



Casino on northern Indiana land

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) – An American Indian tribe with a major casino in southwestern Michigan has included another casino in its development plan for land it owns in northern Indiana.

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians plans what it calls a tribal village for the 164-acre site on South Bend's south side with 44 housing units and health service and tribal government facilities.

The plan submitted to the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs also proposes a casino, hotel, meeting space and parking garage, although Pokagon Band chairman Matt Wesaw said the tribe's focus was on providing services for about 500 members

living in the area.

"There's no time frame for the casino yet. It's not really on the burner," Wesaw said.

The tribe opened its Four Winds Casino in New Buffalo, Mich., about 30 miles from South Bend, five years ago. It has since opened a smaller satellite casino in Hartford, Mich., and is preparing to open another in Dowagiac, Mich.

"We've accomplished a fair amount of stuff for our citizens who live in the state of Michigan," Wesaw said.

"It is now time to be in a position to provide those services for our citizens who live in the service area in Indiana."

The Bureau of Indian Affairs has scheduled a Sept. 27

public hearing in South Bend on the tribe's proposal.

Mike Schmuhl, the chief of staff for South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg, said the city has had positive early dialogue with the tribe about the land near the U.S. 20/31 bypass.

"This federal action is a first step toward the Pokagon Band becoming more involved in our community, and we will continue to communicate with them as they move forward," Schmuhl said.

None of Indiana's 13 casinos are affiliated with Indian tribes, and the closest of those to South Bend is the Blue Chip about 30 miles to the west in Michigan City.

The state has received in-

quiries before from Indian tribes seeking to establish a casino in Indiana, but those groups didn't own property for the project, said Ernest Yelton, executive director of the Indiana Gaming Commission since 2005.

"This is far more concrete than anything we've seen since I've been here," Yelton told The Elkhart Truth.

Wesaw said the tribe would consider whether to seek a gambling compact with Indiana officials that would include an agreement to share casino revenue.

"We don't know what the political landscape will be," he said. "When the time comes, who knows who will be sitting in the governor's seat."

Oglala Sioux dedicate new housing building

PINE RIDGE, S.D. (AP) – Officials from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Oglala Sioux Tribe have dedicated a new building on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation to help the tribe's housing authority.

The new 13,500-square-foot building will house the administration offices for the Oglala

Sioux Housing Authority. The energy-efficient building was funded through a \$3.6 million federal loan from the USDA.

The Oglala Sioux Housing Authority manages more than 1,500 low-income rental units and 500 homeownership units on the reservation. It employs more than 120 people.

Official to supervise ND tribe social workers

DEVILS LAKE, N.D. (AP) – The Bureau of Indian Affairs' human services division chief is returning to the Spirit Lake Sioux Reservation to begin a two-week stint to help supervising social workers for the tribe, the agency has announced.

Sue Settles was part of a team sent from Washington, D.C., to the reservation to consult with tribal officials about deficiencies in the social services program and needed improvements.

The team arrived in Fort Totten last week at the urging of U.S. Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., who said he'd like to see more evidence that tribal and federal officials were making progress in dealing with the problems.

Donald E. "Del" Laverdure, acting assistant secretary of Interior for Indian Affairs, announced Settles' assignment and other actions in hopes it will improve child safety and protection on the reservation.

"Protecting the youngest and most vulnerable tribal citizens is a high priority in our efforts to improve public safety in Indian Country," Laverdure said.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs' Office of Indian Services has been working with Spirit Lake since August 2011, when "serious deficiencies" were found in social service programs on the reservation. The tribe has had responsibility for operating the program since 2001, under contract with the bureau, through the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistant Act.

Starting last week, two supervisory social workers joined Settles to help tribal staff conduct home visits, follow up on child protection referrals and document such activities.

The bureau issued its initial corrective action plan in November 2011. A more detailed plan was developed in April.

Craig residents say casino would boost economy

CRAIG, Colo. (AP) - Craig residents say their community relies too much on farming and the oil and gas industry and a proposed casino would provide more jobs.

Craig City Council member Don Jones said at a town hall meeting Thursday the casino is an opportunity the community should embrace.

The meeting was organized by the Sleeping Giant Group,

which has proposed building an off-reservation, Indian-owned casino near the Yampa Valley Regional Airport in Hayden.

Opponents say a casino would hurt the Yampa Valley's image as a family vacation destination. They also say most new casino jobs would pay low wages and taxpayers would have to pay for access improvements.

S. Dakota reservation to get first credit union

KYLE, S.D. (AP) - The Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota is getting its first credit union.

The National Credit Union Administration has announced that it has approved the charter for Lakota Federal Credit Union. The low-income designation credit union is expected to open in November to serve the approximately 40,000 people on the reservation.

