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TONIGHT - THE KILLER SHREWS (1959)

Friday Night Frights

7:30pm \$5

SATURDAY - A TRIBUTE TO BUDDY HOLLY

With Barney Fife

By Kenny James and Rave On

7:30pm \$20 advance \$25 door

Dear Strand Fan,

Last week we did something new. We were a host site for Mainstreet Shelbyville Wine Walk. It was a fun event. We utilized the entire theater. The entertainment was fantastic. Our stage was filled with an eclectic mix of music starting at 6pm and ending at 10:15. Thank you to all the musicians who helped the Strand with this event.

We keep meticulous records. One of the data points that we monitor is volunteers and volunteer hours per event. The wine walk had 28 Strand volunteers. Including our musicians, logged 118 volunteer hours. That is all just Thursday and Friday! We hope it appears effortless, but many members of our community work very hard to make each and every event special and perfect.

The Wine Walk presented us with the opportunity to have patrons go to our upper lobby bar. Simmons Winery served their Hard Cider from that locations. This is the first time we have used that space as a bar. It worked out well. We appreciate all the nice comments from our patrons about the look and feel of the Strand.

This weekend on Saturday night is A TRIBUTE TO BUDDY HOLLY with Kenny James and Rave On. This will be an outstanding show of early rock and roll. Buddy Holly was tragically killed in 1959 at the age of 22. His chartered plane crashed as he was going from a concert in Cedar Lake IA to a concert in Moorhead, MN. The event was the impetus for the 1971 Don McLean song "American Pie" as the day the music died. We look forward to hearing that great early music performed live on our stage.

Barney Fife (Kenny James) will also be there to get the crowd limbered up with homespun humor before the concert.

Tickets are still available, you can purchase them online at www.BrownPaperTickets.com or locally at Mickey's T-Mart or the Skyline Drive-In. This is a show you will not want to miss. The concert begins at 7:30pm. Look for Barney's car parked in front of the Strand!

Tonight we present THE KILLER SHREWS (1959) as part of our Friday Night Frights Film Series. These films are a homage to our past. The Strand, for the majority of its life, was known as a movie theater. For a period in the 1950s and 1960s when sci-fi and horror films were popular, these films were a mainstay in the Strand's line up. We are proud of our past and enjoy presenting this series to our loyal FNF fans.

Tonight's film "The Killer Shrews" is about a disparate group that are trapped on a remote island by a hurricane. On the island, a doctor works to make humans twice as small as we already are. This, to him, will help prevent over population. Unfortunately, the doctor's experiments have created some giant shrews. As the shrews run out of smaller animals to eat, they move in on the people in the house. (Editor's note: Is the shrew's name Katerina?)

Keeping in the Bard theme, he said "Sweet are the uses of adversity." We wish we could subscribe to that thought, but we don't. Alas, it was time for yet another visit from the State Fire Marshal's office.

This time it is an annual inspection for our Amusement and Entertainment permit. This inspection is 8 months after the last inspection. It seems that when they issued our last permit, they predated it from October to May, hence we needed re-inspected in May. You can take from that what you will, we certainly find it odd.

The meeting was set for this past Tuesday at 10:30am. We are all volunteers, so it takes a bit to get things coordinated to accommodate their schedule. The inspector contacted us midday last Friday and said he had to move the time. After

much shuffling, we were able to accommodate his new time of 2:30pm. Unfortunately this caused our wonderful volunteer Bob S. to alter his vacation plans, as he was leaving after that meeting. We were told they had a training exercise in Arkansas. We found that earthquake training listed online and there was lots of advance notice. Too bad it didn't get to us in time.

David Millhoan, who is a Code Official for the State Fire Marshal's office did the inspection. He is not listed as an inspector according to DHS. He was joined by Kevin Troy. Kevin Troy is listed as a Code Official, not an inspector as well, but he told us he was Assistant Section Chief. We were quite honored to have 2 officials, not one as has been the practice since we opened. David Millhoan was part of the group that gave us our "Work Progress Inspection" that resulted in yet another series of legal proceedings. As you recall that inspection in March had nothing to do with Work Progress. While David Millhoan did not sign that document in March (it was signed by Walter Knaepple, the inspector who caused this whole mess in the first place) he certainly didn't do anything to negate those new accusations. Code Enforcement Officials Millhoan and Troy were polite. They did a standard A&E (Amusement and Entertainment) Permit inspection. Remember, we have been through these since 2008, so we know what to expect. Up until last year's fiasco from Walter Knaepple, the State Fire Marshal inspectors were a valued asset and resource to the Strand. Unfortunately Mr. Knaepple and the leadership of State Fire Marshal Jim Greeson have destroyed that reputation and trust through their incredible actions.

As such, the Strand had four volunteers in attendance. David F., Bob S., Tom D., and Lee M. Tom is also the mayor of Shelbyville. He understands the importance of the Strand to the community. He has always lent his support and efforts to help us accomplish our mission. Since we are in active litigation with the State Fire Marshal's office, Lee McNeely was there for legal guidance. Tom and Lee have lots of things to do in their very busy schedules. We appreciate them taking their time to help make sure this inspection was fair. We are happy to report that the Strand passed with no official comments. David Millhoan made some three suggestions. These suggestions, not violations, were outstanding. They are things we just missed or in the case of the last item, we haven't gotten to yet.

First was labeling the on stage electrical panel breakers. That was installed several years ago to accommodate Shelby County Tourism's DISH IT OUT. The labeling of the breakers was just missed. We have only used that panel once since (you guess it, at DISH IS OUT). That suggest has been fixed. It is nicely and accurately labeled.

Second was labeling the Strand Annex electrical panel breakers. This panel has three breakers with one already labeled. We labeled all three. To be honest had Walter Knaepple and Jim Greeson not derailed our already approved plans for that area, that panel would have been already removed. Either way it was a good suggestion and it is now nicely and accurately labeled.

The final suggestions made Bob S. very happy. They would like us to seal the opening where the heating ducts are routed into the attic above the auditorium. Bob has been trying to get that done on a work session and we always end up having other things to do. Bob is thrilled that it is at the top of the to-do list. It too was an outstanding suggestion. It will take us a few weeks, but we will have it properly engineered and constructed. This is something we will not use our volunteers to do, but will have a professional contractor accomplish just to make sure it is right.

The inspectors were very concerned with our fire system annual report, but as we reminded them, it was the very same report done in September 2016 that was reviewed and approved by the previous inspector. We will retest our alarm this September, as we have annually done since we started.

We are happy to have this behind us. We have great distrust of staff connected with the State Fire Marshal's office. We are pleased to report that the experience with Mr. Millhoan and Mr. Troy was cordial.

We have outstanding events this weekend. Our volunteers are hard at work making each and every performance special. All we need is you! It is because of your support that we can present a wide variety of entertainment. Thank you!

Tonight, Friday Night Frights, tomorrow A Tribute to Buddy Holly...see you at the Strand!

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