

Brown Named Superstar Employee at Chinook Winds

Douglas Brown of Lincoln City, an employee in the Food and Beverage Department at Chinook Winds Casino Resort, has been selected as the Superstar employee for the first quarter of 2010.

In recognition of his accomplishment, Brown was presented with a check for \$1,000. A marble tile plaque, engraved with his name, will be displayed at the front entrance to the casino.

Brown is the second Siletz Tribal member to be honored with this award since its inception. The first was Midge Gilbert, an employee at Chinook Winds Golf Resort, who received this award for the fourth quarter of 2009.

Tribal Elders, staff of the Siletz Tribal Gaming Commission, Chinook Winds

directors and selected staff attended the Superstar ceremony.

Other employees nominated for this award included Tracy Brock, Juan Antonio Garcia Reyes, Mike Lal, Jack McDaniels, Gaspar Pedro, Laquita Reaves, Starla Kirkwood, Linda Martin, Ryan Morris and Terry Smith. One-, five- and 10-year employees also were recognized for their service to the resort.

From the 800 Chinook Winds Casino employees, only a few are selected to receive this honor each year. To be eligible, an employee must perform his or her duties at a high standard of excellence on a consistent basis and must exhibit a dedication to internal and external customer service.

Once an individual is nominated by casino staff or guests, the nomination must pass several reviews before the final selection.

Brown received multiple nominations to become the first quarter superstar for 2010 and also has been nominated in the past. He was nominated by co-workers who noticed his exemplary work ethic.

The following was read at the luncheon: "Doug is an employee with an exemplary work record, has a great attitude, a warm personality and is very good at his job. He shows teamwork coupled with humor to keep happiness in the workplace. It wasn't until his absence that it was noticed his humor and smile was depended on to help make the day better. He treats everyone with respect."



Douglas Brown

Tribal Member Vendors Invited to Sign Up for 2011 Gathering of Oregon's First Nations Pow-Wow

The five Western Oregon Tribes once again will host the Gathering of Oregon's First Nations Annual Pow-Wow at the state fairgrounds pavilion in Salem, Ore. on Jan. 29, 2011. All Oregon Tribes will be participating.

Tribal members will have a unique opportunity to secure vendor tables before they are open to the American Indian public. Once the tables are open to the American Indian public, it's anticipated they will be completely filled by the next day.

The committee wants to make sure Tribal vendors are given the first opportunity to secure a table. Tables are \$50 per vendor with each vendor allowed one table. Sorry, no food vendors.

The first year's attendance was estimated at 5,000 and last year we had approximately 3,000 people. The cutoff date for this special offer to Tribal members only is Sept. 15, 2010, at noon. After that, any table left will be open to the American Indian public.

Vendors must provide their own transportation and lodging along with the vendor registration fee.

If you do not have enough merchandise or want to split the cost with other Tribal members, that is allowable. Organizing the combining of resources, however, will be up to the individuals interested in doing so. If you decide to combine resources, please appoint one person to be in charge of your vendor table.

If you are interested, please contact Mona Fisher at 541-444-8230 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1230.

STBC Receives Two Grants

The Siletz Tribal Business Corporation recently received word that it had been awarded two grants.

The first grant is from the Linn, Benton and Lincoln Investment Board for Employer Workforce Training Funds for \$7,573. The grant will provide additional training opportunities for Siletz Technologies employees. This will enable the company to provide additional services for its customers, which will help it secure additional contracts from both government and corporate entities.

The second grant is from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Program for \$65,000. It will allow Northwest Maritime to design and fabricate a survey/debris mitigation vessel.

This one-of-a-kind vessel will enhance the sonar imaging component of Northwest Maritime's operations and will allow the company to provide unique services in this growing market.

Apply Now for Over-Income Grant Program for Home Renovations

The Over-Income Rehabilitation Construction program funds over-income families with a \$5,000 grant for construction rehabilitation on the primary residence they own or families who have possessor rights to their home.

Rehabilitation refers to repairs or renovations to the home, but does not include appliances, saunas, hot tubs, swimming pools, etc.

Over-income refers to Tribal members whose income exceeds the income limits set by the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA). These are listed as follows:

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39,650	45,300	51,000	56,650	61,200	65,700	70,250	74,800

If you are a Siletz Tribal member and have not received an over-income grant, call the Housing office to request an application.

Applications, including proof of income, enrollment and proof of homeownership must be submitted to the Housing office by July 30, 2010, at 4:30 p.m. Applications received after that date and time will not be accepted by the Siletz Tribal Housing Department.

Qualified applicants will be placed in the lottery drawing, which will be held in August on a date approved by the Tribal Council.

If you have any questions, please call Jeanette Aradoz at 800-922-1399, ext. 1316, or 541-444-8316.



Photo by Diane Rodriguez

Lincoln City Mayor Lori Hollingsworth and Tribal Chairman Delores Pigsley sign the Untreated Water Services Agreement at a meeting between the city and the Tribe on June 7.

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good for 15 years, with an option to renew for another 15 years. During this time, the Tribe agrees not to apply for any new or additional water rights on Rock Creek.

The Tribe and the city also are looking at ways "to study and confer regarding potential alternatives for the reuse of untreated water in golf course operations," according to the agreement. The task force will meet at least three times per year and provide written updates semiannually.

The Tribe and Lincoln City have been following a water services agreement from 1991 to irrigate the golf course.

But the Tribe's plans to expand the golf course from an executive level course to a resort level course mean more water will be needed.

If the Oregon Water Resources Department does not issue a final order approving this agreement within two years, the agreement will terminate and the Tribe and city will renegotiate the terms of the existing water services agreement for treated water for use on the golf course. They also would consider alternative arrangements for the Tribe's use of untreated water from the city.