



THE Marquee

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Historic Tile Brought Back to Life! Replication of the historic tile gracing our entrance was fraught with frustration. After working for over a year with a manufacturer who was not up to the task, we approached North Prairie Tileworks in Minnesota. Roger Mayland and his staff are careful about the jobs they accept. “We are very selective,” Roger explained. “We may take one project a month. It takes expertise in order to do a project like this, and we only take the projects that we feel we can match and where we can have a positive impact.” Their process to accurately replicate our historic tiles started with forensic observation of the original tiles. Knowing the year the tiles were produced, as well as what materials were used, is crucial to a successful outcome. Production methods and materials used in the early 1900s are either no longer available or prohibited in today’s tile industry. Therefore, tile manufacturers must be well versed in ways to achieve the historic look with current technology. North Prairie Tileworks took great pride in successfully replicating the Theatre’s historic tile. “It’s heartwarming when we hear that a group of people care enough about their building to put a lot of heart and soul into restoring it. It’s always a pleasure to be able to do our part,” said Mayland.



Theatre Spotlight: Granbury Theatre! As railroads spread through Texas, former frontier towns suddenly had access to new forms of entertainment as traveling troupes of actors, vaudeville performers, and opera stars made their way to Texas. Many small towns built opera houses to provide a home for these performances. In 1886, Granbury built one of the grandest. In addition to plays, music, and Italian operas, the Granbury theater also hosted boxing matches and other attractions. Some

historians cite the rising temperance movement in the early 20th century as playing a role in the opera house’s eventual demise. In the 1970s, a local businessman purchased the building and began its revival.

We extend our sympathies to the families of our friends Kathy Owsley, John Arthur and George Pitzer. They will be sorely missed by their families and by our community.



The 4th of July! The City of Pittsburg Parks & Recreation Department will host their annual Fourth of July Celebration. Events begin on July 3rd and continue through the 4th, culminating with the area's largest fireworks display at 10 p.m. This year's events will feature a baby contest, Kiddy Land, bocce tournament, fishing derby, Firecracker 5K race, Rolling Nostalgia car show, Pride of Pets dog show, and many more activities for the entire family. Be on the lookout for news and announcements ahead of the event. For more information call up www.pittks.org.

The Kansas Shrine Bowl! Graduating seniors from throughout the state will play in the 49th Annual Kansas Shrine Bowl on Saturday July 23, 2022 in Pittsburg, Kansas. The Kansas Shrine Bowl is a non-profit charity raising funds and awareness for the Shriners Hospitals for Children. The game and other activities leading up to the main event are the key fundraisers of the year. Since its inception in 1974, the Kansas Shrine Bowl has raised more than \$3 million



for Shriners Hospitals for Children. Activities on gameday, July 23, 2022, include the Strong Legs Run 5K, Walk For Love, a High School Combine, the Kansas Shrine Bowl Parade in Downtown Pittsburg, a Junior All-Star Challenge, and the game itself, which will include performances by the Kansas Masonic All-State High School Marching Band and the Shrine Bowl All-Star Cheer Squad.



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