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Gun Lake Casino Resort Has Arrived!

Luxurious 16-Story Hotel, Full-Service Spa, and the Reimagined Sandhill Café Open March 7

Gun Lake Casino Resort Takes Its Place as a Premier Midwest Destination
(Wayland, Mich.) – Gun Lake Casino Resort (GLCR) is proud to announce that the long-awaited expansion is now a reality. Beginning March 7, guests will be welcomed to an extraordinary 16-story hotel featuring 31 stunning suites. This $300 million expansion includes the highly anticipated return of the reimagined Sandhill Café, a full-service spa, and a stylish new Lobby Bar.

"Welcome to the all-new Gun Lake Casino Resort—this is where you want to be," said Sal Semola, Chief Executive Officer of Gun Lake Casino Resort. "With Phase 5, we have evolved into a full-service, year-round casino resort, offering amenities and experiences that set a new standard for the Midwest and rival top-tier gaming destinations across the country."

Unparalleled Luxury and Comfort
Gun Lake Casino Resort's expansion features a magnificent 16-story, 252-room hotel, redefining luxury in the Midwest. The crown jewel of the resort, the Ogema Suite, is a breathtaking two-story, two-bedroom, two-bathroom penthouse spanning 3,368 square feet. This exclusive suite boasts an in-suite elevator, a full bar, and panoramic views of West Michigan.

A Destination for Relaxation and Rejuvenation
The MnoYé (Mm-NO-Yay) Spa offers a private pool and a serene retreat featuring gooseneck massagers, bubble massage benches, and private treatment rooms with customizable lighting and music. Guests can indulge in six luxurious massage treatment rooms, a full-service nail salon, and a state-of-the-art gym equipped with Peloton bikes, treadmills, and free weights.

Diverse Culinary Experiences
Gun Lake Casino Resort caters to every palate by providing ample options for dining. The highly anticipated return of Sandhill Café brings a refreshed menu featuring classic comfort foods and all-day breakfast. From fine dining to casual bites, guests will find an array of culinary delights to enjoy from our 6 food venues.

The Perfect Venue for Meetings and Events
Gun Lake Casino Resort offers an ideal setting for meetings, conventions, weddings, and private events. Our versatile meeting and event spaces provide unique options for groups of all sizes. Guests are encouraged to connect with our dedicated hospitality team to plan their next gathering.

Wawyé Oasis – A Year-Round Tropical Escape
A first-of-its-kind experience in the Midwest, Wawyé (WAH-Yay) Oasis is a stunning 32,000-square-foot glass atrium, offering a tropical paradise kept at a perfect 80 degrees year-round. This breathtaking venue will feature live palm trees, private cabanas, and lush tropical flora. Wawyé Oasis will house two distinct pool experiences: a 21+ VIP Pool and a Family Pool, offering something for everyone. The Wawyé Oasis is scheduled to open in May 2025.

A Testament to Skilled Craftsmanship
The March 7 hotel grand opening marks the culmination of nearly three years of dedicated construction efforts. Gun Lake Casino Resort extends its deepest gratitude to the skilled tradespeople who made this expansion possible. Phase 5 directly employed 1,160 construction workers, including plumbers, electricians, welders, ironworkers, heavy equipment operators, carpenters, painters, and general laborers. We are especially grateful to the Southwest Michigan Building Trades for their continued partnership since our original groundbreaking in 2009.

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A Thriving Workforce and Career Opportunities
Gun Lake Casino Resort is proud to employ 1,500 dedicated team members across a wide range of departments, including gaming, hospitality, food and beverage, security, and executive management. We are always seeking talented individuals to join our team. For more information about exciting career opportunities and benefits, please visit: https://gunlakecasino.com/careers/.

Explore More: Phase 5 Press Kit
A comprehensive press kit with additional details on the hotel, spa, dining, and entertainment—along with high-resolution images—is available at: Press Room – Gun Lake Casino Resort.

About Gun Lake Casino Resort
Gun Lake Casino Resort is a premier gaming and entertainment destination, located off Exit 61 on U.S. 131, halfway between Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo. The newly expanded resort includes a 252-room luxury hotel, a full-service spa, state-of-the-art meeting spaces, and an array of exciting dining options. Wawyé Oasis, a 32,000-square-foot tropical glass atrium featuring pools and entertainment spaces, is set to open in May 2025.

Currently, the casino offers 2,300 cutting-edge slot machines, over 50 table games, a live poker room, a modern sportsbook, and keno. Dining options include Harvest Buffet, Shkodé Chophouse, CBK (Craft·Bar·Kitchen), 131 Sportsbar & Lounge, Lucky Dragon Noodle Bar, and Sandhill Café.

Gun Lake Casino Resort is proudly owned by the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi. Committed to giving back, Gun Lake Casino Resort actively seeks opportunities to enhance the quality of life in the community it serves. For more information, visit: https://gunlakecasino.com.

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