

## Hospitality team looks to build 'consistent high standard across the resort'



Courtesy photo by Chinook Winds Casino Resort staff

Josh Blacketer, Hollee Schildan, Rose Mignano and Bruce Cramer are members of Chinook Winds' new hospitality team.

Siletz Tribal member Josh Blacketer, hospitality manager for Chinook Winds, is proud to announce the addition of his new team members.

"My team is charged with taking the existing foundation of our customer service levels and building on them," said Blacketer. "With our team, we look forward to working with different departments in the near future to help set a consistent high standard across the resort of customer relations."

Hollee Schildan, the new hospitality clerk, is a 2010 graduate of Western Oregon University. She has lived on the Oregon Coast her entire life and can't imagine living anywhere else.

As a new employee to the Chinook Winds Hospitality Department, she hopes to create a firm foundation with fellow employees and strengthen customer relations.

Rose Mignano, a Taft High School graduate, is new to Chinook Winds Casino Resort and excited to be a part of the new Hospitality Department. She has worked for more than 10 years in the customer

service industry as well as more than five years in education.

After graduating from Pacific University, Mignano came back to Taft as an AmeriCorps (domestic Peace Corps) member. She then moved to China to teach English for two years. Her time in China cultivated her love of adventure, showed her the beauty of diversity and taught her to see challenges as opportunities in disguise.

"I'm excited to be able to help build the foundations for excellent guest services here at Chinook Winds," Mignano said. "I love to see people coming together to collaborate for greatness."

Bruce Cramer, hospitality specialist, has been with Chinook Winds Casino for three years. He started in Player Services, moved to casino promotions and now is part of the Hospitality Department.

Cramer spent 25 years in broadcast news, primarily in Portland at KGW and KATU television.

"This is an opportunity to be part of something that will make a tangible difference in the future of Chinook Winds," said Cramer of his newest position.

## Omaha, Jones and Kane serve up life and laughs at Comedy on the Coast

Larry Omaha, Tim Jones and Kenny Kane headline this month's edition of Comedy on the Coast at Chinook Winds Casino Resort on April 29-30.

Born on the banks of the Missouri River, Omaha's childhood was spent fighting flood waters, snakes and coyotes on America's Midwestern plains. He knew the memories of his youth were destined for the standup stage. You'll howl as he turns Native American stereotypes upside down and inside out.

You can see him on the new ABC show *No Ordinary Family*, Showtime's comedy special *Goin' Native*, and HBO's *Erotic Traveler*. Omaha also will be a new character (Nightwolf) in the next release of *Mortal Kombat 9*.

Jones studied broadcast journalism and worked as a news writer for NBC before ditching it in favor of the stage.

"I wanted to be a network reporter, you know, frontline reporting in the war zone and all that stuff. Then I realized it

was pretty depressing. So I tried to write funny, lighter stories, but they didn't go down too well. So I said, well, I'm going to go where they accept this stuff. I quit," said Jones.

He moved to Los Angeles and started onstage at the Comedy Store's amateur night. He then moved onto the TV circuit, appearing in everything from *Fresh Prince of Bel Air* to MTV and Comedy Central.

Kane is a multi-dimensional performer who draws from his background as

a black belt, hip-hop dancer, soccer player and track athlete to create an extremely high-energy and physical show.

Kane's unequivocal force is balanced by authentic stories about family, relationships, teaching children and motivational speaking. After watching a recent performance, an audience member said, "Wow! I'm out of breath and I was sitting! Not only was that hilarious, it was original and he actually made me think."

Show time is 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15.

## Veterans celebration set for September

LINCOLN CITY, Ore. – Every year to honor all veterans of the Armed Forces, active duty personnel and their families, a small patriotic town on Oregon's Central Coast, Lincoln City, hosts a city-wide "Celebration of Honor." This year's event is scheduled for Sept. 21-25.

