

Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Show comes to coast with logging talent

Come enjoy your Fourth of July weekend at Chinook Winds Casino Resort with the Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Show, which features six pros showing off their expert logging talents.

The six-man pro logger show includes underhand chopping, springboard chopping, axe throwing, crosscut sawing, dragster chainsaws, precision chainsaws, chainsaw carving, obstacle pole, log rolling and the Paul Bunyan Relay Race.

The professional competitions are at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. on July 5 and 6 p.m. on July 6. Cash prizes will be awarded in each category for the top three lumberjacks, with a total of \$6,000 available. To see what this show is like, visit the Paul Bunyan website at lumberjackent.com.

Amateur competition available to local loggers

On July 6 at 1 p.m., the competition continues, this time at the amateur level. Check out some of our local loggers, you might recognize some friendly familiar faces.

The amateur competition consists of two-person teams. They will compete in five events to put their logging skills to the test and win some cash for their efforts.

For more information on the amateur competition, contact Kelli Duhamel at 541-996-5312 or email kellid@cwresort.com.

This is one of those excitement-packed, unique Fourth of July weekends at the coast. For more information about or online registration for this terrific, family friendly outdoor event, visit chinookwindscasino.com.

Tribal Member Business Owners

If you would like to be on the preferred Tribal members business list with Chinook Winds, please fax, mail, e-mail, or drop off your business card, brochures, or other information at:

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Over a hundred years ago Black Elk had a vision of the time when Indian People would heal from the devastating effects of European migration. In his vision the Sacred Hoop which had been broken, would be mended in seven generations.

The children born into this decade will be the seventh generation.

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"When the Children Grow Old... We Want Them to Know We Fought for Them"

There are many ways to fight to protect our children ~ one of those ways is by being a foster parent.

The Siletz Tribal Indian Child Welfare Department is accepting and recruiting foster homes on behalf of our Tribal children.

For more information, call Christy Hurt, foster care certifier, at 800-922-1399, ext. 1338, or 541-444-8338.

Greetings:

I would like to take this time to talk about the sacred ceremonial sites that are being abused here in our Siletz community. It has been a struggle we have faced for generations and it's time we come together as a community to address the issue. I believe we can increase community awareness about this issue to help reduce some of the disrespect.

I have found used needles around our dance house, cigarette butts in our fire places and beer cans and bottles on our altars and in our lodges. Our wood we get for our sweat lodge ceremony has been getting stolen. The cemetery on the hill is another place of prayer and healing that has been being abused with beer cans, bottles and garbage.

Using drugs and alcohol in and around these places are traditionally not OK. This is not a way we remember and honor our ancestors who passed on before us. Our ancestors believed in these places of healing and prayer and many fought and died for these beliefs.

I was told by an Elder that our ceremonial sites and the way we conduct ourselves in these places is an image of the way we live our lives. I was told if I was to build these places of healing that they need to be used and taken care of. I feel we as a Tribal community need to take the time and effort to make sure these places are maintained and protected.

The sweat lodge ceremony has been my "church" and my place of healing since I was a young boy. I know no other way.

I would like to acknowledge those who have been participating and taking care of this ceremony for our people here in the community. I would also like to thank my uncle, Arthur Butler, for dedicating his time, money and energy to making sure we always have firewood.

Thank you for your time,
Rusty Butler

To the editor:

So often we take for granted all that our Tribe does for its members! I think we all need to reflect on everything the Tribe helps each of us with. So many programs for so many needs.

Soon we will be getting per capita payments. So many people will be complaining because it isn't "enough." But come on, non-Native people would love to get a check in the mail on Aug. 1. As a new "baby" Elder, I see how many outings are offered, which includes a free bus ride, rooms for pow-wow – how wonderful!

I have a very special "thank you" to the Voc Rehab Program. Due to some medical problems, I need to get some things that I just cannot afford. Voc Rehab stepped in and those needs have been taken care of. They were nice and helpful and I want them to know that I really appreciate it!

I would love to see my fellow Tribal members not focus on how much they "think we should get" and be thankful for "all we do get."

Cindy Jackson

To the editor:

On behalf of the Siletz Head Start Policy Council and Parent Committees, we would like to thank the following businesses for their generous donation to the Siletz Head Start Raffle:

Chinook Winds Casino Resort
Mariner Square
CTSI Education Committee
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Siletz Valley Fire Department

And a thank you to each individual who donated or purchased tickets for the Head Start Raffle. Your commitment to help bring activities and education to children of our community is appreciated by our Policy Council, Parent Committees, teaching staff and most importantly, the people who benefit the most from your generous donation – our Head Start children.

Thank you for your support!

Siletz Tribal Head Start Policy Council and Parent Committees

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