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Stadium 12 theaters to open with fund-raiser

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For the first time in the history of Castle Rock next week, residents will be able to go to the movies without leaving town, a simple pleasure that marks a milestone in the town's development. The long-awaited grand opening of the town's first movie theater, the Castle Rock Stadium 12 in The Meadows, will be celebrated with a Community Cinema night Nov. 10, followed by an opening for the general public Nov. 11.

The tentative, partial lineup for week one includes "Chicken Little," "Jarhead," "Legend of Zorro" and "Zathura." The new Harry Potter movie, "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire," opens Nov. 18. Coming holiday movies include "King Kong" and "Chronicles of Narnia." A complete roster of movies and dates won't be available until next week.

At the intersection of Meadows Parkway and Prairie Hawk Drive, now known as 3690 Limelight Ave., the theater holds 2,200 in 12 auditoriums that vary in size from about 300 to less than 100 seats. All seating is stadium-style with a 12-inch height difference between most rows.

"It's hard to say we were ahead of schedule but I'll say this, the construction process went very smoothly," said Tom Bielefeldt, director of marketing for theater owner Colorado Cinema Group of Aurora. Groundbreaking for the \$5 million, 45,000-square-foot building was in March. The premiere event Nov. 10 is a joint fund-raiser for the Douglas County Educational Foundation and the Task Force of Douglas County. The movie fare for inaugural evening benefit will be "Chicken Little," "The Legend of Zorro" and "Jarhead."

Both foundations are selling tickets for "Chicken Little" (G-rated) and "The Legend of Zorro" (PG-rated). The Task Force is selling tickets separately for "Jarhead," which is rated R. Tickets are \$10 for adults; \$7.50 for children 3-12 years old and seniors 60 and over. The foundations will receive a portion of the proceeds from the sale of the tickets and half of the proceeds from sale of concessions.

Regular tickets are \$9 for adults, \$7 for bargain matinees (before 6 p.m.), \$7 for students and military, \$6 for children 3-12 years old. A raffle will be held before the show for a 2006 season ticket good for all 12 Colorado Cinema Group theaters on the Front Range.

Tickets for the event can be ordered through local schools and are also available at the Educational Foundation office, 312 Cantril St., or the Task Force Thrift Store at 416 Jerry St., Castle Rock. Visit coloradocinemas.net for more on show times and titles.