

Surf City Weekend

Summer may officially end on Sept. 21, but that won't dampen the spirit of summer fun at Chinook Winds Casino's Surf City event one week later. The '60s-themed weekend will feature race car and monster truck displays, a classic car show, a sock hop, and the Beach Boys in concert.

Surf City rides into Lincoln City on Sept. 27-29 and each night, one lucky winner will walk away with the keys to a new vehicle (choice of \$5,000 cash or one-year lease). Drawings take place

Sept. 27 and 28 at 11 p.m. and Sept. 29 at 7 p.m.

The chance to win big prizes isn't the only reason to head to the coast. Each day of Surf City features special events. Visitors can view a collection of race cars and monster trucks on Sept. 27, see beautifully restored classic cars on Sept. 28 and 29, and dance to the hits at the sock hop on Sept. 28.

It just wouldn't be Surf City without the Beach Boys. Concert time for both nights is 8 p.m. Tickets are \$30-50, depending on seat location.

Chinook Winds Takes Honors at Sandcastle Competition

When Executive Chef Ed Wickman heard about the sandcastle competition held on the beach in the Taft area of Lincoln City every summer, he started making plans. With competition rules in hand and several recruits from the facility in tow, he headed for the beach with a definite vision in mind.

The fact that none of them had built a sandcastle before and the enormity of the project they were about to undertake did not dampen the enthusiasm of the crew as they moved and sculpted what seemed like tons of sand.

At the end of the several-hour endeavor, with literally thousands of people on the beach observing throughout the day, the masterpiece was complete – an Indian chief looking out from the entrance of a tipi at Chinook

Winds Casino. The likeness of the casino was complete with landscaping and color detail made from pulverized berries found on the bank (only things found on the beach could be used in the sculpture).

For their creativity, the Chinook Winds team was awarded first place in the group division and the People's Choice Award as well.

Participants from Chinook Winds Casino included Roo Arledge, director of food & beverage; Ed Wickman, executive chef, and his wife, Karen; Leticia Martinez, utility worker, and family; Jesse Wright, EDR cook, and his wife, Phyllis, who works in Keno; Christine Durette, buffet server; Paul Reedy, VLT department; and Jason Lloyd, line/EDR cook.



Second-quarter superstar nominees, l to r: Rob Hamrick, Dewey Maxwell, Arthur Butler, Suzette Polk, Treva Rush, Dave Moorman, and Kathy Weldon.

Not pictured: Abe Martin and Richard Bartel.

Polk Named 2002 Second Quarter Superstar

Suzette Polk, a member of Chinook Winds Casino's Security Department, was chosen as the superstar for the second quarter of 2002.

Tribal elders, members of the Gaming Board of Directors, the Siletz Tribal Gaming Regulatory Agency, Chinook Winds directors, and several casino staff members were present at the superstar ceremony in July. In recognition of her achievement, Polk was presented with a check for \$1,000 and a marble tile that will be displayed at the front of the casino.

To be eligible to receive the Superstar award, an employee must perform his/her duties at a high standard of excellence on a consistent basis. He/she must exhibit above-the-norm internal and external customer service and be a team leader by example.

Instances of exemplary performance must be documented. After a person is nominated, the nomination goes through several reviews before the final selection is made. Both casino staff and casino guests can submit nominations. With more than 700 employees and only four of these awards given each year, it's a real honor to be chosen as the superstar.

Suzette was nominated by three co-workers who commended her quick and professional actions when one of them had a stroke at work.

