



THE Marquee

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We extend our sympathies to the families of our dear friends Mary Pogson, Todd Coleman & Delores Cobb. They will be missed by their families, by us, and by our community.

Theatre Spot Light! The historic Hutchinson Fox Theatre opened on June 8, 1931. This theatre



was designed by the Boller Brothers who were well known for constructing grand “movie palaces.” In fact, they were so admired that many lesser known architects designed theatres that have been mistakenly identified as “Boller” theatres: the Colonial Fox, for example. But, I digress. The Hutchinson Fox closed in 1985 and stood empty until purchased by *Hutchinson’s Historic Theatre, Inc.*, in 1990. After a thorough, multi-million-dollar restoration, the Hutchinson

Fox re-opened in 1999. The marquee alone is worth the trip to Hutchinson. I encourage you to make the effort to check it out when you have a chance. The Hutchinson Fox is another fine example of the vibrancy a restored historic theatre brings to a downtown and the surrounding communities.

The Bicknell Center for the Arts Presents: Rodney Marsalis Philadelphia Big Brass

on April 24th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The Rodney Marsalis Philadelphia Big Brass is America’s premier large brass ensemble. A group that always reflects the diverse makeup of men and women in the American culture, Rodney Marsalis Philadelphia Big Brass is dedicated to the notion that music is a gift to be enjoyed by everyone. To purchase your tickets, visit www.bicknellcenter.com.



The International Food and Culture Fair is presented by PSU's International Student Association!

On March 5th the Bicknell Center will host a Culture Fair featuring live performances and great food. Southeast Kansas is known for its immigrant heritage. Although immigrants first came to this region during the late 1800's to work in coal mines, our community today benefits from a diverse international attendance at Pittsburg State University. Each year, these students share their own heritage during the International Food and Culture Fair. Don't miss this elaborately entertaining and delicious culture fair. You may follow the PittState International Student Association on Facebook for more information.



What an amazing gift it was going from drab to dazzle with help from our friends Tony Vietti and Mike Wood of Vietti Auto Body Shop. The 1930 sconce lights needed to be rebuilt and who else would we go to but a metal expert like Tony Vietti! Tony put his metal artistry to work. Next was to imitate the 1920 metal color scheme.



Mike Wood helped us find just the right combination of paint to replicate their Art Deco feel. Windfall Light Stained Glass, in Joplin, found the kokomo glass needed and Konnie McDowell, of Brent's Electric, rewired the sockets. All that was left was to find the right combination of colored bulbs. The outcome was stunningly restored sconces to add a touch of beauty to the stabilization phase that was happening at the time. The craftsmanship on these restored sconces is extraordinary!

Did you know? Kansas women had full voting rights before the rest of the nation, eight years before the passage of the 19th Amendment in 1919.

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