

WinStar World Casino Breaks Ground on New Hotel Tower



Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby, along with several elected officials and community members, recently gathered to break ground on a new hotel tower at WinStar World Casino. The new 18-story hotel tower will be located adjacent to the existing 12-story WinStar Hotel. It will offer casino resort guests an added dimension in luxurious accommodations with 500 upscale guest rooms.

“This project is a significant step toward our goal of expanding WinStar’s appeal as a first-class entertainment destination,” said Governor Anoatubby. “We believe this new hotel will enhance the positive economic impact WinStar has in this area by employing more local residents and bringing more visitors to the area.”

The new tower will share a grand entrance with the existing WinStar Hotel. The two hotels will also share a new luxury pool and garden oasis with about 50,000 sq. ft. of lush

landscaping, several pools, spas and other water features. The new exterior of the expansion project will feature an elaborate porte-cochère covered entryway and a metal replica of the 1960 World’s Fair Globe. The project, as a whole, is designed to create a ‘grand’ aesthetic that includes details reminiscent of turn-of-the-century transportation and port-of-call facilities in the golden age of travel. The gaming expansion and the new entryway are expected to be completed in the spring of 2012.

This latest project comes on the heels of the construction of a new 1,400-space parking lot and a 54,000 sq. ft. expansion of WinStar World, which will include more games, two new restaurants and a multi-purpose room on the north end of the facility.

The new hotel tower and property expansion were designed by architecture firm, Hnedak Bobo Group. “HBG has forged a great working relationship with the Chickasaw Nation over the years, and this has allowed us to truly appreciate their brand and vision for their gaming properties,” says Danny Valle, AIA, Principal at Hnedak Bobo Group. “We worked closely to translate this understanding into a phased and graceful expansion that properly aligns with their strategic blueprint for the future. New amenities will be added incrementally, consistent with the approved master plan.”

Flintco, a Native American firm headquartered in Oklahoma City, will serve as general contractor. Construction is expected to be complete in the summer of 2013. Once complete, the new hotel tower is expected to employ an additional 150 people.

Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino and Lone Butte Casino Introduce New High Limit Salon and Sports Lounge



Guests at Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino and Lone Butte Casino have some new places to play at their favorite casinos. Shutter's High Limit Salon is a new room at Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino that offers high limit table games like blackjack and pai gow along with video poker and food and beverage service in an elegant atmosphere with an Asian flair.

The Big City Sports Lounge at Lone Butte Casino lets casino

guests watch their favorite sports game while they play their favorite casino game. The modern sports themed room feature slot machines and table games and serves food typical of sports stadiums throughout the country while featuring memorabilia from famous sports legends.



Running Creek Casino on Track to Open in 2012

Construction is set to resume on Northern California's newest casino gaming facility. Running Creek Casino, an enterprise of the Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake, will be constructed in Upper Lake at a site along Highway 20. The 33,000 sq. ft. casino will feature 349 slot machines, six table games, a dining outlet, player's club, and gift shop. The project, which is already underway, should add about 145 new jobs for area residents once it is built.

"We're very pleased to be moving forward with our construction plans," said Tribal Chairperson Sherry Treppa. "Our goal is to make Running Creek Casino the most exciting gaming facility in the county, and the number one choice for visitors to the region."

"The Tribe is excited about creating new jobs here in our community and bringing more money to area businesses both during the construction phase and after through partnerships



with local hotels and vendors. It is also our hope that this project will allow us to work towards economic self-sufficiency for our tribe, and that we can contribute to the economic success of Lake County and area tourism."

Michael Schrader has been chosen as the general manager of the new facility. Schrader has experience opening new casino properties in Michigan and Oklahoma, and has worked in casinos for more than 12 years in a variety of managerial roles.

Chinook Winds Casino Resort Celebrates Grand Re-Opening of Siletz Bay Buffet



L-R: Lincoln City Chamber Ambassadors Harold Loyd and Susan Wahlke; Chinook Winds Casino Resort General Manager Sar Richards; Director of Facilities Lee Scantling (behind Richards); Siletz Tribal Council Member Sharon Edenfield; Project Coordinator Sean Sheridan; Siletz Tribal Council Members Jessie Davis, Lillie Butler, Loraine Butler and Tina Retasket; Executive Chef Jack Strong; Siletz Tribal Council member Reggie Butler; and Director of Food & Beverage Chuck McPherson.

