



McKenzie River Band

## Country Dance Features the McKenzie River Band

The McKenzie River Band will perform at the country dance on June 7 in the convention center.

The band's powerful three-part harmony sets them ahead of most country bands. Joe Garland, Michael McIntosh, and Steve Talus have made heads turn from coast to coast with their blending of harmonic voices.

The band also includes Robin Suskind, one of the founding members of Pure Prairie League, Todd Finnie of the Portland band Reaction, and Lou

Chavez of the band The Shoppe. Chavez is considered one of the best drummers west of the Mississippi. The band sets the trend for energy, excitement, and pure country entertainment.

So, get ready for some foot-stomping entertainment and an evening of country dancing. Free dance lessons will be offered from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., followed by the dance that lasts until midnight.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10; this event is for ages 21 and over.

## Hello to all our media friends!

Just how hot are you?

You'll get your chance to prove it July 18 at the annual Media Chili and Salsa Challenge at Chinook Winds Casino in Lincoln City.

Compete against your fellow members of the esteemed media of the Northwest for the titles of best chili and best salsa, plus people's choice awards in both categories. Prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third for chili, salsa, and booth decoration. Will you take home bragging rights for the next year?

The media challenge is all part of Smokin' at the Ocean, a combination of last year's Coast Fest plus some new and fun-filled additions.

So mark your calendars early. More information will be coming your way. It's all for fun, with proceeds going to charity projects here on the coast. Remember, it's truly "Better at the Beach!"

All the best,  
Teresa Simmons  
Public Relations Manager, Chinook Winds Casino

## Clayton Named First 2003 Superstar

Kathy Clayton of the Food & Beverage (F&B) Department was selected as the casino's Superstar for the first quarter of 2003.

Tribal elders, members of the Gaming Board of Directors, the Siletz Tribal Gaming Regulatory Agency, Chinook Winds directors, and several casino staff attended the Superstar ceremony on April 24. In recognition of her achievement, Kathy was presented with a



Kathy Clayton

check for \$1,000 and a marble tile that will be displayed at the front of the casino.

To be eligible for 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 for the award, the nomination goes through several reviews before the final selection is made. Both casino staff and 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.

Kathy received a nomination from a guest that was supported by six F&B supervisors. The guest wrote, "I felt I should write this to thank you for having such a valued employee. While eating at the restaurant, the crispy edge of the scalloped potatoes went down my throat. I could not get my breath. Kathy was right there, she knew the Heimlich maneuver and saved my life."

Other nominees included Linda Martin, Security; Randy Montgomery-Boge, Games; Starla Kay, Transportation; Joe Padilla, Bingo; Walt Bier, Security; Miguel Velazquez, F&B; Steve Huff, Facilities; Frank Cavezza, Security; Doug Brown, F&B; Angel Hutchinson, Facilities; Bill Wright, Facilities; Maria Watts, F&B; Chiny Crump, Games; and Joy Blankenship, Games.

## Swing into the Big Band Dance

Want to get into the swing of things? Here's your chance!

Burgie Crandall and the Two O'Clock Jump Orchestra will be performing on June 15. Their music includes big band, show tunes, waltz, tango, cha cha, samba, lindy, mambo, salsa, and swing.

Glide across the floor like Fred and Ginger, and go back to a time when big bands produced some of the most breathtaking music in our nation's

history. The dance will be held in the convention center, which offers a huge dance floor with plenty of room to trip the light fantastic.

Doors open at 1:30 p.m. and couples will have the chance to brush up on their dancing skills with free lessons from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. The dance is scheduled from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. A no-host bar will be available.

Tickets are \$10; this event is for ages 21 and over.

