

ICWA case may go to Supreme Court

A federal judge in Texas has struck down the Indian Child Welfare Act, a decades-old federal law aimed at keeping Native American families together.

Backed by the state of Texas, Chad and Jennifer Brackeen—a non-Native American couple with two biological children—sued last October for the right to adopt a Native American toddler they had fostered for more than a year. A state

court had denied their adoption petition; the federal law gives adoption placement preference to biological family members of Native American children, other members of the child's tribe, or other Native American families.

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton sided with the Brackeens, arguing that the law unlawfully "elevates a child's race over their best interest."

The case may end up at the U.S. Supreme Court

Indian Head Pinktober

Indian Head Casino and the Plateau Travel Plaza invite you to the Pinktober Celebration, including the Breast Cancer Awareness Poker Walk. The Walk will be at the Warm Springs Community Center from noon to 1 p.m. this Friday, October 12.

Awards include gift certificates in the amounts of \$100, \$75, \$50 and \$25.

As part of the fundraiser, there will be Krispy Kreme Doughnuts for sale, \$12 per dozen. The afternoon will include light snacks, Spin the Prize Wheel, a balloon release and health screening (in the Community Center social hall).

Some other Indian Head Casino events as part of Pinktober: Blackjack tournament, October 18 at 6 p.m. Slot tournaments October 11 and 25 at 6 p.m.

Voc Rehab now at new location

Warm Springs Vocational Rehabilitation is now located in the Behavioral Health Center, the building also called the Old Boys' Dorm. Their phone number is

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