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POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI



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**BOOTS & BUCKS AFTER PARTY FOR
MIDWEST INVITATIONAL RODEO FANS
AT FOUR WINDS SOUTH BEND
ON FRIDAY, JULY 31**

SOUTH BEND, Ind. – May 4, 2026 – The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi’s Four Winds® Casinos are pleased to host a Boots & Bucks Party at Four Winds South Bend’s Ribbon Town Conference and Event Center from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Eastern on Friday, July 31! The event is open to anyone 21 and over with a special invitation to the Midwest Invitational Rodeo fans. General admission tickets are \$10 and can be purchased online at [Ticketmaster](#) beginning on Friday, May 8 at 10 a.m. Eastern. VIP tickets are available for \$60 and include access to the VIP area next to the stage, soft seating, hors d’oeuvres and a private cash bar. Guests can also purchase tickets on the night of the event at the box office located on the second floor of the hotel at Four Winds South Bend. Doors open at 9:30 p.m. with music provided by DJ Gino J and Lepolion! Some Midwest Invitational Rodeo riders will also be joining the party.

The Midwest Invitational Rodeo – South Bend will take place on Friday, July 31 and Saturday, August 1 at 7 p.m. Eastern. Midwest Invitational Rodeo contestants are a diverse group in the sense that they are Nurses, Counselors, Business Owners, Construction Workers, Teachers, and Office Managers. And yes, some are Ranchers, Horse Trainers, and full-time COWBOYS. Some were raised in the country, some in the inner cities. But we all share a common love for the sport of Rodeo and the Cowboy Way of Life! More information on Midwest Invitational Rodeo can be found at <https://midwest-invitational.com/>. Guests interested in purchasing tickets can do so by visiting the eventeny website: <https://www.eventeny.com/events/ticket/?id=28342>.

“The Godfather” DJ Gino J is a lifetime South Bend resident. He started DJing at age seven and launched a promotion company in 1992 to bring concerts to the Midwest. He then started a one-hour radio show in 2002 that expanded to seven days a week in 2003 on various stations. Gino is currently featured on The *NEW Mix102.3*, Michiana’s home for R&B and old school, where he is committed to making history in South Bend.

Lepolion is a band comprised like no other with a unique array of music infused with Soul, Pop, Jazz, Rock, R&B, originals, and top 40’s. A few featured artists include Ed Sheeran, The Weeknd, John Legend, Chris Stapleton, Prince, Michael Jackson, Bell Biv DeVoe, Harry Styles, and Tears for Fears to name a few. Lead fontliner Lepolion Henderson Jr. has performed nationally and internationally entertaining thousands through the span of over 10 years. He has worked with renown producers including Chicago’s very own Abel Garibaldi, who has worked with artists such as Janet Jackson.

Reservations and Information

To make a hotel reservation at Four Winds New Buffalo or Four Winds South Bend® 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 X at www.x.com/fourwindscasino, YouTube at www.youtube.com/user/fourwindscasinos, and Pinterest at <https://www.pinterest.com/fourwindscasino/> for information on the latest offers and promotions.

About The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians of Michigan and Indiana

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi's 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 6,400 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 2018. The Pokagon Band operates a variety of non-gaming businesses through its investment enterprises, Mno-Bmadsen and the Pokagon Development Authority. More information is available at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov, www.fourwindscasino.com and www.mno-bmadsen.com.

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