



# THE Marquee

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**Ain't it GRAND!** When my dear friend Suzanne Fowler decided to downsize, who knew the Colonial Fox Theatre would be blessed with her family's Baldwin grand piano. While they considered what to do with this valuable family treasure (\$70,000 new), Suzie's son Clay said "Why not give it to the Colonial Fox?" At first, I did not think we could accept this gift: For, though we have heat and AC, we are not yet at a point where we can keep the environment in the theatre constant enough for any piano, much less a beautiful Baldwin grand. That's when Bill Wachter and My Town Media stepped in and made it possible. The Fowler Baldwin now resides in a beautiful foster home until our restoration is complete. Sincere thanks to the Fowler family for this magnificent gift and to My Town Media generously providing a temporary home.



**KUDOs to Little Balkans Days** organizers for an outstanding 35<sup>th</sup> Little Balkans Festival. Attendees were wowed by events ranging from Fishing Derby to Civil War Living History, from Car Show to Quilt Show. The Festival is an event not to be missed. We were proud to be open for tours. If you did not make it out to one of the Colonial Fox tours, not to worry. You may call us at (620) 235-0622 for a private tour.



**Block22 ribbon cutting was memorable!** The Colonial Fox was honored to host the Block22 ribbon cutting program on September 12. Shawn Naccarato emceed this excellent program (PSU is nothing if not excellent). He introduced a series of guest panelists, each giving their take on what Block22 means to Downtown Pittsburg and to the community. Among these panelists were Brandi

Johnson, Nicole Dickey and John Kuefler (seen above). Each are young entrepreneurs and tenants in the Foundry. Shawn also introduced proprietors of the eagerly anticipated Juicy's, Brick & Mortar, Sonder & Company and Toast, retail establishments beneath the Professional Building (Crowell's building). Standing in the last row, I marveled, seeing the historic Colonial Fox Theatre auditorium filled with persons sharing our vision of a vibrant downtown. It was a sight to behold.



### **Theatre Spot Light!**

The historic Hutchinson Fox Theatre opened on June 8, 1931. The theatre was designed by the Boller Brothers who were well known for constructing grand "movie palaces." The Hutchinson Fox closed in 1985 and stood empty until it was purchased by *Hutchinson's Historic Theatre, Inc.*, in 1990. After a \$4.5 million restoration, the Hutchinson Fox re-opened in 1999. The marquee alone is worth a trip to Hutchinson. I encourage you to stop by

and check it out when you have a chance. The Hutchinson Fox is another fine example of the vibrancy restored historic theatres bring to their downtowns and their surrounding communities.

### **QUESTIONS?**

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