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## New Straitsville Seeks to Locate Health Services and Other Businesses in Historic Movie Theater



Opportunity can grow out of many places, and entrepreneurs help to find those opportunities in their communities. Like many towns in Appalachia Ohio, New Straitsville has been in need of accessible primary medical care for its' residents - there are only seven primary care physicians serving the 36,000 residents of Perry County. Recently, when the chance to have a full-time physician was presented to the town, community members organized to look at possible places to house this much needed medical service.

What they found was the Delyn building, a depression era movie theatre that has stood unoccupied for more than a decade in New Straitsville. Not only does the Delyn provide space for the medical services, but it also is large enough to hold other business services that the community is lacking that can help offset the cost of the medical services staffing. Rural Action is assisting New Straitsville to identify the best uses of the Delyn center to meet their health and wellness needs, and create new economic opportunity.

There will be an open house at the Delyn Center on Friday November, 17 during National Rural Health Week. The goal is to raise awareness and the financial support needed to renovate the building, which will be known as the Little Cities Health Center. A donation site has been created by the committee: [Delyn Restoration](#).