

Tachi Palace Hotel & Casino Breaks Ground on Gas Station Development



The Tachi-Yokut Tribe recently hosted a celebration for the groundbreaking of its new development, Yokut Gas Station. It will be located next to Tachi Palace Hotel & Casino in Lemoore, CA.

At the event, the Santa Rosa Rancheria Tribal Council unveiled the design of the landmark development to the public. In addition to a gas station, the project will include an 8,000 sq. ft. market, smoke shop, and convenience store with 25 gaming machines inside. Construction is projected to be completed in Spring 2017. The council selected WH Pacific, a Native American firm from New Mexico to design the gas station. Granite Construction, a contractor specializing in tribal convenience stores, will also be working on the project.

“I am thrilled that we’ve broken ground on this new project,”

said Ruben Barrios, Santa Rosa Rancheria Tribal Council Chairman. “We truly believe that the convenience of having a gas station on the property will not only benefit our guests, but also our community.”

Currently, the nearest gas station is more than five miles from Tachi Palace. The development will provide much-needed amenities for all patrons at Tachi Palace and residents in the surrounding area.

The celebration included a blessing by Spiritual Leader Mike Sisico for the fire truck recently purchased by the tribal council for the Kings County Fire Department. The Santa Rosa Rancheria Cultural and Historical Preservation Department hosted a presentation featuring several dances from young tribe members to commemorate the momentous occasion.

A representative from the office of District 32 Assembly-member Rudy Salas presented the council with a Certificate of Recognition for Tachi’s dedication to promoting business opportunities and providing jobs in the community of Lemoore. Also, a representative from the office of Congressman David Valideo presented the tribe with a Certificate of Congressional Recognition for its continued service to the Lemoore community.

The ceremonial groundbreaking was performed by Chairman Ruben Barrios, Vice-Chairman Elmer Thomas, all members of the Santa Rosa Rancheria Tribal Council, a representative from WH Pacific, a representative from Granite Construction and several tribal elders.

FireKeepers Casino Hotel Commemorates Grand Opening of the Pit Stop



FireKeepers Casino Hotel, leaders of the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi, former athletes, political officials, members of the media and key Michigan business partners gathered today to celebrate the Grand Opening of the FireKeepers Pit Stop, a full service gas station and convenience store and the newest addition to the FireKeepers property.

The opening ceremony featured a ribbon cutting, and an honorary first fill up. Chairman of the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi, Jamie Stuck and FireKeepers President & CEO, Brian Decorah were joined by Sheriff Matt Saxton, Emmett Township Director of Public Safety Mike Olson, State Senator Mike Nofs, Representative David Maturen, Michigan International Speedway Track President Rick Brenner, former Detroit Lions Kicker Eddie Murray, WWMT Channel 3 Chief Meteorologist Keith Thompson and the host of Michigan’s Big Show, Michael Patrick Shiels to pump the first ten gallons of fuel into their vehicles.

The Pit Stop features a 16-pump gas station, 4,300 sq. ft. upscale convenience store, and multi-level car wash. It opened to the public on Nov. 2. Red Hot Rewards Club members received fuel discounts for every gallon purchased by using their card at the pump.

“Because we draw visitors from across the region, providing our guests with this additional amenity, along with loyalty discounts, further enhances our commitment to the members of our Red Hot Rewards Club”, stated Brian D. Decorah, CEO and President of FireKeepers Casino Hotel. “This operation added 16 new jobs and continues our pattern of major capital investments in our resort.”

Eastern Shoshone Nation Celebrates Grand Opening of Newly Expanded Casino Hotel

The Eastern Shoshone Tribal Business Council recently celebrated the grand opening and ribbon cutting of the \$30 million expansion of the Shoshone Rose Casino & Hotel. The event took place at the casino and hotel property located outside of Lander, WY.

Darwin St. Clair Jr., Chairman of the Eastern Shoshone Nation said, "With the expanded Shoshone Rose Casino and Hotel, economic development and creating jobs for our tribal members has been imperative to the Eastern Shoshone Tribe's continued success. We are excited about creating new jobs and making it a priority, as we continue to diversify our economy by exploring new markets and new industries. Good quality jobs make our families, and



our Eastern Shoshone Nation stronger. At the top of the list for the Shoshone Business Council has been the expansion of the Shoshone Rose Casino into the Shoshone Rose Casino and Hotel."

Opened in 2007 without a hotel, the Shoshone Rose Casino

originally featured a 7,000 sq. ft. gaming floor with about 300 slots and video poker machines and table games. The casino began its \$30 million expansion in September of 2015. The year-long expansion created 100 construction jobs and 40-50 permanent jobs for the Shoshone Rose Casino & Hotel.

The new and improved casino features over 400 slots, additional table games, and outdoor dining facing the Wind River Range. The new hotel has 61 rooms, including 6 deluxe two-room suites, with a balcony facing the Wind River Range. The indoor pool is adjacent to a large patio with a fire pit and other amenities.

In addition to the expansion, the Shoshone Tribe recently received a \$335,000 grant from the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community through an existing gaming partnership. The grant will be used to upgrade the surveillance system at the Shoshone Rose Casino.

The expansion project is predicted to increase the Shoshone Rose Casino's gaming totals, so the Shoshone Rose will be competitive with other Wyoming casinos.

Augustine Casino Reopens to the Public After Extensive Remodel

The Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians announced that Augustine Casino has reopened to the public. After an extensive 30-Day renovation, the tribe has upgraded everything in the casino including smoke reduction equipment, carpet, exterior façade, custom light fixtures and signs, bar ambiance, table games pit, cashier cage, porte-cochere, wall covering and more.

Augustine Casino has been a local favorite for more than 14 years and the Tribe felt it was time to upgrade its guests' experience. "When our guests first walk into what is effectively a brand new casino it will truly be a moment to remember," said General Manager Jef Bauer. "Our guests are like family to us and an improved experience is our gift to them."

"We remain committed to operating in our 14-year tradition," said Bauer. "We're honored to serve our community, providing



hundreds of jobs to locals and offering the very best value on food, the loosest slots around and the friendliest team in the valley. We're just going to do it all in a more beautiful setting now." ♣