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## Frownie fix will be on hold

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CENTER TWP. - If you're looking for a Frownie fix, you're going to have to wait about a month.

The Kings Family Restaurant on Old Brodhead Road in Center Township was closed this week for renovations. Spokeswoman Shannon Baker said the transformation should be done by early December.

Baker said many of the 35 restaurants in the local chain are looking a bit dated, and customers were starting to notice. That prompted a decision by company officials to kick off a modernization project that begins with the Center location.

"The idea is just to refresh the appearance of the restaurants a little bit," Baker said. "The (Center) location has always had a very large customer base, and that's why we chose to start this process there."

A statement from the company said the process will take several years to complete and represent a "multimillion-dollar commitment." While the renovations are ongoing, the chain also will expand, opening one or two additional locations a year.

Frank Vescio, the township's development coordinator, said he wasn't sure how long the Center location had been open, but he remembers approving its construction when he served as a township supervisor years ago.

"It's great to hear they're starting with us," Vescio said.

"It'll be like getting a new restaurant for the township once it's done."

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