

# Press Release



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## Gun Lake Casino Resort is Here!

***Luxurious 16-Story Hotel, Full-Service Spa, all New Sandhill Cafe Opening March 7 to Place GLCR at the Top of Midwest Casino Resorts***

(Wayland, Mich.) – Gun Lake Casino Resort (GLCR), today, enthusiastically announced the long-awaited Gun Lake Casino Resort is now a reality and will welcome its first guests on March 7 at 4pm. Awaiting the first to arrive is a magnificent 16-story hotel with thirty-one suites. The \$300 million expansion brings back an all-new Sandhill Café to complement a plethora of exquisite dining options. A full-service spa, meeting and event space, and a new lobby bar round out the new amenities.

“Welcome to the all-new Gun Lake Casino Resort, as we say, this is where you want to be,” exclaimed Sal Semola, Chief Executive Officer of Gun Lake Casino. “Phase 5 is our evolution into a year-round full-service casino resort with accoutrements not found anywhere in the Midwest, as this property now offers unique amenities that rival any casino gaming property anywhere in the country.”

Gun Lake Casino Resort features a 16-story, 252-room hotel with thirty-one suites that has redefined the Midwest casino resort experience. The crown jewel is Ogema Suite, a two-story, two-bedroom, two-bathroom 3,368 square foot luxury condo with an in-suite elevator, a bar, and billiards table, with breathtaking views of west Michigan in all directions.

The Mnoyé Spa offers a private pool, and relaxing retreat replete with gooseneck massagers, bubble massage benches, private treatment rooms with customizable and



programmable lighting and music experiences. The spa also offers six massage treatment rooms, a nail salon, a state-of-the-art gym featuring Peloton bikes, treadmills, and free weights.

Gun Lake Casino Resort offers nine incredible food and beverage venues with something for every palate. Loyal guests will appreciate the return of an all-new Sandhill Café. The “day-one” favorite makes a bold reemergence featuring a hearty menu of time-tested classics and breakfast every day of the week.

Gun Lake Casino Resort is the perfect place to hold a meeting, convention, banquet, or private party. Our meeting and event space boasts multiple unique and memorable spaces for groups of all sizes. We will offer full-service wedding events as well. Inquiries to our courteous and knowledgeable hotel Team Members are encouraged.

The Wawyé Oasis will be a destination unlike any other in the Midwest. A beautiful glass atrium will house over 32,000 square feet of paradise with live palm trees, private cabanas, tropical flora, and other features kept at a sublime 80 degrees – all year-round! This venue will feature two distinctive pools, a 21+ VIP Pool, and a fun-filled Family Pool. The grand opening is scheduled for May 2025.

The March 7 grand opening of the hotel caps off nearly 3-years of construction. GLCR is immensely thankful for the dedication of hundreds of valued skilled trades men and women. The 3-year construction timeframe to build the hotel, Mnoyé Spa, Wawyé Oasis, all new Sandhill Café, lobby area and more could not have been achieved without the dedication of many valued skilled trades men and women. Phase 5 directly employed 1,160 construction workers that include plumbers, pipefitters, welders, iron workers, electricians, heavy equipment operators, carpenters, painters, and general laborers. We thank the Southwest Michigan Building Trades for a long partnership going back to the original groundbreaking of Gun Lake Casino in 2009.

Gun Lake Casino Resort has 1,500 valued Team Members, considered family. Careers offered span diverse departments including card dealers, slot attendants, servers, housekeepers, accounting, surveillance, security, valet, marketing, and executive management.

Join our Team! Gun Lake Casino Resort is always looking for valued people to join the family. For information about the great careers and benefits awaiting you, please visit <https://gunlakecasino.com/careers/>.

A Phase 5 press kit with more details about the hotel, spa, dining, and entertainment, along with high resolution pictures and more is available at this QR code:



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### About Gun Lake Casino Resort

Gun Lake Casino Resort is a premier gaming and entertainment destination, is located off Exit 61 on U.S. 131, halfway between Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo. A new 252-room luxury 16-story hotel, a full-service spa, meeting space, and additional dining options opened March 7, 2025. The Wawyé Oasis, a stunning 32,000-square-foot glass atrium with a year-round tropical climate, will feature a state-of-the-art entertainment center with multiple pools. This space will also serve as a vibrant nightclub, live concert venue, and versatile banquet facility. The venue is scheduled to open in May 2025.

Currently, the casino offers a variety of thrilling gaming options, including 2,300 state-of-the-art slot machines, over 50 table games, a live poker room, a modern sportsbook, and keno. Gun Lake Casino is comprised of high-quality dining amenities, including Shkodé Chophouse with a contemporary take on American cuisine, CBK (Craft·Bar·Kitchen) inspired by the brewery culture in Michigan, 131 Sportsbar & Lounge with over 6,500 square feet of meeting space, and over 1,000 square feet of viewing surface for panoramic views of live events, and Harvest Buffet featuring fresh ingredients, cooked to order.

Gun Lake Casino Resort is owned by the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi. Gun Lake Casino Resort is committed to giving back by seeking opportunities to improve the quality of life in the community it serves. We believe it is a privilege and responsibility to help build and maintain a positive and healthy community. For more information, visit <https://gunlakecasino.com>.

