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Strand Theatre Weekly Email: July 15, 2011

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The Strand certainly "Walked the Line" last weekend with the performance of Frank Hamilton with his Johnny Cash Tribute. The music was outstanding. We were pleased that our community supported this event. The volunteers of the Strand work hard to bring this type of entertainment into the theatre. The nice audience makes it all worthwhile. We were also pleased to present Waldron native Kit Haymond for the warm-up. He gave a great performance and had a chance to work with seasoned professionals. We love local talent at the Strand!

Speaking of local talent, SHELBY IDOL returns Saturday night. This semi-final round will be on July 16, 2011 with doors opening at 6:00pm with the performance starting at 7:00pm. We expect another sell out (wow that is nice to say). We suggest you get to the theatre early if you still need tickets. There are 21 performers competing on the Strand's stage on Saturday night. The end of show will have a special performance by the 2010 Shelby Idol winner John Thompson. He will sing an original song written for him by Duke Greer. Come out and join judges Tim Spradlin, Andy Erickson and Brian Hartung for another round of SHELBY IDOL.

Most theatre's like the Strand take it easy in the hot summer months. Somehow we didn't get the memo. This week we go from Shelby Idol to an interesting performance on Thursday. Mark's Ark will be on stage Thursday July 21st at 5:30pm. This FREE event, sponsored by the Shelbyville-Shelby County Library, will feature all sorts of animals. We will learn about their habits and habitats. This is in support of the SSCL Summer Reads Program. Bring the kids to this wonderful event.

On Friday night July 22nd, Friday Night Frights returns to the screen. Whenever the Strand is not book the 4th Friday of any month, we show scary movies. This month has a theme: When Animals Go Bad! We are showing 2 movies from 1959. The first is "The Giant Gila Monster" followed by "The Killer Shrews". We are fortunate that this is only on our screen. The Shelby County Health Department's Robert Lewis does a great job throughout the summer playing Doctor of Death to our mosquito population. With him on duty, we won't have any Giant Gila's or Killer Shrews! These movies are really fun. Take a step back in time and see a double feature at the Strand. When you are done you can still catch the late show at the Skyline Drive-In too! We're feelin' like the 50's. Scary movies, sitting in the balcony and hot popcorn.

The Strand's physical equipment is keeping up with the load. We cooled the theatre down to not allow the heat to take over. This will make for a comfortable show on Saturday night. If Bob S. has anything to say about it at show time he would like us to be able to hang meat in the auditorium. We know what 90 degree heat and 400 people do to our ability to cool the theatre. It never gets uncomfortable, but it is something we know we can't control.

The Shelby County Players are working hard on their upcoming performance of You're A Good Man Charlie Brown. In their email they did something that we are going to do too. When referring to the show, after the first time we will only type YAGMCB. Isn't that catchy? We think so. Get your tickets early for any (or all) of the 4 upcoming performances.

It is hard to believe another week has passed. As always it is a pleasure for each and every person connected with the Strand to be able to keep this historic venue relevant in our community. We couldn't do it without your support. Thank you for taking the time from your busy schedule to read about our theatre. We'll see you at the Strand!

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