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BUFFALO THUNDER MARKS SIX MONTH ANNIVERSARY WITH UPGRADES AT THE PAINTED PARROT

SANTA FE, NM — Tuesday, March 3, 2009, marks the six month anniversary of Buffalo Thunder Resort & Casino's grand opening. Anyone who has caught a concert, enjoyed a gourmet meal at Red Sage, or won in the casino knows these past six months have seen numerous successes for Buffalo Thunder, including sold out hotel rooms for four of the past five weekends and sold out headline acts, such as Jay Leno, Don Rickles and Three Dog Night, to mention just a few.



And this resort has brains to match its brawn and beauty. Buffalo Thunder not only offers Las Vegas-style gaming, a luxurious spa, fine dining and premier golf, it also is the official sponsor of Indian Market, and a sponsor of the Santa Fe Opera and the Buckaroo Ball. The resort and casino incorporate Native American art into every design aspect, and is the permanent new home of the Santa Fe Indian Market Gallery – a new, year-round venue for artists who participate in the annual Indian Market.

In honor of their six month mark, Buffalo Thunder's Painted Parrot Buffet is launching an all new international menu Sunday, March 15, 2009.

“We listen carefully to what our customers tell us and are adjusting things to meet the feedback,” says Duff Taylor, Director of Gaming Operations at BTR. “The service at Painted Parrot is great as always, and we've made the food even better. Please come in and try our scrumptious new menu.”

In response to the economic downturn and customer comments, the Painted Parrot has reduced prices at the buffet. The changes include a \$2 drop in the full buffet price from \$17.95 to \$15.95. Friday dinner, which includes the Seafood Specialties and Carved Prime Rib, is only \$21.95. Members of the Lightning Reward Player's Club receive a \$5 discount on the price of their

dinner. The 350-seat Painted Parrot has also expanded their hours and is open Monday through Friday, 4 to 10 p.m.; Saturdays 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sundays 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The Painted Parrot will feature an international buffet with Asian, Italian, Mexican, and All-American stations plus Carved Prime Rib and Peel & Eat Shrimp 7 days a week. Diners on Wednesdays will enjoy Ranch House BBQ with chuck wagon steaks and ribs; grilled steak and shrimp on Thursdays; Fridays will offer seafood specialties: crab, shrimp, oysters and mussels; Saturdays are carved prime rib; and beginning on Easter Sunday, the Painted Parrot will offer Sunday Brunch beginning at 8 a.m.

“There really is something for everybody at the Painted Parrot,” quips Chef Rudy Volpe. “We’ve expanded the salad bar at each of the international stations. For example, you can make your own custom Caesar salad at the Italian cold bar.” The salad bars also offer expanded selections of pasta salads, antipasto and marinated vegetables.

“Or if meat is your thing, our Ranch House BBQ night offers smoked brisket, sausage, pork loin, rotisserie chicken, and both chuck wagon and rancho steaks,” adds Volpe.

The Painted Parrot now serves beer by the bottle and wine service by the glass or bottle. The Dessert Bar features a Chocolate Fountain with fresh fruits for dipping, a Sundae Bar, and make your own strawberry shortcake.

“We want to thank our customers for their support over the last six months by offering them a fine meal at a fair price, as well as top-notch entertainment and the best gaming around,” adds Taylor. “We recognize that people are budgeting their entertainment dollars carefully, so we’re very proud that so many have chosen Buffalo Thunder as their r ‘n’ r choice. We invite you to pay us a visit and let us know what you think.”

This property is the Hilton's first Native American partnership and is owned and operated by the Pueblo of Pojoaque. The Hilton Santa Fe Golf Resort & Spa at Buffalo Thunder is one of the premier destination resorts in New Mexico. The 395-room luxury resort features the renowned amenities of Hilton Hotels coupled with the traditional design elements of pueblo décor, to bring an entirely new level of hospitality to the Santa Fe region.

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