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LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS TO BUILD HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN FRUITPORT TOWNSHIP

On Tuesday, July 26, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians ("LRBOI" or "Tribe") announced its plan to build 300 new homes in a 120-acre housing development in Fruitport Township, MI. According to the Tribe, the development will be open to the general public with homes ranging from starter homes of \$150,000 to larger homes costing \$300,000. The proposal was presented to the Fruitport Township Planning Commission and marks the first stage in the approval process.

"Our goal was to work with the local community to develop a unique village that offers homes of different sizes and amenities for first time home buyers, retirees and growing families in the area," said Larry Romanelli, Tribal Ogema of the Little river Band of Ottawa Indians. "We believe that people will enjoy living in energy efficient homes in a community with ponds, parks, natural areas and walkways."

The 120-acre development will be called "Odeno," and the land was acquired from Fruitport Community Schools earlier this year.

After approval, the Tribe plans to begin construction by the end of the year. The project will be completed in five phases, the first of which will include the construction of 115 homes.

MICHIGAN LOTTERY CELEBRATED \$1M ONLINE POWERBALL WINNER WITH FREE ONLINE PLAY

In celebration of the sale of a \$1 million online Powerball win, on Tuesday, July 26, the Michigan Lottery offered new online lottery players a promotional code good for \$5 in free play.

The winner was the second player to win a \$1 million prize through the Lottery's online game platform, which was launched in 2014 and allows Michigan residents to buy and play lottery games on their mobile devices and personal computers. For more information please visit the Michigan Lottery's website at www.michiganlottery.com.

FIREKEEPERS TO REVAMP RESTAURANT

FireKeepers Casino Hotel in Battle Creek, MI recently announced that its Dacey's Sports Bar will be reformatted into a new sit down restaurant and brewpub named Dacey's Taphouse.

Dacey's Taphouse will include a 140-seat restaurant and bar area in addition to a 50-seat mezzanine overlooking the casino floor.

"Dacey's Taphouse will be a powerful new addition to our already exciting food and beverage offerings," said FireKeepers Casino Hotel President and CEO, Brian Decorah. "The design is perfect for dining, enjoying drinks with friends, and celebrating special events, as we continually seek to deliver the finest gaming and entertainment experience in the region."

Construction on Dacey's will begin early next month with a targeted opening to the public this December.

REGISTRATION OPEN: 2016 GLOBAL GAMING EXPO TO EXPLORE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, eSPORTS, AND UNIFYING CASINO-GAMING INDUSTRY

Registration for the 2016 Global Gaming Expo is now open. For Pricing Packages and Registration visit:

www.GlobalGamingExpo.com

The Global Gaming Expo ("G2E"), which is presented by the American Gaming Association (AGA), will be held in Las Vegas September 27 – 29 at the Sands Expo and Convention Center. From the impact of the 2016 election on gaming to casinos' opportunity to invest in eSports to appeal to the next generation of customers, the AGA notes that G2E 2016 will feature robust conversation on the industry's hottest topics with engaging programs by the nation's top experts to prepare attendees for the rapidly growing casino gaming landscape.

NIGA Chairman Ernest Stevens Jr. and AGA President and CEO Geoff Freeman will also appear on stage together to discuss the further unification and evolution of the relationship between the casino industry's two key sectors.

2016 Additional New Show Elements Include:

- Keynotes All Three Days
- Integrated Resort Experience Moves to the Main Show Floor
- Re-Introduction of Tuesday/Wednesday Tracks
- AGA Member Discount

Registration for the 2016 G2E exhibit hall and G2E seminars is now open. For Registration, Pricing Packages and Overview please visit:

<http://www.globalgamingexpo.com/Education>

AGA ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR THE GAMING HALL OF FAME

The American Gaming Association (“AGA”) is now accepting nominations for the 2016 Gaming Hall of Fame, a program sponsored by the American Gaming Association. The Gaming Hall of Fame ceremony is an annual event to honor achievements in industry leadership and entertainment. More than 80 people have been inducted into the Gaming Hall of Fame since its inception in 1989.

The Gaming Hall of Fame recognizes leaders who have made significant contributions and achievements in the gaming industry. This year’s event will take place during [Global Gaming Expo \(G2E\) 2016](#) in Las Vegas on Wednesday, Sept. 28 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Venetian Las Vegas, during an invitation-only event.

Nominations will be accepted until Aug. 5 in the following categories:

- Commercial Gaming;
- Tribal Gaming;
- Gaming Supplier;
- Industry Influencer; and
- Industry Pioneer.

Submit your nomination [here](#).

View the [complete list](#) of Gaming Hall of Fame members.

RESPONSIBLE GAMING EDUCATION WEEK AUGUST 1-5

The issue of problem gambling is one that is of concern to everyone involved with the gaming industry. As a way to draw attention to this important issue and assist individuals that need help, the U.S. commercial casino industry will be holding the 18th annual Responsible Gaming Education Week (RGEW) next week.

The AGA has developed materials that can assist

with increasing education and awareness of the issue. Materials are available in multiple languages and can be ordered online at:

www.agastore.org/site

Responsible Gaming Education Week was developed by the AGA in 1998 and is held annually during the first week of August. The event was designed to create awareness of responsible gaming and disordered gambling among employees, customers and the general public. It is part of the AGA’s Responsible Gaming National Education Campaign, created in 1999 as an industry-wide program focused on promoting and expanding responsible gaming education.

The Michigan Gaming Newsletter would like to thank Matthew Thornburg for his contributions to this Newsletter.