

and cinema opens downtown



BOWLERS LINED UP at the new lanes to knock down the pins during a sneak preview of Oberlin's new bowling alley in March 2011. The six lane bowling

chairs around a coffee table piled with magazines and newspapers for those who prefer to just sit and read.

But the seniors also get involved in exercise classes and have blood pressure and foot-care clinics.

Next, the theater was completed and opened its doors the Friday after Thanksgiving in 2009 with "A Christmas Carol" in 3D.

Since then, the theater has hosted meetings and hundreds of first-run movies with everything from cartoons like "Alvin and the Chipmunks" to "Men in Black III" and "The

Avengers."

The theater is owned by the Oberlin-Decatur County Economic Development Corp. and run by volunteers, who sell tickets and concessions, run the projector and clean the building.

Oberlin school Superintendent Duane Dorshorst and Decatur County dispatcher Bev Reiter can be found at the theater during most shows and make sure things run smoothly.

Movie tickets are \$5 for a regular show and \$6 for 3D. Sponsors make sure that the latest movie is advertised on Page 2 of *The Oberlin Herald* each week.

alley is part of the complex that houses the Golden Age Center and Sunflower Cinema.

—Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

Shows are normally shown at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

The facility is also used for meetings and fund raisers including one by the Oberlin Business Alliance which featured a spaghetti supper and the Clint Eastwood "spaghetti western" "For a Few Dollars More."

Last to get finished was the bowling alley.

Through the tireless work of Economic Development Corp. member Greg Lohoefer, the lanes were finally opened in March 2011 with the latest in equipment. Shoes can be rented for \$1 and bowling is \$3 a game with league bowling

discounted to \$2.50.

Pizza and snacks are also available with volunteers helping out.

There is a glass door between the bowling alley and the theater and games are available in both for children, teenagers and adults.

It took a while, but the three-prong project is done. Oberlin has a great new facility for its seniors, a first-rate theater and a popular new bowling alley all on Penn Ave. on the north end of downtown.



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