

Strand Theatre Shelbyville, Inc.

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Written by David on July, 8 2016

Dear Strand Fan,

This week the Strand has been at the Shelby County Fair. We have a table with information in the Brinson Building. We have joined other arts organizations to provide a smorgasbord of local art offerings. The Shelby Arts Alliance put this event together and we have had fun talking to everyone. It is not too late to visit the fair. If you have not been to the fair recently, come out and see the changes.

The Strand congratulates Mike Freeman and the fair board for a wonderful event. The inclusion of the arts in a such a prominent way is another sign of the changes and growth of the fair. While you are there look up at the banners along the grandstand. The Strand has a centennial banner there. We are thrilled to be included.

Last week the Central Indiana Council On Aging held their "Celebrating Service" luncheon in Indianapolis. The finalists from the eight donut counties were there. Shelby County was represented by our own Bob Schlick. Bob is the glue (and sometimes tape, nails, strings?) that keeps the Strand in tip-top shape. Bob was awarded Shelby County Senior Volunteer of the Year. He was honored at the luncheon. The Strand congratulates Joseph Mills from Morgan County for being named Indiana Senior Volunteer of the Year. Bob said that he was very deserving. Congratulations to Bob and everyone else who gives their time to volunteer.

This week the Shelbyville City Council presented their yearly EDIT funding plan. Many have asked us why the Strand is not included? This is expected and a good thing for us and is part of the excellent support we have received from Mayor DeBaun and the City Council. Our EDIT funding was used and paid in advance for the replacement of the heating and air conditioning system at the theater. This is the single most important and expensive project that we have a yet to embark.

The new system facilitates audience safety, audience comfort, and an excellent (and quiet) performance experience. We appreciate the well wishes about this, but we know what is going on and the support of our City has never wavered. The City of Shelbyville is our valued growth partner.

Tomorrow we are having a quick work session to accomplish a single task. At long last we are installing our sign on the back wall of the theater. We received a variance for this sign from the Shelbyville Board of Zoning Appeals. The sign has been residing in the lobby for a long time. It is ready to take its place in the exterior landscape of the Strand. We will be erecting scaffolding, drilling 3 holes, mounting two through-bolts, and preparing for wiring. It shouldn't take too long, but we will need about 4 people to be on the scaffold to lift the sign into place. It will be placed about 12 feet above the pavement. If you have a chance we will start at 9:00am on Saturday July 9th. Bob S. and Don C. are leading the effort.

Next week we have two remarkable events. On Friday night July 15th Dr. Andrew Simpson will present an evening of silent films. These comedies are from the mid 1920's at the height of the Jazz Era. Dr. Simpson (who grew up in Shelbyville and is an SHS Graduate) will give commentary and accompaniment on these films. Advance tickets are available at Mickey's T-Mart. Usually a program like this is presented at the Library of Congress or the National Archives. We are fortunate to have this here in Shelbyville!

Saturday night July 16th will be a concert of former Shelby Idol winners. We have winners represented from the first Shelby Idol in 2008 all they way to last year's winners. It will be wonderful to welcome back these talented originally local individuals. Advance tickets are available at Mickey's T-Mart. This will be something you will not want to miss, as we say goodbye to Shelby Idol after this year.

You still have a few days left to visit the fair. We hope to see you there at the Brinson building. Thank you for your support of the Strand and your support of the arts in Shelby County. See you at the Strand!

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