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Sporting a new image in hopes of attracting a broader circle of the community, the senior center at 420 Central in Grant is offering a gathering place for more age groups.

As a daily social facility, the center welcomes the elderly as well as adults of any age, and teens who wish to come in after school.

According to Director Tabby Cornelius, the facility is always open until she leaves at the end of the day, so why not have it come alive with teens 14 and up seeking a place to hang out after school to be with friends? A projector can turn a whole wall into a giant movie screen with a “great sound system,” said Cornelius. There’s a pool table and a shuffleboard, cards and puzzles for entertainment.

For those who might wish to study in an atmosphere with friends and activity, there is wireless internet. Students could bring their laptops and still be a part of the socialization.

Cornelius pointed out that since the youth center closed, there is no other gathering place for youth.

She warmly extends the invitation, “Come and hang out with us.” Teens can make use of the facility that pretty much sits idle from 2:30 p.m. through early evening.

Items in the Thrift Shoppe range from clothes, shoes and jewelry to kitchen items, toys and books.

Large gatherings are always welcome at 420 Central. There are tables and plenty of comfortable seating for reunions, meetings, banquets or graduations.

The senior center will be hosting a potato bar and area vendors during the Chamber Christmas Open House on Nov. 18. The public is invited to participate in their annual fundraiser and get a jump start on Christmas shopping between 5-8 p.m.