

# New senior center, bowling alley



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With an aging senior center and an outdated movie theater, Oberlin was faced with trying to replace both.

The town did better than that, however. Citizens raised the money to put up a three-fold entertainment center for all ages. On the south is a new senior center and senior meal site. In the middle, the new Sunflower Cinema has the latest in digital technology and offers 3D movies.

Then on the north is a new four-lane bowling alley. Oberlin had been without a bowling alley since the old Centennial Bowl burned in 2005.

Demolition of the old senior center and theater started in 2009. While they were without a home, seniors gathered at a rented building across the street and movies were suspended for several months.

The senior center and meal site was finished first. Now, Monday through Friday from a dozen to 50 seniors gather for lunch and news in the west end of their section of the building.

The senior center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

One the east end of the building, card tables offer space for bridge, pitch and pinochle players. Jigsaw puzzles are always set up and a quilt frame stands against the wall with the latest creation awaiting busy fingers.

There are rocking chairs, divans and easy

**THE NEWLY COMPLETED** recreation center on the north end of Penn Avenue houses a senior center, movie theater, bowling alley, meal site and youth center. Designed by architect Rex Olson, Boulder, Colo., and built by Sappa Valley Construction, the building is the result of years of planning and fund raising.

— Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

## — Welcome —

Welcome to *The Oberlin Herald's* Progress edition, a roundup of changes, improvements and betterments over the past four years. While it sometimes seems “nothing happens” in a town this size, we’ve found that if you take stock, you find a lot that’s new, growing and vital.

We’ve asked for suggestions and tried to list as many businesses as we could get information on, but we’re sure there is more. If we missed you, please call. We’ll

get something in the paper.

The photo on the cover shows the first night that a 3-D movie was shown at the new Sunflower Cinema.

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