

City Lights honors patron by renaming screen



City Lights Cinemas is re-naming Theater 1 as ‘The Greene Screene’ in honor of Suzanne Greene (above), wife of Becky Goehring, who established a matching fund to help support the theater.

City Lights Cinemas recently capped its business-sustaining fundraising effort via GoFundMe by meeting an impressive \$12,000 challenge donation, putting the effort over the total campaign goal with a final tally of \$71,000.

While initially following the wishes of the donor to remain anonymous, City Lights can now unveil that the mystery matching donor is longtime patron Becky Goehring.

“Michael [Falter] and Susan [Tive] took a chance on Florence in late 2013 when they saw the theater sitting empty while on a vacation trip along the Oregon coast,” recalled Goehring. “In the seven years since, they have turned City Lights Cinemas into one of Florence’s treasures.”

Goehring said she and wife Suzanne Green, who passed away 18 months ago, loved the theater and the diverse programming.

“We also loved the way that Michael and Susan have embraced the community and given back in so many ways,” said Goehring. “The

idea of the screens going dark permanently is simply not an option.”

The GoFundMe campaign

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— Michael Falter, City Lights Cinemas

began in early November after Executive Order 20-65 shuttered the venue (the third time a closure was necessitated in 2020).

“Having already remodeled the space for safety and comfort, the final closure was potentially a business-killer,” said Falter. “The outpouring of support from Florence and further afield for keeping cinema — and a community space — alive was truly overwhelming, said Falter.”

Goehring explained that she and wife Suzanne loved City Lights Cinemas and always looked forward to their weekly schedules.

When Greene passed away, Goehring said the GoFundMe challenge match, “was a wonderful way to honor both her memory and the joy that City

Lights Cinemas brought to her life.”

Greene’s brother, Preston, agreed.

“My sister was a unique individual who loved what she loved and did not put up with what she did not,” he said. “And she was not shy about letting you know her preferences. She will be missed by many.

Movies were a special love and especially City Lights Cinemas in Florence.”

Falter and Tive wanted to acknowledge Goehring’s gift with a lasting statement and approached her with an idea.

In honor of Greene and in gratitude for the gift, City Lights is re-christening Theatre 1 as “The Greene Screene.”

“All of us at City Lights loved Suzanne’s acerbic wit and her general approach to picking a film to watch — which was namely most anything we put onscreen, said Falter. “It was a true honor for us to host her memorial service after her passing, which seemed appropriate given her love of the big screen.”

City Lights Cinemas is located at 1930 Highway 101 on Florence, featuring the

Three Rivers Casinos complete UV-C air protection installation

Three Rivers Casinos have announced completion of their new UV-C air purification disinfection systems installed in the Florence and Coos Bay casinos.

The advanced ultraviolet air disinfection and purification systems, V-PACTM Pro, are designed and manufactured by Ultraviolet Devices, Inc. (UVDI) and meet both Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and The American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) guidelines to help prevent the spread of Covid-19.

Richard Colton, Director of Marketing, Three Rivers Casino Resorts, said “We are very happy to have this new system installed. This system adds another layer of protection for our guests and team members, and continues our commitment to being the safest casino in Oregon.

“When guests visit Three Rivers Casino they will find floor stickers right below each of the seven units and the units are labeled for our guests to see.”

In addition to the air purification disinfection systems, Three Rivers has purchased 14 hand-held UVC

sterilizer lights to help disinfect the casino’s slot machines, table games, chairs and many of our guest touch points throughout the casino.

“We purchased the light wands locally from RPAMS in McMinnville, Oregon and the wands are now an integral part of our cleaning process” said Colton.

During the time of the closure in the spring of 2020, the Executive Management team had written safety guidelines in accordance with the CDC and Oregon Health Authority.

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Time Out

By Lloyd Little
Retired teacher, coach and game official

With more than 55 years as an athlete, coach, parent and spectator, Lloyd Little has gained some insights and perspectives regarding athletics. Each week, he shares what he’s learned about sports from his multiple points of view.

Behind the Wheel

On March 20, 1983, a car’s headlights suddenly appeared coming directly towards us. My future wife, Lisa, and I were traveling south on I-5 to Sacramento, Calif. It was around 1 a.m. when we were faced with a car coming north on the I-5 south freeway.

My years of athletic training took over my actions to avoid the head on collision. Drills practiced years ago instinctively helped me instantly swerve to the right-hand lane.

As we watched the car continue north, on the southbound lanes, we could do nothing.

The car may have been driven by a drunk driver, but it occurred before cell phones became a common mode of communication.

We had been discussing a brief stop at a rest area before continuing on to our destination. This encounter was frightening enough to give me an adrenalin rush and we rolled into Sacramento an hour later.

My athletic experiences were a factor in our not becoming victims of a head on collision.

Flash forward to August 2008. I left Florence driving my daughter’s Exterra. My destination was a Eugene car stereo store to have a stereo system installed in her car.

While driving, I often use cruise control. It was early and there were few cars on Highway 126.

As I was going up the hill on cruise control and approached the final corner before entering the tunnel, I looked and was surprised by a slow-moving truck. As I hit the brake to disengage the cruise control, the Exterra failed to slow down.

Several options immediately came to me to reduce the chances of an upcoming wreck. My football background and driving experience came up with four options to solve my predicament.

Options one and two were to try and ditch my car on either side of the road. On the left was a rock wall and on the right was a gravel pullout and another rock wall.

Option three was to rear-end the new luxury car being slowed by the truck, but

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South Slough Reserve offering nature hikes in February

Come for a walk in the woods and explore the flora and fauna on some of South Slough Reserve’s most popular trails.

The two-mile loop is well maintained and relatively level. Attendees will meet at the South Slough Reserve Visitor Center. Dress for the

weather; wear sturdy shoes and bring plenty of water and snacks.

Registration is required, and the event is limited to six participants.

Register at www.south-sloughestuary.org

• Millicoma Marsh Bird Walk (10 to 11:30 a.m., Feb. 5:

Come enjoy great views of the bay and one of the best birding spots in Coos County. Interpreter and binoculars provided. Dress for the weather.

Meet in the parking lot directly behind Millicoma Middle School on Fourth Avenue.

Registration is required, and the event is limited to six participants. Register at www.southsloughestuary.org.

• All About Crab! will be held Feb. 10, from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Visitors are invited to learn

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Tide Tables

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide Low Tide

Jan. 30

1:29am / 6.8
12:40pm / 8.2

6:54am / 2.7
7:33pm / -0.9

Jan. 31

2:04am / 7.1
1:26pm / 7.8

7:41am / 2.4
8:11pm / -0.5

Feb. 1

2:40am / 7.3
2:15pm / 7.3

8:31am / 2.1
8:49pm / 0.1

Feb. 2

3:18am / 7.5
3:12pm / 6.6

9:27am / 1.8
9:29pm / 0.9

Feb. 3

4:00am / 7.6
4:18pm / 6.0

10:29am / 1.5
10:14pm / 1.6

Feb. 4

4:46am / 7.8
5:38pm / 5.4

11:38pm / 1.2
11:07pm / 2.5

Feb. 5

5:39am / 7.8
7:10pm / 5.2

12:52pm / 0.9