

# Theater opening set for August

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The 12-screen Cinemark movie theater expects to open for its first blockbuster film in August.

Construction crews are currently doing foundation and utility work to prepare the site, said Steve Weisbrod, director of leasing with Kossman Development Co. Once the foundation is set, prefabricated walls will be brought in to construct the building itself.

"That part will go quickly," Weisbrod said.

Last year, developers announced that the theater would open in May, just in time for the summer blockbuster season. But Weisbrod said Monday that that date was optimistic because it took longer than expected from the time the contract was finalized to when construction started.

The foundation has already been poured for the future site of On the Border Mexican Grill and Cantina at on the corner of Farm Road 157 and the southbound service road of U.S. 287. Weisbrod said it typically takes four months to build a restaurant.

Cold Stone Creamery is also expected to open a shop near the theater, Weisbrod said. He said he is also in negotiations with Applebee's Neighborhood Grill and Bar.

Weisbrod said he is negotiating with other possible tenants, but couldn't reveal their names just yet.

"We hope to have a lot of things to talk about soon," Weisbrod said.