

Oneta Square project going up

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Construction on a 30,000-square-foot, \$4.5 million shopping center is well under way at Oklahoma 51 and Oneta Road southeast of Broken Arrow.

Although retail building projects are becoming less numerous in the Tulsa area, Christopoulos Construction was able to proceed with the future Oneta Square because of the large amount of home construction in the vicinity with very little retail development, said Tom Christopoulos, the company's owner.

"There's a lot of houses out here with no place to shop," he said. "Everything's expanding this way."

In addition, Oneta Square is near the site of the future \$67 million Armed Forces Reserve Center under development at 101st Street and 261st East Avenue. The new armory is expected to serve up to 1,200 members a month from state National Guard and Reserve units.

The center is aimed to attract all manner of restaurants and stores, with a Java Dave's coffee franchise signed up as the first tenant, Christopoulos said.

He expects the work to be finished within six months, he said.