

# Curtain comes down on Showboat

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The Showboat movie theater complex has abruptly closed its doors, after providing Lake Geneva movie goers with big-screen entertainment for 20 years.

The six-screen theater at 2565 State Road 120 in the town of Lyons ceased operations Sept. 5, with a sign posted in the theater's front window that reads "temporarily closed."

A similar message was posted on the business Facebook page: "We are temporarily closed, sorry for any inconvenience."

Officials from the company that owns the theater complex, Showboat of Lyons LLC, could not be reached for comment.

Movie goer Tom Gentilli of Lake Geneva said he was surprised Sept. 8 when he tried to catch a movie at Showboat and he found the doors locked and the property abandoned.

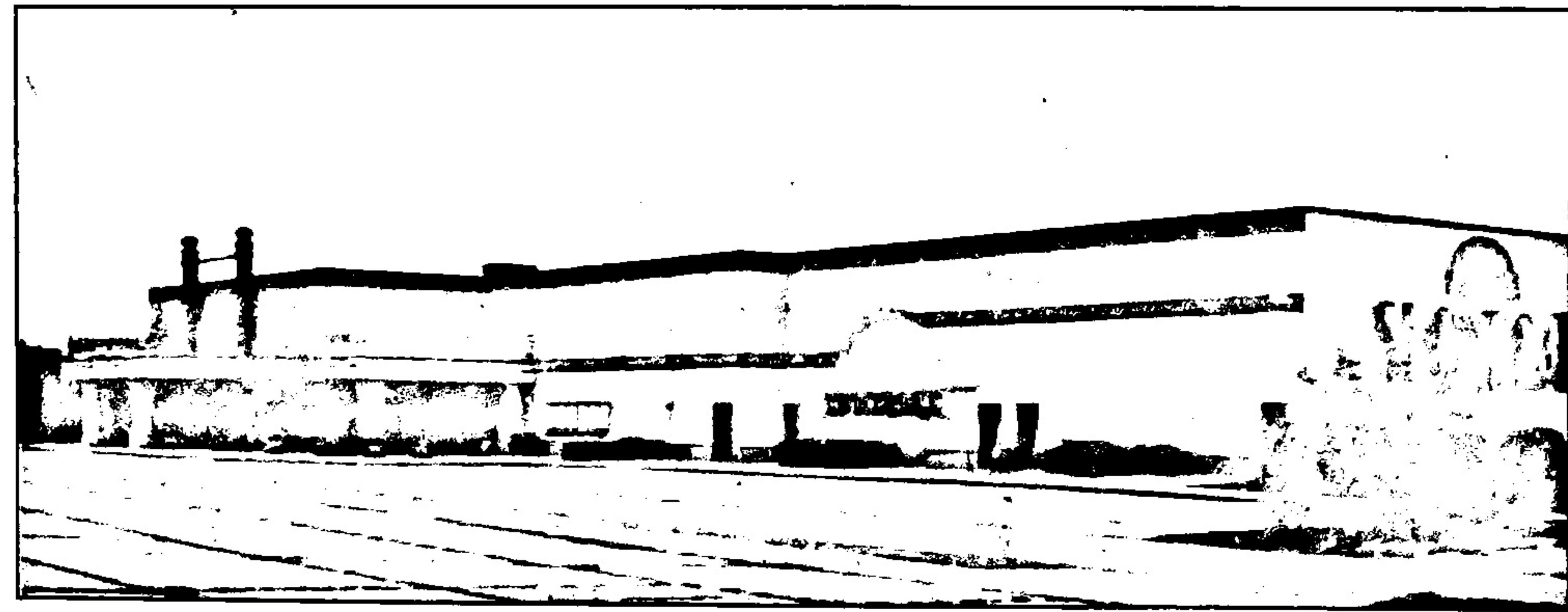
"I just wanted to see a movie," Gentilli said. "It was just like, 'Well, what's going on?'"

According to its website, Showboat opened its doors in June 1997.

The complex in the past has featured six separate movie screens, along with a game arcade, a private party room and an upstairs recreation area with a pool table.

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The Showboat theater is closed temporarily, according to signs on the front door and on its Facebook page. The Regional News has not been able to reach any owners who could say how long it will be closed or why it was closed. (Photo by Chris Schultz/Regional News)