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The 2022 Remember the Removal cyclists ride the last stretch down Water Avenue in Tahlequah after a 950-mile trek that began three weeks prior in New Echota, Georgia. The RTR ride commemorates the historic Trail of Tears when Cherokees were forcibly removed from their homelands in the 1830s to Indian Territory. The annual ride bands together cyclists from the Cherokee Nation and Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians to follow the northern route of the Trail of Tears.

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The two story expansion project added 80,000 square feet of space to one of the largest tribally operated primary care centers in the country. The Health Center, which opened in 2015, was designed to meet the healthcare needs of 300,000 Cherokee citizens banded together on the annual Remember the Removal cyclists return home after three weeks retracing the Trail of Tears.

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CBN to buy Tunica casino

By staff reporters

TULSA — Cherokee Nation Entertainment Gaming Holdings, LLC, a subsidiary of Cherokee Nation Businesses, announced it reached an agreement with MGM Resorts International to purchase the operations of Gold Strike Tunica for $400 million in cash.

CBN Gaming Holdings, LLC will enter into a long-term operating agreement with VICI Properties Inc., the Gold Strike property owner.

“CBN Gaming has a rich history of operating award winning hospitality destinations in Oklahoma, and we are proud to continue our growth in gaming and bring the level of excellence we are known for to the Tunica area," said Mark Robinson, president of Cherokee Nation Entertainment. "We are excited for the team at Gold Strike Tunica to join the CNE family.”

Gold Strike is located on the Mississippi River in Tunica, approximately 30 minutes from downtown Memphis. The property features a 32-story hotel tower that has become one of the most recognizable buildings in Tunica. Gold Strike is one of the largest casinos in the world, with more than 10,000 oversized luxury guest rooms, a 50,000-square-foot casino, a conference and convention center, and dining options.

“We are excited to expand our gaming and hospitality offerings as we execute on our strategic plan to grow our footprint outside of the Cherokee Nation Reservation,” said Chuck Garrett, CBN chief executive officer.