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FireKeepers Casino Hotel CEO Kathy George Named One of Crain's Most Influential Women

FireKeepers Casino Hotel congratulates and celebrates their CEO Kathy George as she has been selected as of Crain's Detroit Business's [100 Most Influential Women of 2021](#).

Awarded every five years, Crain's Detroit Business has honored 100 women in business, public policy, nonprofits, and higher education, whose work has had significant impact on the state and region.

"Kathy has been instrumental in building FireKeepers' stellar reputation, and we are confident that her successes ensure that FireKeepers remains the casino, hotel, and employer of choice not only in our region, but throughout the country," stated Jamie Stuck, Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi (NHBP) Tribal Council Chairperson. "Her dedication to FireKeepers and to the NHBP make the future look bright for the next seven generations."

George has overseen many aspects of FireKeepers Casino Hotel operation since joining the FireKeepers team in 2009. She embraces and embodies her favorite quote, from E.M. Statler, at work and in her personal life, "Life is service, the one who progresses, is the one who provides a little more... a little better service." Her commitment to service is not exclusive to FireKeepers, she is also very active in the local community.

"It is an honor to be named an influential woman, grouped with many women who I respect and admire," George said. "This nomination reflects all of the FireKeepers team's dedication to doing a little more, to be a little better, every day."

Four Winds Casinos Sportsbook Now Available at Four Winds South Bend

According to a press release from Four Winds Casinos yesterday, the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians' Four Winds Casinos are pleased to announce that its Sportsbook is now available at Four Winds South Bend.

Guests can place a bet one of two ways, either create a bet slip on their phone and place the bet at the Sportsbook Counter or place your bet on one of the six state-of-the-art sports betting terminals, located near the Poker Room. The Sportsbook at Four Winds South Bend is open daily, with the sports betting terminals available 24 hours a day.

All winning bets placed at Four Winds South Bend can only be cashed in at that property. Winning bets placed in Michigan, must be cashed in at Four Winds New Buffalo, Four Winds Hartford, or Four Winds Dowagic.

Frank Freedman, Chief Operating Officer of Four Winds Casinos said, "We are very excited to introduce our Sportsbook to guests of Four Winds South Bend. The growth of sports betting continues to accelerate, and we are pleased to be able to offer this exciting amenity to those who enjoy wagering while rooting for their favorite teams."

For more information on Four Winds Casinos' Sportsbook, including hours please visit: <https://www.fourwindscasino.com/sportsbetting/>

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Pushes Casino Project

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians organized a demonstration and rally at noon today at the Muskegon Museum of Art in Muskegon to advocate and urge Governor Whitmer to approve a compact amendment that would allow for a new casino in Fruitport Township.

The Little River Band's proposed gaming and economic development would include:

- Approximately 69,000 square feet of gaming floor space
- 1,700 slot machines
- 35 table games
- 220-room hotel
- Event and meeting room space
- Dining and entertainment options

The Little River Band has been advocating to open a casino in Fruitport Township for over a decade. Recently, the United States Department of Interior granted approval for a casino to be built at the location which is the former site of the Great Lakes Down racetrack in Michigan. The tribal compact with the state would need to be amended and approved by the Governor in order for the project to move forward. The Little River Band already operates a casino in Manistee Michigan, almost 90 miles north of the proposed casino location, and the new location would be less than an hour drive from the Gun Lake Casino located in Wayland, Michigan.