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Strand Theatre Weekly Email: October 20, 2009

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The Strand had a great weekend. The Blue River Community Choir and Dixie Kats Dixieland Band put on a great show. If you missed it, you need to check it out the next time they play the Strand.

This week we have several Mid-Week events, so we are sending this email a few days early. Tuesday night October 20, 2009 the Shelby County Health Department will conduct a very important session on the H1N1 Flu. This is the fourth and final lecture in our 2009 Lecture Series. At the request of the Health Department, the topic was changed to H1N1 issues. There will be a question and answer session after the lecture. If you have questions, this would be an excellent event to attend. The Lecture will start promptly at 7:00pm

On Thursday Night Kent Lockman and the Cobbler Gobblers Band will be performing on the Strand stage at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$5. This should be a down home, fun time! Hope to see you there. On Saturday Night the Complete Unknowns will be performing on stage. They play music of Bob Dylan and The Band. This talented group include local teachers. Seems as though this week the Shelbyville Central Schools staff is showing off how much talent they have in their ranks!

If you were planning to attend Ghostbusters this weekend we have bad news. We received a communication from our movie distributor Monogram Releasing that stated we couldn't show Ghostbusters. This is after we paid the booking fee! So goes the film world. Seem as though the problem is, in their words "The company is now saying they cannot give us the digital rights only 35mm." As you know, we have only digital projection and cannot show 35mm prints. This basically means no movie for us. This is only the third time in our history that we have had to cancel an event. The first was our March 2008 when we had a concert scheduled, only to get 10" of snow that day, the second was a movie that didn't show up in time and this is the third. We just roll with the punches on this type of thing. We will try to get the situation figured out and reschedule Ghostbusters. After all, who you gonna call?

The theatre is now toasty warm (warning, tech talk ahead). The 1954 heating units have been completely checked, filters changed, and test fired. They are ready, and have this weekend, provided heat to the auditorium. One of the problems with the old units is that we have to run the pilot lights 12 months a year. Bob S. insists that we keep the pilots lit to keep the units complete devoid of moisture. This also allows the thermocouples to remain in good shape. This is something we rather not do, but must. The cost to run those four pilot lights is \$100 per month! That is expensive, but as Bob reminds us, it is cheap compared to the consequences of having them off. So when we fired the heaters for the first time of the season, everything worked as advertised (good thing for Bob!). While he was at it, we now have a more accurate, easier to use digital thermostat for the balcony units. The old thermostat, while it did a good job, was 40 years old and very hard to set. Bob would disagree with that, he would say that it was easy to set. So we'll just say it was hard to set for the rest of us! The new units works great.

We have Poetry Reading next week. Also, the Halloween Decorations are coming out, and we are preparing for that ever so scary costume contest on Halloween night. Thanks for all the support. We have many wonderful events in the next few weeks. Hope to see you there.

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