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MEET THE MERCHANT



LUKE WHITTAKER

Kaarina Stotts and her son Aarin, 12, pose for a picture outside the Neptune Theatre in Long Beach in early November. Since purchasing the theatre in October 2018, Stotts has been busy improving and upgrading the building over the past year.

By LUKE WHITTAKER
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What businesses do you currently own?

“Neptune Theatre and Tinker Towne Mall, just sold Shipwreck Cove Antiques.”

What’s been your role in each?

“With Neptune I do nearly everything, including requesting movies through my broker, scheduling movies, building the movies, and obviously working customer service. I’m on Face-

book literally every single day trying to remind people that we are here. It actually takes a lot of time to run this theater, way more than expected.”

“With Tinker Towne, I basically do a ton of paperwork as each renter takes care of themselves. If something is broke, I call someone to fix it. Nothing glorified here.”

What aspect do you enjoy the most?

“Easy... the patrons! I have met so many people and feel like I have established some great

Neptune Theatre and Tinker Towne Mall

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relationships with people I didn’t know before the theater. Even

people from far away. And also, by far, I have the best people to work with behind the counter, making my job so much fun!”

Are there any customer stories that resonate with you?

“I can’t really say there is. However, I can say that I have some awesome movie-goers that have basically just volunteered themselves to be in my life one way or another. One lady has been making me a Facebook calendar for over a year now, before I had even met her. She just offered through Face-