

Good News from Food & Beverage

Customer comment cards are one way we can measure the quality of the experience that is being offered to our guests. The results of the customer comment cards through June 2008 regarding Chinook Winds Casino restaurants, not including Aces and with most of the cards containing comments about the buffet, reflected an increase in the level of customer satisfaction.

All areas showed improvement as depicted below. Categories listed were excellent, good, fair and poor. The percentage for the "poor" category decreased, which is good. The results in all other categories went up.

Results from the "excellent" category, with the percentage of improvement from 2007 to 2008 calculated from customer comment cards received, are listed below:

• Friendliness/Attentiveness of Personnel	+ 12.40%
• Appearance of Personnel	+ 9.40%
• Quality of Food/Temperature	+ 7.40%
• Cleanliness of Restaurant	+ 6.50%
• Overall Dining Experience	+ 7.40%
• Value of Your Dollar	+ 12.80%

Lincoln City to Hold Celebration of Honor

by Teresa Simmons

To honor all veterans and their families, a small patriotic town on the Central Oregon Coast, Lincoln City, will host a city-wide "Celebration of Honor" on Sept. 24-28.

Over the past several years, Lincoln City has established itself as a welcome safe haven for veterans and their families, a place for a weekend getaway or to vacation for several days.

The community has welcomed veterans with open arms with the event of the traveling Vietnam Wall in 2004, a welcome home celebration for the Oregon Army National Guard in 2005, the annual rededication of the Veterans Memorial at Chinook Winds Casino, the dinner sponsored by Mo's Restaurant held at the Salem Pavilion on Feb. 4, 2006, that fed 900 members of the Oregon Army National Guard before they deployed for Afghanistan, the Field of Flags and Oregon Veterans Medal Presentation in September 2007 at Chinook Winds and the ongoing veterans discounts offered by many of the city's motels through the Lincoln City Visitor and Convention Bureau.

Events during the Sept. 24-28 Celebration of Honor will be held city-wide by civic and charitable organizations, merchants associations, the Lincoln City Parks and Recreation Department and Chinook Winds Casino. This event is designed to cater to veterans and their families with many activities for both children and adults.

On Sept. 27 from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m., Henry's Lighthouse Donuts will have an SOS Breakfast with the proceeds going to the Oregon Coast Veterans Association.

The Lincoln City Kiwanis Club will hold a pulled-pork barbeque at Kenny's IGA North store parking lot from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sept. 27. Preparing the meal will be the founders of the James Gang Bar-B-Cue Sauce, Jesse and Pam James. Proceeds from the event will be used to further the welfare of local children.

The Lincoln City Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring "Adventures in Geocaching," an event that has been held several times and received attention from across the United States.

People interested in participating in geocaching need to arrive at the Lincoln City Community Center, 2150 NE Oar Place, and register by 2 p.m. on Sept. 27. At 2:15, participants will be released to complete the adventure.

All participants need a GPS and a mode of transportation. There will be 10 places for the people to find and receive the mark for their passport. Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

Also, the community center will offer free admission to veterans and their families during the weekend. This includes the swimming pool, basketball gym, weight and cardio rooms, and rock climbing wall. Veterans need to present identification at the front counter.

At the south end of town on 51st Street (near Mo's Restaurant and Siletz Bay) the Roundabouts will offer kite-making and bean bag games.

The Bay Area Merchants Association also plans a flag-raising ceremony and, in the same area, the North Lincoln County Historical Museum will offer free admission to veterans and their families from noon-5 p.m. on Sept. 26-28.

To commemorate Celebration of Honor weekend, declared by proclamation signed by Mayor Lori Hollingsworth, to be observed annually on the fourth weekend of September each year, the Lincoln City VCB will place red, white and blue glass floats on the beach for visitors to find.

The traveling Vietnam Wall will return to Chinook Winds on Sept. 24-28. Standing eight feet high at the center and spanning 378 feet, The Wall is the centerpiece of the American Veteran's Traveling Tribute.

Like the memorial in Washington, D.C., the 58,235 names are engraved

To the editor:

This pertains to the letter that was sent in by Rachelle Endres.

Paul Washington was not Alice (Virginia Alice Washington/Gongloff) Gongloff's grandfather. Isaac Washington Sr. was Alice Gongloff's grandfather.

This is just to set the record straight.

Pauline Montana



To all the brothers and sisters locked up, keep your head up and stay strong. You're all in my prayers.

Lots of love and respect, Todd Ramsey #10645123, Snake River Correctional Inst., 777 Stanton Blvd., Ontario, OR 97914-0595

Rena Brandt, I'm proud of you baby. You're doing good, stay strong. You're always in my thoughts and prayers. I love you, Rena, with all my heart. Thank you for standing by me. Love, Todd



Jimmy, Mathew and Robbie – You're all good men. Thank you all for being there for me when I needed help. I really appreciate it. Hope you're all doing good. You're in my thoughts and prayers.

Love, your cousin Todd

I also want to tell my family I love them all and miss them. You're all always in my thoughts and prayers.

Love, Todd

Happy Birthday to my friend, Felicia C., on Sept. 25. Thanks for always being there even if you're hard on me sometimes!

Love, Danelle

Happy Birthday to our cuzzinz:

Joshley Howell, Sept. 15
Christopher Brown, Sept. 22
Lincoln Lewelling, Sept. 25

We love you all.
Felicia, Carlos, Aurora and CJ Carmona

Happy Birthday to my beautiful friend, Liana Rai, on Sept 27. I hope your day's as wonderful as you are, my friend.
Love you lots, Felicia

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