Township issues permit for Michaels

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Work has started at the site of the Michaels craft store at the Fairlane Village mall outside Pottsville.

A permit was issued by Brad Petchulis, zoning officer for Norwegian Township on Friday, township Supervisor Bob Kirwan said Monday.

A lease was signed in January for the site.

Ray O. Lannom, project superintendent with Kennedy Contractors Inc., West Palm Beach, Fla., said he has been at the site next to the Kohl's department store since 7 a.m. Monday and he planned to stay into the early evening hours because he was waiting for supplies to be delivered.

Preparing the 22,000-square-foot store will take "somewhere between two to three months," he said.

Lannom said the work consists of replacing drywall, tiling the floor and general maintenance.

A classroom, frame shop and retail area are some of the features of the new store.

David Silver, a leasing agent for Levin Management Corp., the leasing agent for the mall, said Monday he did not have an exact date for the opening, but that it could be soon.

"I think they're looking at August," he said of the store opening.

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