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**New French Lick Resort and Indoor Waterpark Announced**

French Lick, Ind. – Construction is underway on a new \$23 million indoor waterpark and hotel complex in French Lick, Indiana. Valley of the Springs Resort, developed by Jerry and Carolyn Fuhs of French Lick, will feature a 156-room hotel and a 40,000 square foot indoor waterpark called Big Splash Island.

With more than a dozen unique water attractions in an island-themed, family environment, Big Splash Island will feature a translucent, retractable roof enabling more natural light and increased energy conservation. The development will also have a large arcade, restaurants and a conference area, and includes plans for 300 additional hotel rooms to be added in the future.

The site of the Valley of the Springs Resort complex is on a hill above the Beechwood Inn directly across from the French Lick Resort Casino. A groundbreaking ceremony is planned for this summer. When completed in the fall of 2008, it will employ 150 people.

The Fuhs' currently own and operate several other Indiana hospitality properties, including Beechwood Inn and Wilstem Guest Ranch in French Lick; Santa's Lodge in Santa Claus; Gasthof Amish Village in Montgomery and Baymont Inn & Suites in Dale. In addition to Indiana, Valley of the Springs Resort expects to attract visitors from the nearby markets such of Louisville, Lexington, Cincinnati, Dayton and Nashville, Tenn.