

## Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians to Open New Community Health Clinic



The Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians recently announced October 3, 2011 as the opening date for the all new Community Health Clinic, located adjacent to Red Hawk Casino at Red Hawk Parkway in Placerville, CA.

The new 60,000 sq. ft. clinic, which includes two floors of parking, replaces the existing 17,000 sq. ft. facility located on Mother Lode Road in Shingle Springs. Complete with three floors of medical, dental and administrative offices, it will continue to provide all aspects of ambulatory medical care with expanded services including family practice, pediatrics, orthopedic, physical therapy, podiatry, chiropractic, dentistry, orthodontics and mental health along with pain management via telemedicine. The current clinic had 20,000 patient visits in 2010 and with the opening of the new expanded facility that number is expected to increase by at least 20%.

The Community Health Clinic will be open Monday through Friday and offers appointment and walk in services from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. The original Community Health Clinic has been in operation since 1995 and is available for everyone in need of care. From home visits, to a diabetes program that includes an outreach to closely monitor patients,

the Community Health Clinic provides much needed services to tribal members and residents of El Dorado County.

The Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians has long been a community partner in El Dorado County. They are dedicated to providing the best medical and dental options to all Native Americans and their families, county residents and Medicaid and MediCal patients. In addition to Medicaid and MediCal, the Health Clinic accepts the County Medical Services Program (CMSP), as well as all PPO insurances. The Community Health Clinic also offers an outreach program to assist patients with applying for MediCal and care for uninsured patients with fees based on a sliding scale.

The Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians are committed to providing quality patient care that is sensitive to individual, family, community and cultural needs. As part of their commitment to the community and El Dorado County, the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians plan to open another medical facility in Diamond Springs, as well as a dental clinic in South Lake Tahoe that is the first of its kind offering dental services to the South Lake Tahoe Medicaid and MediCal recipients. In the past, these patients from the Lake Tahoe region were forced to drive to Shingle Springs for treatment, often delaying, or even not completing much needed treatments for themselves and their children.

Beth Ann Bodi, Executive Director of the Shingle Springs Tribal Health Clinic, says, "Our vision for the Tribal Health Clinic is to provide comprehensive and state-of-the-art medical and dental services to tribal members and community residents. These patients would otherwise delay or not seek treatment because of cost or location. We're devoted to this community and are extremely pleased to be able to contribute in this way."

## Thunder Valley Opens Chinatown Express Office and Bay Area Luxury Bus Service

With a ribbon cutting ceremony and remarks from casino general manager C.J. Graham, Thunder Valley Casino Resort in Lincoln, CA recently announced the opening of its new Express office in San Francisco's Chinatown and the start of its Bay Area-wide luxury bus service. The bus program, the result of a partnership with Casino Cruiselines, will ensure that guests have a convenient and readily accessible form of transportation to and from Thunder Valley.

The Express Office is located at 664 Clay Street in between Montgomery and Kearny Streets. It will not only serve as a hub for the new bus service, it will also allow local residents to receive information about current and upcoming events as well as reserve their seat on the Thunder Valley Casino Express. Future plans



include allowing guests to join Thunder Club, check their current available offers and points, purchase entertainment tickets and more.

"We are extremely excited about working to better provide the Bay Area with the very best gaming and entertainment experience that Thunder Valley has to offer," said C.J. Graham, General Manager of Thunder Valley Casino Resort. "We are happy to meet the needs of the growing gaming population in the region and know that guests will enjoy the convenience of door to door service."

The bus line will run 15 buses daily with stops throughout the region and pickup times as early as 7:00 a.m. and as late as 10:15 p.m. The complete list of bus stops and times are listed on Thunder Valley's website.

## Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Unveils Plans for \$75 Million Expansion

Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Tampa, FL, recently announced that it has begun a \$75 million expansion to its casino to be completed in early 2012. Not only will the project create nearly 1,000 jobs, but it will also make the casino one of the largest in the United States.

The project will create more than 500 full-time construction jobs and more than 430 permanent new jobs. A job fair is planned for spring 2012. More detailed information including job descriptions will be posted in early 2012 on [www.gotoworkhappy.com](http://www.gotoworkhappy.com).

The expansion will include an additional 32,000 sq. ft. of gaming space. The Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino currently has about 190,000 sq. ft. of gaming, so the expansion would push it above 220,000. Once the expansion is completed, the casino will have nearly 5,000 slot machines and 105 table games.

The Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino expansion also includes an exciting soon-to-be-announced new restaurant and a new five-story parking garage with more than 1,300 spaces. Visitors will also find a renovated pool with lush tropical landscaping and other features to enhance the leisure rock star experience.

“We’re very excited to announce this latest expansion,” said John Fontana, President of Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Tampa. “We also want to assure our guests that the construction will not affect their gaming, hotel and restaurant experience. Ultimately, the expansion will enhance our guests’ experience with much more parking, beautiful new



casino space for their favorite games, and a great new dining experience.”

Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino has put together an impressive, diversified team for its expansion. The premiere hospitality and gaming resort specialist, Klai Juba Architects, is the project’s architectural firm and Cleo Design is the casino expansion’s interior designer. Turner Construction is the project’s builder.

