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Miss Warm Springs 2014 Charmaine Billey

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The Agency Longhouse was packed for the 2014 Miss Warm Springs Pageant.

In the audience you could spot former Miss Warm Springs title holders. The ladies wore their crowns and banners.

There were two candidates running for the title for of Miss Warm Springs 2014, Charmaine Billey and Mallory Smith.

Excitement was high for the pageant, and praise went out for our outgoing 2013 Miss Warm Springs Norene Sampson.

Dinner was served at 6 p.m., with a total of 13 tables set. Attendance was high, and there was need for even more dinner seating.

Along the wall of the dining hall, Norene displayed pictures and a calendar log of all events she attended during 2013.

Norene, her family and volunteers prepared the meal, as laughter and excitement filled the air.

The Pageant began at 7 p.m. The two contestants wore traditional outfits, and explained the family history behind the regalia.

The girls were asked a series of questions about tribal history, naming five traditional foods. They were asked what encouraging advice they would give to students.



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Both displayed their individual talents. They danced one round dance, and a Women's Traditional dance.

The 2014 Miss Warm Springs is Miss Charmaine Billey, and runner-up is Mallory Smith. This was a close competition. Both contestants displayed talent, knowledge and confidence. Congratulations to both women.

At the end of the evening the former Miss Warm Springs and our current Miss Warm Springs gathered for a group picture.

The community members who were on hand for the pageant then congratulated the outgoing Miss Warm Springs, and welcomed Miss Warm Springs 2014. Here is a statement from Miss Warm Springs staff representative Doris "Teeny" Miller:

The Tribal Council staff would like to thank you all for attending the 2014 Miss Warm Springs Pageant,

Congratulations and good luck to Charmaine Billey, 2014 Miss Warm Springs, and thank you Mallory Smith, first runner-up for participating. Both girls did a great job. We know the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs will be well represented in this coming year.

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Charmaine Billey with former Miss Warm Springs.

Unmanned Aerial Vehicles

Test site okayed

The Federal Aviation Administration last week approved six test-site operators for unmanned aerial vehicles. One of the operations, based at the University of Alaska, includes testing on the Warm Springs Reservation.

This could be an economic development opportunity for the Confederated Tribes, said Jeff Anspach, chief executive officer of Warm Springs Ventures.

The unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) industry will likely want to locate facilities close to the testing areas, Anspach said. This could lead, for instance, to development at the Warm Springs industrial park.

UAV development is a growing industry, and appears headed for major growth in the next ten years, Anspach said.

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Youth focus at museum

The Museum at Warm Springs is gearing up for the Tribal Youth Art Exhibit. The theme of the youth exhibit this year is "Young at Art," said Natalie Moody, museum curator.

The grand opening for the Youth Art Exhibit will be on Thursday, January 23. This will be the Twenty-First Annual Tribal Youth Art Exhibit.

Athletics exhibit

The museum in 2014 is focusing on youth themes, as the Warm Springs k-8 Academy will be opening in the fall. The main exhibit of the year will be "Celebrating Native American Youth," which will be on display from June through September.

The exhibit from April to June will be "Winning Spirits: Native American Youth and Athletics." This exhibit will highlight the challenges and hardships of Native American athletes, said Moody.

Athletes who will be featured include professional baseball player Jacoby Ellsbury, college basketball stars Shoni and Jude Schimmel, and track star Billy Mills, who will be the museum Twanat award recipient at this year's annual dinner.

The Winning Spirits exhibit will also feature items from community members including historic old tournament pictures, jerseys, shoes, balls and similar sports items.

Casino GM sees great potential for growth

Indian Head Casino has a great potential for growth. "We're centrally located, and this is still a new casino," said Harold Baugus, Indian Head general manager. "The sky is the limit."

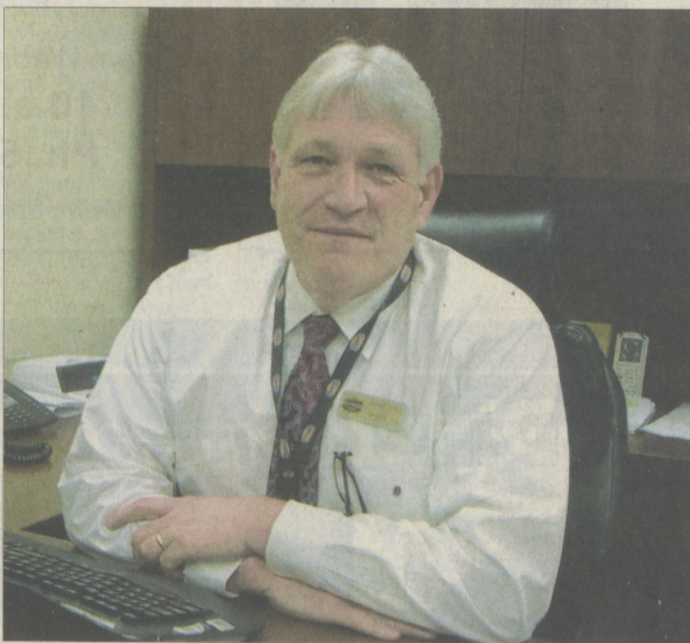
The goal is for the casino to become a top entertainment center in Central Oregon, Baugus said.

He joined Indian Head in early October. Earlier in his career, he worked for 15 years at the Gila River Casinos, six years as chief executive officer. "I started in security, and worked my way up," Baugus says.

At Indian Head, he finds the staff to be very motivated. "They have a positive attitude, very open and welcoming," Baugus says. "We have a great staff."

The casino recently installed 40 new machines. The Cottonwood Restaurant on weekends hosts live music entertainment. This summer there will be outdoor concerts with room for up to 1,500 people.

A new marketing campaign is gearing up, with new billboards and print advertising. The casino will also



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Harold Baugus joined Indian Head as general manager in October.

advertise on Spanish language television and radio stations. "All of this is in order to increase traffic," Baugus says.

He grew up in a farming community near Phoenix. He worked in agriculture until he was about 35, and then joined the Gila River Ca-

sinos.

This past fall he moved to Central Oregon with Patricia, his wife of 35 years. He had seen the position opening at Indian Head, researched the situation, and decided the opportunity here is a great one worth pursuing.

Elvis tribute show

Coming up later this month at Indian Head Casino is the Elvis Presley tribute show, "The Illusion of Elvis," starring Danny Vernson, voted one of the top ten Elvis entertainers in the world by Elvis Presley Enterprises.

Performances on Saturday, January 18, will be at 9 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 available at the Players Club.

For basketball fans: Every Thursday in January at 8 p.m. you have a chance to win a pair of Trail Blazers tickets. Games include the Minnesota Timberwolves, Oklahoma City Thunder and Los Angeles Lakers. Earn 50 points on your club card for a drawing ticket.



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