

## Huckleberry Harvest a success

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Through its sponsorships, registrations and funds raised through its three auctions, the Museum at Warm Springs raised an estimated \$85,000 during the Tenth Annual Huckleberry Harvest Friday and Saturday.

The event, which drew about 250 guests from the museum's membership and supporters, raised about \$5,000 more than the expected goal of \$80,000.

"We had excellent auction items, very fine art pieces, and it went well," Dora Smith, development officer for the museum, said. "The crowd had a great time. Our auctioneer Steve Talbot did a great job, and he made a difference in the event."

The event included an oral auction, presided by the Portland-based Talbot, at Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Casino and Resort Saturday evening and two silent auctions, one at Kah Nee Ta and the other at the museum on Friday.

"Our goal was to make \$80,000, and we pulled in about \$32,000 in sponsorship and corporate tables and \$4,000 registrations," Smith said. "With our combination of auctions, we pulled in close to \$15,000."

In addition, the museum sold tables for the Saturday night dinner to corporations for \$1,300 each, earning \$17,000.

The Huckleberry Harvest also included 11 co-sponsors along with the museum, each contributing \$1,500 each.

Two-thirds of the museum's budget comes from events like the Huckleberry Harvest, to which about 1,500 invitations were sent out. Other funding



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Brigette Whipple takes part in the Museum at Warm Springs Huckleberry Harvest fashion show.

comes from grants and memberships.

Other museum events this year included an honor dinner for Owen Panner in Portland. Also, there will be a golf tournament at Kah-Nee-Ta next month.

The Warm Springs Tribal Council supplies the other third of the museum's budget. Smith said the museum was able to carry over some surplus from its 2004 budget toward this year's

budget.

Along with its auctions, the event included a gourmet salmon dinner Saturday evening, behind the scenes tours of the museum's permanent collections, traditional music and dancing, and a fashion show at the museum Friday evening. Part of the museum's general fund goes toward bringing in new and traveling exhibits.

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Ed Manion, (541) 553-1286, for information about the tribal resort and casino proposal.

The EIS process is expected to take about a year, said Ed Manion.

The casino proposal has the support of Gov. Kulongoski, the Port and City of Cascade Locks, Hood River County, and other nearby communities.

## First Indian female judge retiring

SANTA FE (AP) — A Santa Fe judge who was the first American Indian female state district judge in the country is stepping down next month because of health concerns.

State District Judge Carol Vigil, who is a diabetic and suffered an episode similar to a heart attack earlier this year, will retire Sept. 23. She has been on the bench since December 1998.

Vigil, who has been on leave from the bench, said she's been in the hospital several times in recent months.

She worked in tribal and state courts in New Mexico and had been an assistant state attorney general before being sworn in as a state district judge.

"I'm ready for my third life," said Vigil, 57, who is affiliated with both the Tesuque and Isleta Pueblos.

She said she'd been considering retiring since the end of 2004.

"I never felt like I've gotten myself together," she said. "I kept feeling like I was getting further behind in my work."

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