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EMMETT TWP. - The FireKeepers Casino near Battle Creek is looking for about 1,500 employees.



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Nearing completion: The yet-to-be-finished FireKeepers Casino in Emmett Township plans to hire about 1,500 employees. Apply online at www.firekeeperscasino.com.

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The casino in Calhoun County's Emmett Township will begin a recruitment drive Jan. 22. It's owned by the 800-member Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi Indians.

Casino officials say they expect a lot of competition for the jobs.

\$270 Million Gambling Hall

The 230,000-square-foot, \$270 million gambling hall will have 2,500 slot machines, 110 table games, five food and drink outlets and a 2,000-car garage.

Casino officials said they've partnered with Michigan Works and Kellogg Community College

to field what they expect to be 20,000 applications for the 1,500 positions.

Job-seekers can go to www.firekeeperscasino.com, Michigan Works offices or the KCC computer lab to apply. FireKeepers general manager Bruce McKee said the casino is looking to fill positions that range from card dealing to accounts payable.

Dealers will begin unpaid training by April, with other employees hired by May, said Peggy Houston, the casino's human resources director.

Most employees will begin training a couple of weeks before FireKeepers' planned late summer opening, McKee said.



Summer opening: Work is done on the water tower at the FireKeepers Casino, which is expected to open in late summer.

APPLICANTS

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- Visit online www.firekeeperscasino.com. This is the preferred method to apply.
- Visit a Michigan Works office.

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Tribal Hires

Wednesday's announcement follows a job fair last week for members of the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi, the Fulton tribe that owns FireKeepers. There, 84 applications were received and 52 job offers were made, said Laura Spurr, tribal council chairwoman. The tribe hopes to hire at least 100 of its members, Spurr said.

The partnership with Michigan Works was a move toward the tribe's goal to hire local people as often as possible, Houston said.

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