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New Casino in Dodge City may open earlier than expected
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So far, fortune is smiling on the new Dodge City casino.

Building superintendent Hank Morris says construction on the state's first new casino is going so smoothly that the work is two weeks ahead of schedule.

Morris expects to be done with the project by late October, when casino staff will move in 570 slot machines and 10 gaming tables.

Jeff Thorpe, president of Boot Hill Gaming Inc., still expects the casino to open the first two weeks of December. No specific date has been set.

Thorpe says good weather in February and March allowed crews to get ahead of schedule on the 60,000-square-foot building, which will hold 2,900 people.

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