

BIJOU THEATRE
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Greetings

The Bijou Theatre has been the place "where movies still matter" since June 3 1937. Every day the theatre would present the best film to the locals and vacationers on the coast

With the exception of a few years when the theatre changed hands, The Bijou was open every day for movies, local events and organized charity drives for the area. Covid of course changed that.

The Bijou is just one screen. The Bijou focuses on an older clientele who respects the theatre and feels it is "home" for them. However with Covid, many have not returned. Attendance, since we've reopened, has fallen off 60-70% on most days. Plans we had to upgrade the rest rooms and our front have been put off since that money needs to go to utilities and payroll.

The bill you are discussing will help people in the multiscreen buildings, especially in keeping people working. But for us it will be a huge lifeline to keep things open until the majority of cinemalovers return. We can't close because it would send the wrong signal. We are a touchstone that represents this area for more than just film. We are a Lincoln County landmark. It would be a shame to close it.

Please add my support of this bill

Best

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