NCUA Board Chairman Debbie Matz says the new credit union will help

Native Americans living on the reservation have access to affordable financial services that every American deserves.

The credit union will offer a variety of financial services to the reservation's residents, including unsecured and share secured loans, auto loans, money orders, direct deposits, wire transfers and check cashing.

Lakota Federal Credit Union is sponsored by the nonprofit organization Lakota Funds.

For job openings at Indian Head Casino go to indianheadgaming.com

Fires ravage Mont. reservation

ASHLAND, Mont. (AP) - In an epic wildfire season that's destroyed hundreds of homes throughout the West, it's been an especially brutal one on Montana's Northern

Cheyenne Indian Reservation.

Since June, 49 wildfires have torched 19 houses on the reservation and ruined vast expanses of rangeland.

Spilyay classifieds

Tribal jobs

See Amelia Tewee in the personnel department to submit an application, or call 541-553-3262. View full descriptions and apply online at www.ctws.org.

Head Start Bus Driver.

Provide safe and supervised transportation for children and families

to and from school on fixed route. Salary range D.O.E. Kirstin Hisatake 553-3242.

Restoration Crew Driver.

Working member of six person crew. Salary Range \$10.50 Hr. Doug Dunlap 553-8205. Open Until Filled.

Restoration Crew Driver.

Working member of five or six member field crews. Salary Range \$10.50 Hr. Jason Smith 553-2011.

Restoration Crew Members.

Working member of

five to six member field crews. Salary Range \$10.00 Hr. Jason Smith 553-2011.

Police Officer.

Salary Range \$29,675. Yr. To \$37,689. Yr. Lt. John Webb 553-2037.

Corrections Officer.

ers. Salary Range \$25,235. Yr. To \$36,054. Yr. Lt. John Webb 553-3272.

Legal Aid Services of Oregon provides free assistance to low-income Oregonians in many civil cases. Phone Legal Aid Services of Oregon to schedule an appointment to speak with an attorney on the first Monday of the month (excluding Holidays) at the Warm Springs Community Action Team building, 1136 Paiute Ave., Warm Springs. Call (541) 386-6944 on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday mornings between 10 a.m. and noon, or on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

In the Tribal Court of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

CTWS, Petitioner, vs. Kim Estimo, Respondent; Case No. JV133-06 / JV134-06. TO: Kim Estimo:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Show Cause failure to pay child support has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 20th day of September, 2012 @ 11:00 am, at the Warm Springs Tribal Court.

CTWS, Petitioner, vs. Sheilina Charley / Keith Jackson, Respondent; Case No. JV74-10 / JV75-10. TO: Sheilina Charley / Keith Jackson:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a SC/FTC & Review has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for 15th day of October 2012 @ 10:00 am, at the Warm Springs Tribal Court.

Alice Scott, Petitioner, vs. Phillip Shawn Johns, Respondent; Case No. RO76-12. TO: Phillip Shawn Johns:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Restraining order has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for 21st day of

September, 2012 @ 9:00 am., at the Warm Springs Tribal Court.

Paulette Henry, Petitioner, vs. Hattie Hart / Vernon Sampson, Respondent; Case No. DO139-10. TO: Hattie Hart/Vernon Sampson/Doris Lewis:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Modification has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for 27th day of September, 2012 @ 11:00 a.m., at the Warm Springs Tribal Court.

CTWS, Petitioner, vs. Dorothy George & James Van Horn Sr., Respondent; Case No. JV69-03. TO: Dorothy George/James Van Horn Sr.:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an Assisted Guardianship hearing has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 21st day of September, 2012 @ 10 a.m., at the Warm Springs Tribal Court.

Aurolyn Stwyer Pinkham, Petitioner, vs. Lisa Williams, Respondent; Case No. RO73-12. TO: Aurolyn Stwyer

Pinkham/Lisa Williams:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Restraining Order has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 26th day of September, 2012 @ 11 am, at the Warm Springs Tribal Court.

CTWS, Petitioner, vs. Sonya Stormbringer/Alroy Zacarias Sr., Respondent; Case No. JV118-07. TO: Sonya Stormbringer/Alroy Zacarias:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an Annual Assisted Guardianship Review has been filed with the Warm Springs

Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for 26th day of September, 2012 @ 11:00 a.m., at the Warm Springs Tribal Court.

CTWS, Petitioner, vs. Jessie Adams/Evan Cochran, Respondent; Case No. DO100-07/DO101-07. TO: Jessie Adams.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a SC/FTP CS has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for 11th day of October, 2012 @ 10:00 a.m., at the Warm Springs Tribal Court.