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Casino will happen

God bless the Gun Lake Pottawatomie Indian tribe members and their friends who jammed the Allegan County Commissioners' meeting room, wall-to-wall and standing in every available space, even spilling over into the hall, on Oct. 27.

These people did not come around with five-year studies all neatly encased in blue plastic folders. They came with clear heads, understandable verbage and determination from the crowns of their heads to the soles of their feet. They want and need a casino in the Wayland area -- and it will come!

Step aside naysayers and give these descendants of the native Indians, these people who kept the white man from starving when we first hit this continent hundreds of years ago, the chance to do it again. They can put revenue into many coffers, paychecks in the hands of those left behind by big business, shorten the lines at social service agencies and do away with many unemployment applications.

More importantly, they can give back pride and self esteem to hundreds of men and women who deserve it.

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