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New Quil Ceda Creek Casino to spotlight exciting new casual dining concepts and environmental focus with “green kitchen”

Casino’s restaurants first in the region to fully embrace new kitchen technologies

TULALIP, WA (Sept. 30, 2020) – A major commitment to food excellence and state-of-the-industry “green kitchen” operations are among the attractions coming to the new Quil Ceda Creek Casino, slated to open in early 2021. The centerpieces for the enhanced culinary focus include “The Kitchen,” offering guests casual dining with an array of made-to-order menu choices and “The Landing,” an exciting a la carte dining experience.

The kitchens will be the first in the region to fully incorporate energy-saving windspeed and induction technologies. Menu items will spotlight fresh, local ingredients from Northwest suppliers and prepared with the latest “green cooking” techniques. A test kitchen was built near the casino where every menu item has been prepared using the advanced technology used in the new casino’s kitchens.

“The unveiling of ‘The Kitchen,’ ‘The Landing’ and other new food and beverage venues will support our goal of providing guests with a total gaming, dining and entertainment experience,” said Belinda Hegnes, Interim Executive VP of Quil Ceda Creek Casino. “Healthier, safer and environmentally conscious technology literally transforms the way recipes are developed and prepared. And by embracing the ‘green kitchen’ concept, we are aligning our operations with the Tulalip Tribes’ commitment to the environment.”

More than doubling the size of the current casino located across the street, the impressive new “Q” will span over 120,000 square feet and will include 1,500 gaming machines (an increase of 500 machines), additional table games, an expanded entertainment lounge and a multi-story parking garage. The new Quil Ceda Creek Casino is located on 15 acres of Tulalip Tribal land directly off I-5 at exit 199.

Far from an afterthought, planning for the new dining concepts and kitchen operations have been underway for more than two years. “The Kitchen” spotlights a new food hall dining experience where guests may visit one or multiple stations and choose from a variety of made-to-order menu items. Selections are recorded on a single card as they go, and guests pay one

bill for all orders when they are finished, as opposed to “food court” experiences at most other casinos where patrons pay at each and every station or restaurant they visit.

Guests at ‘The Kitchen’ can expect a tasty lineup of choices including freshly-prepared pizza and pasta, roasted prime rib, hand carved meats for sandwiches, tossed salads made on the spot, breakfast served 24/7, plus a few surprises: fresh gelatos, “chocolate lasagna” and a vertical cone of chocolate for serving up hand-shaved additions to desserts!

“With all the preparation activity taking place in front of guests, it’s a stimulating scene that adds to the interest and anticipation of the meal,” said Hegnes. “It’s a feast for the senses.”

Kitchen operations spotlight top-to-bottom commitment to energy savings and the environment

Without sacrificing flavor and character, the new “Q” culinary team will introduce windspeed ovens and other innovations to the food preparation. The result: a major reduction in energy consumption and waste output.

It’s a no-fry environment where open burners will be replaced with induction cooking – using magnets to generate heat. And there is no need for overhead vents, since the ovens will feature catalytic converters that dissipate grease into water and co2. Induction-style heat wells will take the place of energy-gulping steam tables. Even to-go containers will have a short “life” of 90 days and will be compostable.

“From the front door to the back door and beyond, the restaurants at the new Quil Ceda Creek Casino will be the ‘greenest’ in the Northwest when they open. It’s a tribute to forward-thinking by the Tulalip Tribes,” said Hegnes.

The current Quil Ceda Creek Casino facility will remain fully operational until the new casino opens to the public in early 2021. More information on the new Quil Ceda Creek Casino and a livestream look at construction can be found at quilcedacreekcasino.com/NewQCCCasino.

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About Quil Ceda Creek Casino

For 26 years, Quil Ceda Creek Casino has been the local’s favorite for gaming and entertainment. With more than 1,000 slot machines, a variety of table games, exciting entertainment in the Qzone, great food and beverage options plus a convenient location, Quil Ceda Creek Casino (called ‘The Q’ by locals) has been the place to meet for fun and excitement. The Q is excited to announce an all new and expanded gaming, entertainment and dining complex opening in early 2021 that will elevate ‘The Q’ experience while maintaining the same,

friendly, fun and casual vibe. Connect with us on Facebook @QCCcasino, Twitter @QCCcasino or visit us online at quilcedacreekcasino.com/NewQCCCasino.