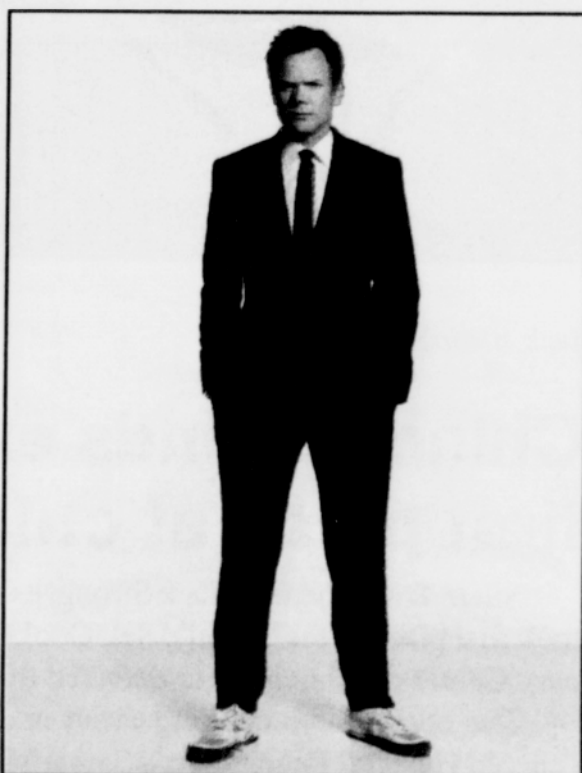
Spearheaded by Chinook Winds Casino Resort, this annual event continues to grow with new exciting events added every year while it retains many events from previous years.

This September, Chinook Winds will host the American Veterans Travelling Tribute for the third time and the Oregon Field of 1,000 Flags for the fifth consecutive year. Also returning is the challenging Run for Honor 5K Run/Walk, the rededication of the Veteran's Memorial and Oregon Veteran's Medal presentations.

Lincoln City has established itself as a welcoming community for veterans and their families. Celebration of Honor events will be held city-wide by civic and charitable organizations, merchants associations, Chinook Winds, the Lincoln City Visitor and Convention Bureau and Parks and Recreation Department, and the Lincoln City Cultural Center. These events are designed to appeal to veterans and their families with many activities for both children and adults.

The weekend-long celebration includes displays of firefighting and rescue equipment courtesy of North Lincoln Fire and Rescue, displays of military equipment and memorabilia, and fundraising breakfasts, lunches and dinners across town to benefit many veterans' organizations.

The events will continue to develop and grow through the coming months with a full itinerary of events available mid-summer on the Chinook Winds website at [www.chinookwindscasino.com](http://www.chinookwindscasino.com).



Joel McHale

## Test your luck on Lucky 8 Tuesdays

The second Tuesday of every month is extra lucky for Winners Circle members at Chinook Winds Casino Resort. You could win free slot play, discounts or cash.

**Lucky seats** – At 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., we'll draw from eight gamers on the floor to win \$80 in free slot play.

**Lucky members** – At 8 a.m., we'll draw eight Winners Circle member numbers at random and post them at the Winners Circle. Find your number and claim \$80 in free slot play.

**Lucky discounts** – Check in at the Winners Circle for half-price redemption on selected merchandise and \$2 off food discounts.

**Lucky drawings** – Play in the casino and collect entries for the 8 p.m. drawings. Eight winners take home cash.

### Lucky Tuesdays 2011

May 10	Aug. 9	Oct. 11
June 14	Sept. 13	Nov. 8
July 12		Dec. 13

## McHale brings standup routine to coast for 2 shows on 1 day in May

Joel McHale is the star of NBC's hit comedy series *Community* and E!'s pop culture phenomenon *The Soup*. He comes to Chinook Winds Casino Resort for two shows on May 21.

McHale recently landed roles in two upcoming films, *What's Your Number* opposite Anna Faris and *The Big Year* with Steve Martin, Jack Black and Owen Wilson.

Previously, he starred opposite Matt Damon in Steven Soderbergh's comedic thriller *The Informant* and had roles in *Spider-Man II* and *Lords of Dogtown*.

McHale also performs his standup act around the country to soldout audiences.

Born in Rome and raised in Seattle, Wash., McHale was a history major at the University of Washington, where he also was a member of its championship football team.

In addition, he received his master's of fine arts from the university's Actor's Training Program.

McHale lives in Los Angeles with his wife and two sons.

Show times are 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$45 to \$60.