

Movie offers look to hopeful future

The *Siuslaw News* is once again partnering with City Lights Cinemas to offer a free community screening of an environmental movie. "2040" will be presented Nov. 15 at 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Following its world premiere at Berlinale '19, Damon Gameau brings "2040," his visionary film which offers new hope to the climate crisis conversation.

Motivated by his 4-year-old daughter and concern for the planet she will inherit, Gameau, Australian award-winning director ("That Sugar Film," 2015) and actor, embarks on a global journey to meet innovators and changemakers to discover what the future of the planet could look like by the year 2040 if we embraced the best solutions already available to us, and shifted them rapidly into the mainstream.

Guided by the voices of 100 child interviewees aged between 6 and 11 who describe the kind of world they would like to see by the year 2040, Gameau draws on the best

minds from around the world to focus on climate, economics, technology, civil society, education, agriculture and sustainability to conjure a positive portrait of what "could be" instead of the current dystopian future we are so often presented.

Aimed at a broad audience including children and their families, Gameau blends traditional documentary with dramatized sequences and high-end visual effects to show how these solutions — including seaweed farming, empowering girls and women with education, automated vehicles and decentralized, renewable energy systems — could regenerate the world for future generations.

Tickets for "2040" are free for the two community screenings on Nov. 15 while supplies last. These are available at City Lights Cinemas 1920 Highway 101 in Florence.

This screening is sponsored in part by Central Coast Disposal, County Transfer and Recycling and Laurel Bay Gardens.

Operation Christmas Child Gift Collection

Florence Evangelical Church is once again the area collection point for Operation Christmas Child, the world's largest Christmas project of its kind. Florence residents, families, churches and groups can help spread joy to millions of children around the world by filling shoeboxes as Christmas gifts for them.

The gifts can include school supplies, clothing, toothbrushes and toys for children ages two to 14. No liquids, lotions, toothpaste, candy or gum, please.

From the distribution sites, boxes are flown to countries around the world, and then delivered to communities by trucks and even donkeys, camels or canoes.

This year's National Collection Week is Monday, Nov. 15, to Monday, Nov. 22. Florence proj-



ect coordinators hope to collect at least 500 shoebox gifts this year at Florence Evangelical Church, 1318 Rhododendron Dr. Collection hours are Monday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., plus, Wednesday, Nov. 17, from 5 to 8 p.m., and Monday, Nov. 22, from 8 to 10 a.m.

Donations to help with postage are also appreciated. Volunteers will be practicing social distancing, and people are encouraged to wear a mask.

For questions about dropping off shoeboxes, call Florence Evangelical Church at 541-997-2523.

Operation Christmas Child has been an annual project of Samaritan's Purse since 1993. The project has delivered gift-filled shoeboxes to more than 188 million children, in more than 170 countries and territories. For information on how to pack a shoebox, visit www.samaritanspurse.org/occ.

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Cape Perpetua hosts Young Scientists Webinars

YACHATS—Cape Perpetua Collaborative has begun a 7-part webinar series aimed at supporting and engaging with young scientists conducting ocean research with a variety of exciting specialties.

"This is a great chance to hear from young scientists zooplankton internalizing microplastics, understanding native American use of sea otters in Oregon before European contact, impacts of ocean acidification on pink shrimp, genetic approaches to understanding stock structure of pacific albacore, impacts of environmental identities of early adolescents' perception of local marine issues, behavioral specializations of gray whales and exploring diets of Oregon's tufted puffins," said Tara DuBois, Communications Coordi-

nator, Cape Perpetua Collaborative.

The webinars are scheduled for the second Tuesday every month through April 2022 at 5:30 p.m. The full series schedule can be viewed here.

The scheduled webinars in the series include:

- **Tuesday, Nov. 9, at 5:30 p.m.**

"Marine Mammals Before Extirpation: Using archaeology to understand Native American use of sea otters in Oregon prior to European contact"

Presenter: Hannah Wellman, Ph.D. in Anthropology from the University of Oregon

Registration: <https://capeperpetuacollaborative.org/event/archeology-native-american-use-sea-ot->

Cape Perpetua exemplifies a unique place where land and sea intersect to produce productive coastal rainforests and ocean upwelling that fuels a productive food web. Working collaboratively and coordinating conservation efforts in this region will help make efficient use to leverage available resources and accelerate the pace at which Oregonians are made aware of, appreciate, understand and support the natural and cultural values of this region.

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