Chinook Winds Casino Resort General Manager Sar Richards and members of the Siletz Tribal Council recently welcomed over 60 guests to the grand re-opening and ribbon cutting of the newly remodeled Siletz Bay Buffet at Chinook Winds Casino Resort. Lincoln City Mayor Dick Anderson, representatives from the Lincoln City Chamber of Commerce, the Lincoln City VCB, Lincoln City Chamber Ambassadors and Lincoln County District Attorney Rob Bovett were among those present for the ceremony.

Director of Facilities, Lee Scantling, worked with I-5 Design to develop a design that would best meet the goals of Chinook Winds Casino striving to provide the best possible dining experience for casino guests. The Chinook Winds facilities crew completed the renovation working after the buffet had closed for the day, every day. The whole project took only 30 days to complete and it was done with a minimum of inconvenience to guests of the Casino.

With the exception of the murals depicting the history and the culture of the Siletz Tribe, nearly everything else has been changed out. The buffet has been expanded to seat 252 people with room to add even more seating if necessary. The new design allows for more efficient flow of traffic with less congestion in the serving areas. A pleasant, spacious and relaxing atmosphere has been created.

Food and Beverage Executive Director Chuck McPherson and Executive Chef Siletz Tribal Member Jack Strong were more than happy to show off the remodeled venue that showcases the new menu offered at the Siletz Bay Buffet including cedar or alder plank baked salmon and prime rib offered daily. At both lunch and dinner you can make your own fully loaded baked potato with items available at the salad bar. Some entrees will change with the seasons and others will be rotated out daily however, Friday is still the day for seafood buffet!

Any time of day watch your entrée being created at the action station that features breakfast omelets made to your specifications, pasta during the midday meal and a variety of offerings for dinner. Ever popular fry bread is available to accompany your entrée during the dinner seating.

The Siletz Bay Buffet is just one more reason that "It's Better at the Beach."

Redding Rancheria Selects Local Company for \$3 Million Redding Rancheria Tribal Health Center Remodel

The Redding Rancheria has selected Gifford Construction to lead the \$3 million remodel of the Redding Rancheria Tribal Health Center. Redding-based Gifford Construction will begin work in November 2011 to remodel the new facility. This remodel will more than double the size of our current facility.

“It was important to the Redding and Shasta County community to keep this project local, rather than select an out-of-town contractor,” said Tracy Edwards, CEO of Redding Rancheria. “Choosing Gifford Construction lets us continue investing in our community.”

“The tribe feels very strongly about hiring local companies,” added Jason Hart, Redding Rancheria Tribal Chairperson. “Without the support of our local community, we could not succeed.”

Gifford will remodel the current facility on Liberty Street. The new facility will be increasing from 13,000 sq. ft. in our current facility to 33,000 sq. ft. and includes increasing from 11 exam rooms to 24 exam rooms, expanding behavior health, dental services and adding a demonstration kitchen for diabetic patients.

Dental services will be a full complement with seven operatories. There will also be a comprehensive medical family practice with 21 treatment rooms. The Behavior Health Department will offer psychiatry services and the Diabetes Program will have registered dietitians. Included is a full pharmacy and urgent care medical services with three treatment rooms. The current facility will stay open during the project.



Redding Rancheria tribal elders help get the project started.



All New Stax Poker Lounge Opens at Seminole Casino Coconut Creek

Seminole Casino Coconut Creek Casino celebrated the opening of its Stax Poker Lounge in grand style on Dec. 27 with a ribbon cutting and limited capacity public meet and greet reception. At the opening were Comedian Jimmy (JJ) Walker, professional poker players Jason Mercier and Huckleberry Seed, “Celebrity Apprentice” show contestant Hope Dworaczek, and Hosea Rosenberg, Season 5 winner of “Top Chef.”

A VIP invitation-only charity no limit poker tournament was held after the public event.

The grand opening began with a ceremonial ribbon cutting and public meet and greet reception, allowing guests



to get celebrity autographs and photos. The private tournament play included of a celebrity playing at each table with invited players.

“There’s much more fun to come with other opening celebrations we have planned for our \$150 million expansion in the next couple of months,” said Steve Bonner, Seminole Casino Coconut Creek general manager.

The newly-constructed Stax Poker Lounge, located on the second floor above the expanded casino, is a spacious, well-appointed 30-table no limit/high stakes non-smoking poker room, complete with flat screen televisions and a large bar. ♣