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Packages introduced during historic restoration

FRENCH LICK -- Witness first-hand the rebirth of the French Lick Springs Resort by visiting Orange County via one of three exciting overnight packages.

Take advantage of southern Indiana's pleasant Indian summer by playing a round or two of golf at one of the top 10 historic courses in America. October is the perfect time to see the beautiful colors Orange County and there is no better place to see that fabulous fall foliage than on the rolling hills of the Donald Ross Hill Course, home of the 1924 PGA Championship.

The "Play the Course That Ross Built" package includes overnight resort room accommodations plus 18 holes of play and cart at the Hill Course. Click [HERE](#) for pricing and details.

The Murder Mystery package is another excellent way to watch history in the making. It includes overnight resort room accommodations and two tickets to Murder in the Grand Hotel.

Follow the clues and solve the crime of one of the Midwest's most popular murder mystery performances. Click [HERE](#) for pricing and details.

If it is simply a weekend getaway that is needed, then relax, unwind and watch history in the making with the "Night and Breakfast" package. Click [HERE](#) for pricing of the package that includes overnight resort room accommodations and breakfast for two each morning.

The entire \$240-million restoration and construction project in French Lick and West Baden includes the complete renovation of both the French Lick Springs Resort and former West Baden Springs Hotel, plus the addition of a new casino and entertainment center. The Cook Group and Lauth Property Group, the two companies that united to form the Blue Sky Casino group responsible for the rebirth, have employed the services of the Conrad Schmitt Studios of Wisconsin.

Conrad Schmitt was instrumental in the partial restoration at the West Baden Springs Hotel and is now peeling back the layers of time to reveal the stunning natural beauty of the French Lick Springs Resort's lobby. Guests can actually see the transformation taking place during each visit.

For more than a century, the internationally renowned Conrad Schmitt Studios has been creating fine works of art and timeless treasures for the interior of historic and architecturally significant buildings around the world. Officials at the French Lick Springs Resort are pleased to have Conrad Schmitt back in Orange County and look forward to this latest masterpiece.

Besides the Cook-Lauth partnership, a third component of the Blue Sky Casino group is Benchmark Hospitality. In addition to its current management of the French Lick Springs Resort, Benchmark will also manage the newly-branded West Baden Springs Resort when it is completely restored in 2007.

"We are honored to have been selected as the Resort's operating partner and plan to immediately raise the level of service and accommodations that meet the expectations of our guest and provides this legendary property with the honor which it so deserves," said Sam Haigh, Chief Operating Officer of

Benchmark. "I am extremely pleased to welcome the French Lick Springs Resort to our family of Benchmark properties."