



MONDAY MORNING, Samantha Meitl (above) helped paint a room in the upstairs of the new movie theater, while downstairs, Brandi Diederich mopped the floor in the new Golden Age Center.

# Teenagers help paint, clean up new center

While most of their friends were still home in bed Monday, a small group of teens headed to the new recreation center downtown to wipe down tables and chairs, mop and vacuum floors and paint.

Some of the girls were there to volunteer for service organizations they are involved in at Decatur Community High School, while others came just because they wanted to help.

The new building will house the Golden Age Center and Sunflower Cinema, plus a bowling alley and a youth area.

On the theater side, Miki Dorshorst, Nakita Bose and Samantha Meitl worked with brushes and rollers painting the upstairs wall white, while men with Sappa Valley Construction worked downstairs on the theater seating and other areas.

Ms. Bose said she'd been working at the new theater since 8:30 a.m. Monday. She said her parents are on the theater board, so she came to help. Same with Ms. Dorshorst, whose father, school Superintendent Duane Dorshorst, serves on the board.

Ms. Meitl said she was asked to help and decided she would, adding that having a new theater will be "awesome." She said it's really cool that they get to help make it.

It'll be the best theater around, said Ms. Dorshorst. Normally people don't trust kids to do this, she said as she worked on some edging near the floor.

The girls agreed that they are all ready for the theater to open. The old theater closed last winter so the building could be demolished.

Downstairs, Ashley Horton, Brandi Diederich, Tracey Hopal and Amanda Marshall, all members of



NAKITA BOSE painted the bottom part of a wall in the upstairs of new movie theater.

the Kayettes, helped mop the new floor in the Golden Age Center, vacuum the carpet and wash down the tables and chairs. Alongside them was City Council member Marcia Lohofener.

Ms. Horton said she and her

classmates were working in the center to help the community. The girls volunteered to come work on Monday.

The students had no school on Monday because it was a training day for the staff.

