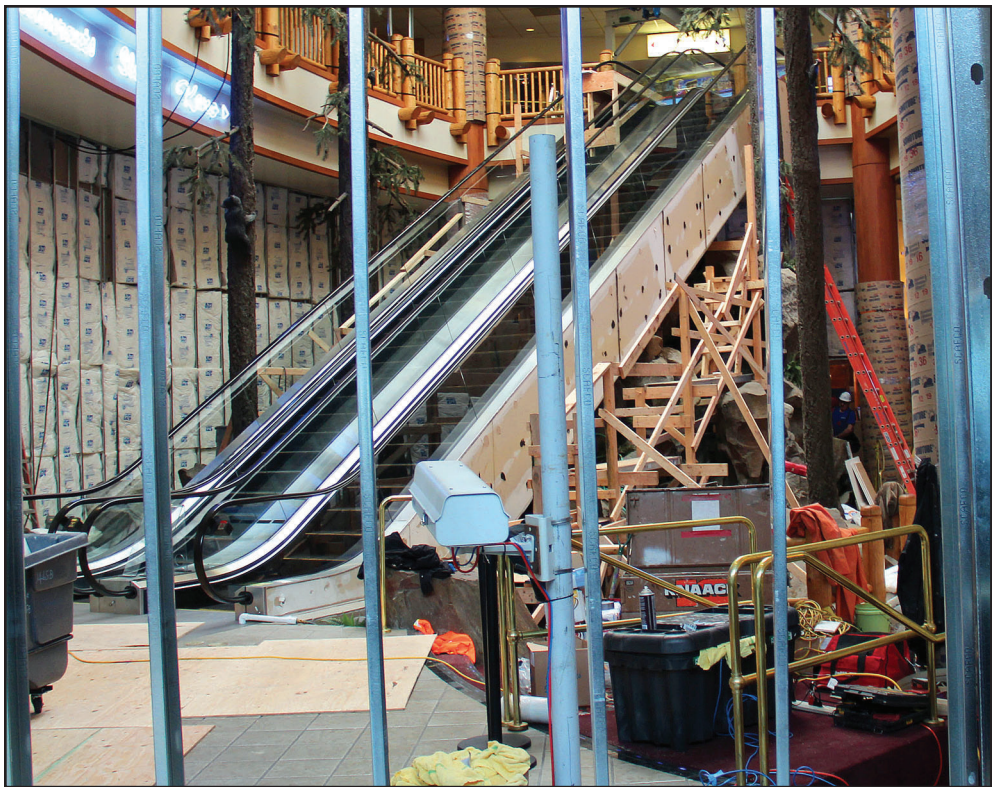




Courtesy photos from Chinook Winds Casino Resort staff

The escalator undergoes repairs in mid-January (above) and emerges in its brand new form (right) in late February.



Casino escalator project completed ahead of schedule and under budget

On April 3, 2013, at noon, Chinook Winds Casino Resort will host a ribbon cutting to celebrate its new escalator that was replaced this winter.

The \$1 million escalator project was scheduled to be completed in three months. Because of the hard work of Schommer & Sons of Portland, Ore.; Otis Worldwide;

and the in-house help of casino employees, the new escalator was up and running five weeks ahead of schedule and approximately \$20,000 under budget.

"It was just simply time to replace the old escalator. Annually, more than 1.5 million guests visit the casino and use the escalator. After 17 years of high traffic

usage, the existing escalator was in need of constant repair," said General Manager Mike Fisher. "We anticipate over 2 million visitors in 2013 and needed a new escalator. This project was carefully planned out and executed above expectations."

A wall was constructed in early January to keep the project contained and create less disruption for resort guests. Windows were installed for guests and

staff to view the escalator project construction in progress. Daily progress photos were placed on the casino website and Facebook to keep guests updated on the status of the project.

The public is invited to join Chinook Winds management, the Siletz Tribal Council, staff and representatives from the construction team for the ribbon cutting in the main casino lobby on April 3 at noon.



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Tribal Chairman Delores Pigsley presents a dentalium necklace to Oregon's First Lady Cylvia Hayes (left photo) during a tsunami debris workshop at Chinook Winds in February.

Japanese tsunami survivors and scientists plus representatives from Washington D.C. (photo above right) gather at Chinook Winds for a day-long workshop.

Player Services Manager Lee Johnson works with SOLV to organize a beach cleanup (below) in front of the Chinook Winds hotel that involved students from Lincoln County schools and tsunami debris workshop participants.



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