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POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI



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FOUR WINDS CASINOS TO BRING ITS POPULAR KANKAKEE GRILLE TO NEW BUFFALO

Very Successful Restaurant and Entertainment Experience Will Replace The Hard Rock Cafe

DOWAGIAC, Mich. – September 16, 2020 – The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi and its Four Winds® Casinos are pleased to announce that they will open their popular Kankakee Grille restaurant in place of the Hard Rock Cafe at Four Winds New Buffalo. The Hard Rock Cafe will close on Saturday, October 31, and following renovations, Kankakee Grille will open to the public by late 2020. Four Winds Casinos currently has a Kankakee Grille at its South Bend, Indiana location and the restaurant offers a diverse menu of comfort food with a modern twist that has become a favorite choice among guests. Kankakee Grille at Four Winds New Buffalo will also offer a variety of live music and entertainment, and also feature comfortable outdoor seating as well as access to the Four Winds New Buffalo pool bar.

“We would like to thank Hard Rock International for a very positive working relationship over the last nine years,” said Frank Freedman, Chief Operating Officer of Four Winds Casinos. “Four Winds Casinos is well-known for its award-winning food and beverage offerings including our signature Copper Rock Steakhouses, and both Timbers and White Birch Market, which also reside at multiple casino locations. With the success of Kankakee Grille at Four Winds South Bend, and the great live music acts booked by our entertainment team, we felt it was a natural progression to bring our own restaurant concept to New Buffalo. We are excited to introduce this unique dining and entertainment experience to guests that visit our flagship resort.”

“The Pokagon Gaming Authority and our casino operations team are very proud of the success of the Four Winds Casinos brand we’ve worked so hard to build over the last 13 years,” said Matthew Wesaw, Tribal Council Chairman and CEO of the Pokagon Gaming Authority. “We feel the addition of Kankakee Grille will provide us with the added flexibility to make changes and further enhance the unique dining and entertainment experiences that have made Four Winds New Buffalo one of the top casino resorts in the country. We look forward to sharing more details about Kankakee Grille at Four Winds New Buffalo, closer to its opening date.”

Kankakee Grille gets its name from the Kankakee River which begins its journey in South Bend, Indiana. The Potawatomi people used the Kankakee River’s rich environment for food, shelter, medicines, and clothing. The name Kankakee Grille honors the Kankakee River and the ancestors of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians.

Reservations and Information

To make a hotel reservation at Four Winds New Buffalo or for more information on Four Winds

New Buffalo, Four Winds Hartford®, Four Winds Dowagiac® or Four Winds South Bend®, please call 1 (866)-4WINDS1, (866) 494-6371 or visit www.fourwindscasino.com. Additionally, be sure to like Four Winds on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fourwindscasino and follow on Twitter at www.twitter.com/fourwindscasino for information on the latest offers and promotions.

About The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians' sovereignty was reaffirmed under legislation signed into law by President Clinton in September of 1994. The Pokagon Band is dedicated to providing community development initiatives such as housing, education, family services, medical care, and cultural preservation for its more than 5,700 citizens. The Pokagon Band's ten-county service area includes four counties in Southwestern Michigan and six in Northern Indiana. Its main administrative offices are located in Dowagiac, Mich., with a satellite office in South Bend, Ind. In 2007, it opened Four Winds Casino Resort in New Buffalo, Mich., followed by Four Winds Hartford in 2011, Four Winds Dowagiac in 2013 and Four Winds South Bend in January 2018. The Pokagon Band operates a variety of businesses via Mno-Bmadsen, its non-gaming investment enterprise. More information is available at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov, www.fourwindscasino.com and www.mno-bmadsen.com

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