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Dear Strand Fan, Tonight Friday Night Frights returns with the 1971 DRACULA vs FRANKENSTEIN. This classic stars Lon Chaney, Jr. It is a standard in the repertoire. Now is your chance to see it on the big screen and sit in the balcony too! Showtime is 7:30pm and tickets are only \$5.

Hello Fall! The equinox is upon us. Today we are half and half, tomorrow we tip. Tip to where? Comedy of course. COSTAKI ECONOMOPOULOS. Costaki will take the stage at 8:00pm Saturday September 23rd. He is a nationally touring comedian and is funny! You will be happy you made it to the Strand to hear him live. Tickets are only \$15 in advance. If you pay by cash or check, then Mickey's T-Mart is the place. If you would like to charge or are out of town, you can purchase tickets at BrownPaperTickets.com

We had something perplexing at the Strand. This past week or so our doors have started to stick. These are doors that have swung freely since we started in 2007. Did something change that we missed? A quick survey of our volunteers and we all experienced it at our homes and businesses too. That is odd.... (editor's note: One of our volunteers checked the USGS Earthquake website. There have been no measurable events in Indiana in the past thirty days. Hmm)

Farce: (noun) a comic dramatic work using buffoonery and horseplay and typically including crude characterization and ludicrously improbable situations. That is the proper definition, but it is nothing compared to experiencing the real thing. You are in luck! BOEING BOEING (a farce) is coming to the Strand the next two weekends. The Shelby County Players will put mayhem on stage with an outstanding cast and crew. Be prepared to laugh (seems to be a theme at the Strand of late). The first performance is Friday September 29th.

We also met with the Technical Director of the Shelby County Players to go over updates and changes to the Strand since they last performed. We discuss work-around options for those "just in case" scenarios. Overall everything is ready to go and this production will be the easiest for them yet. One major improvement is worklights on stage. In the past they have been relegated to assembling the upstage portion of the set in the dark. That is no longer the case. We look forward to their production loading in Sunday morning for performances next week.

This week the Strand had a major energy conservation upgrade. As part of the Duke Energy SmartWatt program, the Strand replaced 130 light bulbs. The old bulbs were replaced with energy efficient LED bulbs. The biggest change that will be evident is our office chandeliers. We replaced 66 25 Watt incandescent bulbs with 66 2.5W LED lamps. Wow, what a difference. You can see it from the street. We had two electricians from Duke Energy plus two Strand volunteers. The project took 8 labor hours to accomplish. (warning, tech talk ahead) Since we are a 101 year old facility, the tone and color of the lighting is critical. We specified no lamps cooler than 2700° Kelvin lamps. The was the case with the exception of the fluorescent replacements which were 3000° Kelvin. With color temperature the larger the number, the cooler the color.

BBQ & Brewfest Saturday night. Costaki Saturday night. Boeing Boeing next week...the Strand and downtown Shelbyville is the place to be. That is because of you, that you for your support. See you at the Strand!

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