

Strand Theatre Shelbyville, Inc.

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Dear Strand Fan,

Work continues at the theatre. We've had quite a few surprises too. The first surprise came the day our great volunteer Bob S. had his open heart surgery. Bob is the self proclaimed "antique" that takes care of the "antiques". Our furnaces are on the top of that list. Bob is a retired heating and air technician so he is easily able to keep our 1954 equipment working like a charm. As Bob was halfway through his surgery, the heat in the Strand decided to rebel. Yep...complete failure. The temperature plummeted from 70 to 53.

(Warning, tech talk ahead). What should we do? After a few volunteers took a stab at fixing the problem we called Steve Dennis of Steve Dennis Electric to find out which switch powered which furnace. We have 4 different furnaces above our stage. Steve came over and found that the limit switch in our primary furnace had decided to retire. After getting the gas valves set, we fired one of our spare furnaces. So far so good. It is keeping the theatre warm. Steve gave us the instruction to find out where the limit switch was located. The furnace isn't easy to get to. It is high above the stage.

Fast forward two days and Bob was able to have visitors. After the "Hi, How are you?" was "Where is that *%^# limit switch!" Bob gave us the answer and we were on our merry way. The surgery worked. It wasn't so good for the furnace though. We have an edict from Bob that the main HVAC in the Strand WILL be replaced this year. He said we have been on borrowed time and replacement is essential. Bob is feeling better!

Next was our web site. You might have notice our events are not current. Our event editor program decided to crash. Our volunteer Shane K. who is our web master was contacted about the problem. This is the same time is wife called to say she was in labor and they needed to get to the hospital. It is a healthy baby boy! Congratulations to Shane and Kasia. With a newborn in the house the Strand's site is still waiting for that extra minute. This is looking like a trend, or a conspiracy to say the least!

The Shelby County Players loaded-in their new production of "Trouble in Tumbleweed." As they worked on their play, so did the Strand volunteers continue working on the theatre. Finally we have all the new balcony seats installed and functional. We where short 3 15" seat bottoms. They were in the semi-trailer provided by Quickway. It has been cold...really cold. That trailer is even colder! Volunteers finally went on an expedition to find those small seat bottoms. After measuring our spare 200 seats, we only had 6 to go. Sure enough they were in those last few bundles. They are now installed and everything is ready to go.

We installed the extra railing for our balcony. This will allow us to open the first row of balcony seats this weekend. Kim at Buck\$ Plumbing Supply helped us by fabricating all the components. Gordon H. promptly painted the new railing. The balcony is the safest in the Strand's 98 year history. When you see it we think you will agree.

The Shelby County Players installed some lighting equipment for their play. As normal, they used the plug in the center of the first row of the balcony. It worked when we didn't have a first row. We realized quickly that it wouldn't work any more. Steve Dennis and Darin McIntire put two new outlets on either side next to our existing lighting plugs. The center outlet was removed. Problem solved! Typical of how Steve Dennis works, instead of one circuit, they are now on separate circuits. It is nice to have the power and the panel space to do that.

The actors are ready. The technical crew is ready. The theatre is clean. Bob is feeling good. Shane's newborn is growing....we are ready for some shows! Come this weekend and bring the family to Trouble in Tumbleweed. Check out the balcony and all the hard work of the Strand Volunteers and our local contractors.

Thank you for your support. The Strand is a wonderful place. It knows no strangers. It welcome is everyone. We hope to see you at the Strand!

Shelby County Players
TROUBLE IN TUMBLEWEED
Thursday, March 6th 7:30pm
Friday, March 7th 7:30pm
Saturday, March 8th 7:30pm
Sunday, March 9th 2:00pm

SHS National Honor Society
MR. SHELBYVILLE
Benefit for Our Hospice
Wednesday, March 12 7:00pm
(this is a re-scheduled event)

Travel Authority
IRELAND EVENT
Thursday, March 13th

Shelby Community Band
SPRING CONCERT
Sunday, March 16 2:00pm

Comedy
HEYWOOD BANKS
April 12th

Comedy
CAROLINE RHEA
May 16th

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