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VANDERBILT — On Wednesday, Nov. 3, Bay Mills Indian Community officially opened the doors to Bay Mills Resort & Casinos' newest gaming facility on a 47-acre parcel purchased in August.

The Vanderbilt casino, located just off I-75, houses approximately 40 slot machines in the former Project Nature Welcome Center, which has been completely renovated.

"This is something we've been working on for a long time," said BMIC Chairman Jeff Parker. "None of this would have been possible without the efforts of people such as Larry Rosenthal and Ietan Consulting."

Tribal members are familiar with the Vanderbilt area as they have been hunting elk in the region since 2007, exercising off-reservation treaty rights established with the 2007 Inland Consent Decree.

BMIC also operates two casinos in the Upper Peninsula and opened the first Native-owned casino in the nation, Kings Club Casino, on July 4, 1984. That move paved the way for tribes, such as Bay Mills, to meet infrastructure and employment needs of their community. Indian gaming has generated tens of thousands jobs across the U.S.

Bay Mills Resort & Casinos' employs more than 700 people. BMIC's reservation is located in Chippewa County in the Upper Peninsula.

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