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Another great week. We welcomed Travis of the Cosmos and Chosen to the Strand last Saturday night. Both bands put on a great show. All are Strand volunteers! This past week our Saturday night cult classic was "The Crazies". After seeing the film, it is aptly titled! We also showed Seven Brides for Seven Brothers. This musical looked and sounded great on the big screen.

Marquee work is proceeding along. We had to consult with Shelbyville Paint and Wallpaper for some color samples. These are necessary to match our marquee colors with the interior colors. Have you tried to get to SP&W lately? The road construction makes it a bit tough. I am sure they are happy (along with the rest of us) that SR44 over the railroad tracks is open. Now that you can get there again, stop by and tell them "thanks for supporting the Strand!".

Big news! (warning tech talk ahead) Duke Energy has agreed to provide the Strand with 110/220 4 Wire 3 Phase. Not only are they able to get the power to us, but they were able to provide it at a cost we can afford. This has been a project that has been many months in the planning. The cost will be paid from the electrical grant we received from the Blue River Community Foundation. When completed it will provide 2 very necessary components to our project. First will be the availability of both single phase and three phase power in a single meter. This will allow us to upgrade our existing single phase service and integrate our new 400 amp single phase panels. The front of the theatre is running on the original (yes 1916 original) 100 amp panel. It needs to go. The sooner the better for us. We have talked about how limited we are because of proper power. We cannot run our stage lights and popcorn machine at the same time. We have a brand new 300# per day ice maker, yet no power available to run it! Those problems will be a thing of the past shortly. Steve Dennis is leading the charge to get the new system designed along with Rick Butler from Duke Energy. The second part of the project is to move the service drops from the existing location to the pole just to the north. Currently the power lines are blocking our third floor access to the old ballroom. This will move the lines so we can open the doors and start hauling out the old A/C and ventilation equipment from upstairs. Once the area is clear, we can also start making preparation for our pipe organ, which is to be installed in that space. Thank you to Nisa Hensley, Rick Butler and all our friends at Duke Energy for helping us with this!

Ever wonder how all those nifty Strand pictures get in the Shelbyville News? Check out our web site to see Steve Talbert in action. We appreciate the wonderful articles. One of our goals is to have excellent communication with no secrets. The Shelbyville News has been fantastic on helping "spread the word" about our work at the Strand...thank you!

This weekend we have a great line-up. On Friday night we will be showing "Slacker Uprising" at 8:00pm. This Michael Moore film will be loved by some, hated by others. It is a newer (2007) film, and we are happy to be showing something from the new millennium! Saturday the Strand welcomes Americana Comes Alive. This evening of music and comedy in the Americana style, starts at 6:30pm. Doors will open at 6:00. It will be fantastic. So if you are a fan of folk, country, rhythm & blues, Americana music (sometimes referred to as Alternate Country) is for you. This will be a great show.

Saturday night, we continue our late night movies with "The Brides of Frankenstein". This 1960 movie stars your favorite Star Wars bad guy Peter Cushing. The running time is 85 minutes. On Sunday we are trying a new start time for our films. "Carry On...up the Khyber" is showing at 5:00pm. This British Comedy is one of several Carry On movies. If you want a good laugh, come visit us on Sunday.

The nice part about being an all volunteer organization is that we don't have any lengthy committee structure to wade through for new ideas. Someone said "hey, how about doing the Sunday movie at 5:00?" and boom...its done! Some things work, some things don't, but we aren't afraid to try. Thank you for your support. The Strand, while fun, is not easy. It takes the hard work, many hours and dedication to make it happen. Behind the scenes there is an army of Strand volunteers who quietly do what needs to be done. Thank you to all who help, and thank you to all who care about what we are trying to accomplish. By reading these updates you are helping us achieve our goal. Give yourself a pat on the back! See you at the theatre.

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