The last major expansion of this kind was in 2007 at Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Tampa, when 55,000 sq. ft. was added to the casino along with more than 1,000 new gaming machines. Also in 2007, Council Oak Steaks & Seafood opened its doors. Just last year, the Hard Rock Cafe Tampa was built and opened with much fanfare.

## Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wisconsin Dells Opens Newly Remodeled Spirit Bar While Introducing New Local House Premium Brew

Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells continues to reinvest in its facility and offerings. The newly renovated Spirit Bar at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells recently held its grand opening. The redesign of the bar has a classy, woody flare and allows for more room and efficiency to best serve guests.

To help celebrate the event, Ho-Chunk introduced its first-ever premium house brew called “Blackjack Lager.”

“Full calorie American lagers are popular amongst our clientele,” Summer WhiteEagle, Ho-Chunk Gaming Senior Food and Beverage Manager stated. “Ho-Chunk wanted to offer its very own house lager. We began researching and speaking with local breweries and after narrowing down our choices, Capital Brewery seemed to be the obvious choice.”

“Ho-Chunk approached us and together we created a sweet, malted barley premium brew containing approximately 4% of



alcohol. It brings a pleasant, refreshing and clean taste to your palette, that is hugely drinkable,” Kirby Nelson, Capital Brewery Brew Master informed. “It has a unique flavor that is not too crafty, which gives it approachability.”

Nelson who has been with Capital Brewery for 25 years, was on hand for a “Meet and Greet” to answer any questions. Nelson was the main creator

of this lager; however, the logo design for this exclusive Ho-Chunk lager was a collaborative effort between Wisconsin Distributors and WhiteEagle.

“We’ve appreciated all of the support that Kirby Nelson, his staff and Capital Brewery have given to this project,” WhiteEagle expressed. “We are very pleased with the overwhelming positive response from our guests for our new, house premium lager brew.”

## Angel of the Winds Casino Breaks Ground on New Gas Station and Parking Lot



Travis O'Neil, General Manger of Angel of the Winds Casino in Arlington, WA, announced that the casino has broken ground on a new gas station and expanded parking lot.

The gas station will consist of eight pumps and provide unleaded, mid and high grade gas as well as diesel. It will be located in the southeast corner of the property and allow casino guests a convenient and cost effective way to fill up.

"With the price of fuel being top of mind for everyone we will offer a competitively priced product to our guest and add another amenity to our property," said O'Neil.

The Stillaguamish Enterprise Board stated, "We are very excited to add a new enterprise, and to offer this amenity to the entire community."

## Cherokee Nation to Operate Oklahoma Welcome Center in Partnership with Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department

The Cherokee Nation officially began operating the Oklahoma Welcome Center in east Tulsa last month. Officials with the Cherokee Nation and Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department marked the new partnership with a special ceremony. Now called the Cherokee Nation Welcome Center, the facility is located at I-44 and 161st East Ave, Tulsa, OK.

The 4,200 sq. ft. center was in danger of being closed due to state budget cuts at the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department. An agreement between the state and the Cherokee Nation was reached that transfers daily operations to the tribe, which will continue to promote both Cherokee and Oklahoma tourist destinations in the area.

"This arrangement allows us to continue to be a good partner to the state of Oklahoma and to promote tourism in northeastern Oklahoma to travelers along I-44," said Molly Jarvis, Vice President of Cultural Tourism at Cherokee Nation Entertainment. "We will continue to operate the facility as a welcome center for Oklahoma while using our guest service and tourism experience to promote the communities within Cherokee Nation's 14-county jurisdiction."

The Cherokee Nation Welcome Center will house an information desk, tourist destination information, maps, snacks and a gift shop featuring Oklahoma related merchandise along with Cherokee Nation art, jewelry and apparel.

"We are grateful to Cherokee Nation and Cherokee Nation Entertainment for leading this effort to provide Oklahoma visitors with specialized materials which showcase the tourism attractions in the Cherokee Nation as well as information about travel destinations statewide," said Sandy Pantlik, Travel Promotion Director at Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department. "Without this valued partnership, the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department was considering closure of this facility due to budget cuts."



The ribbon cutting was led from back left Molly Jarvis, Vice President of Cherokee Nation Cultural Tourism; Cara Cowan Watts, Tribal Councilor; Buel Anglen, Tribal Councilor; Lee Keener, Tribal Councilor-elect; from front left Sandy Pantlik, Director of the Travel Promotion Division of the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department; Chad Smith, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation; Joe Grayson, Deputy Chief of the Cherokee Nation; and David Stewart, CEO of Cherokee Nation Businesses. Photo: Cherokee Nation Cultural Tourism

The Cherokee Nation Welcome Center in Tulsa is the second welcome center partnership between the Cherokee Nation and the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department. In 2010, the first Oklahoma-turned-Cherokee Nation Welcome Center opened in Kansas. It is located just off the Cherokee Turnpike and 59914 US Hwy 59, Kansas, OK 74347.

"More than 1.3 million visitors stop at Oklahoma's Tourism Information Centers each year and I know that Cherokee Nation Entertainment will further enhance the positive experience of the traveling public as they assume operation of the welcome center," added Pantlik. ♣