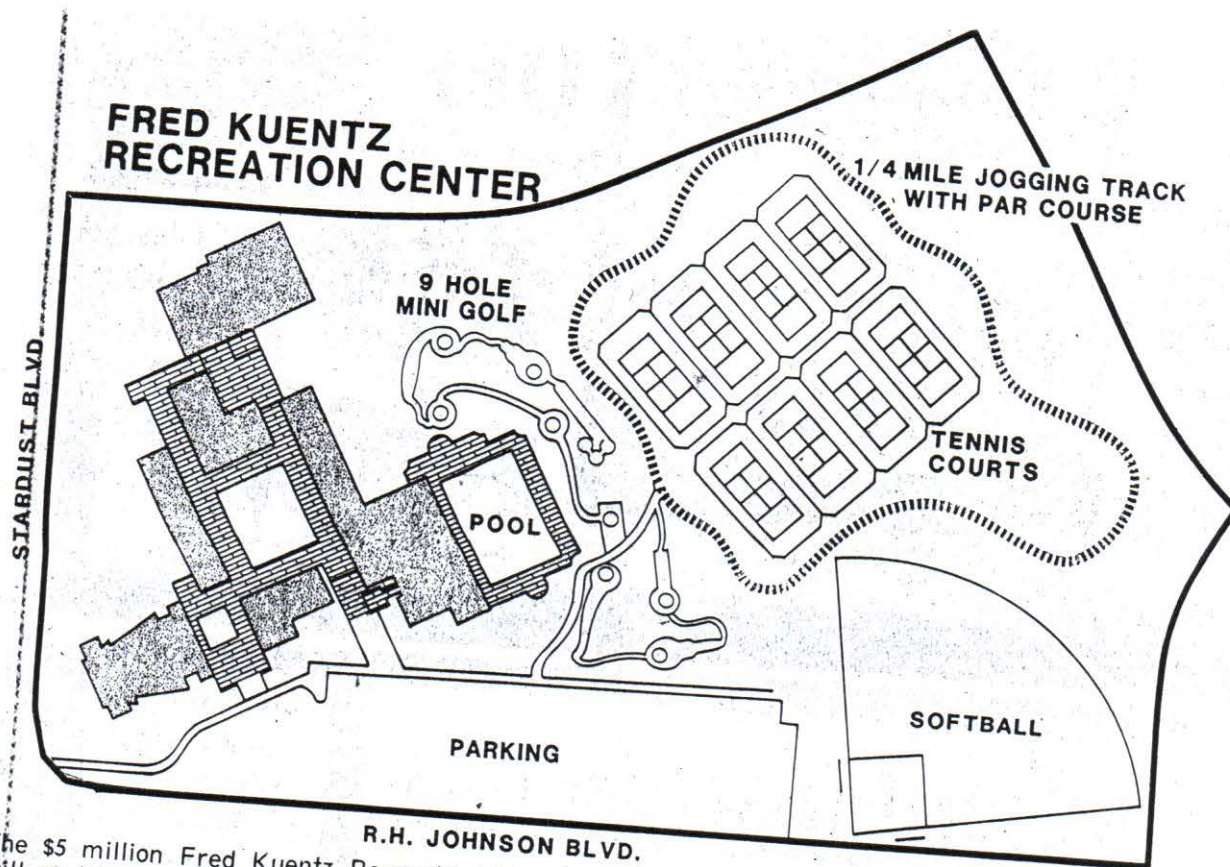
- A nine-hole mini-golf course.
- Eight tennis courts, four with lights.
- A ¼-mile jogging track with par course.
- A softball field.

Building the center will take approximately a year.

The recreation center project also takes in remodeling some features at the R. H. Johnson Recreation Center.

The former woodshop will form a central storage area for all three recreation centers and the five recreation center golf courses.

The art room will be used by the Model Railroad Club. The space for the weaving room will go to expansion of the Village Store.



The \$5 million Fred Kuentz Recreation Center will go into construction stage on the corner of Stardust and R.H. Johnson boulevards in Sun City West. Building the center will start this fall

and take approximately a year to complete. A special committee, the Recreation Centers Advisory Board and Del E. Webb Communities Inc. approved the final plans.



# SCW to get new recreation center

Plans have been unveiled for Sun City West's third and final recreation center, which will begin construction this fall and take about a year to complete.

The \$5 million facility will be named in honor of Fred Kuentz, past chairman and chief executive officer of Del E. Webb Communities, Inc. Kuentz retired from the company in 1986.

The new center will be located at the northeast corner of Stardust and R.H. Johnson boulevards, across the street from the Community Services and Posse buildings now under construction.

The Kuentz Recreation Center will include a 300-seat theater, a physical fitness center, eight tennis courts, a softball field, a therapy pool, a nine-hole mini golf course and

a one-quarter mile jogging track.

The center will also provide an art room, woodworking shop, weaving room, metal shop, a women's clubroom and five multi-purpose rooms to be used by various clubs.

The planning process for the center began earlier this year. A special committee was formed -- chaired by Jack O'Connor, Rec Center

Advisory Board president -- to meet with local club members, sift through various requests and to visit recreation centers in other communities.

"Of the 45 requests for space we received, 15 didn't make it for final recommendation," says O'Connor.

The final plans for the center were approved by Webb, the committee and the Advisory Board of the Recreation Centers of Sun City West, Inc.

The project also includes the remodeling of some facilities at R.H. Johnson Recreation Center.

The former woodshop will be used as a central storage area for all three recreation centers and the five golf courses.

The former art room will be used by the Model Railroad Club, the weaving room will allow for the expansion of the Village Store and the Rip 'n Sew room and the administration offices will be enlarged.

Additional storage space for the lawn bowlers will also be provided.

