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Pittsburg senior golfer Jon Nichols won the Pittsburg Invitational Tuesday, shooting a 3-under par 69, giving Nichols three straight individual tourney wins.. **PAGE 1B**



WEATHER

CHANCE OF SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS

Today, a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 1 p.m. Some of the storms could be severe. Partly sunny, with a high near 78. **COMPLETE LOCAL AND REGIONAL FORECAST, PAGE 2A**

Colonial Fox receives \$500K grant

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Executive Director of the Colonial Fox Theatre Foundation

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The Colonial Fox Theatre Foundation has signed an agreement that secures \$500,000 from the Save America's Treasures grant program.

Foundation officials said the grant, which is administered by the Department of Interior and the National Park Service, comes from the Historic Preservation Fund and will be used

for the preservation and rehabilitation projects for the Colonial Fox Theatre. The money will be dispersed through a draw down fund, said executive director Vonnie Corsini.

"The grant has a matching or challenge component," Corsini said. "That means when we get the bill for a project we will pay half, and then draw down

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SAVE AMERICA'S TREASURES GRANT

■ The Save America's Treasures program is part of the HPF and is funded through revenues from off-shore oil drilling rather than tax revenues.

■ Colonial Fox Theater in Pittsburg will receive \$500,000 from the Save America's Treasures grant.

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the other half from the fund."

According to its website, the SAT program is part of the HPF and is funded through revenues from off-shore oil drilling rather than tax revenues. The HPF was established in 1977 as a matching grant program. Since 1999, 1,245 grants totaling \$318.2 million have been awarded, leveraging over \$400 million in private investment.

Corsini said contractors currently are working on removing mold from the theater's basement. In the next couple weeks work will begin on asbestos removal, and then on structural repair.

"Then we'll move on to electrical and HVAC," Corsini said. "We hope to receive a Pittsburg facade grant to help on the east and west facades, which make it a 'sealed envelope.'"

Corsini said the grant, and the matching funds given by Pittsburg donors, signifies the historic value of the theater.

"There are things in life that deserve to be funded," Corsini said. "People value the things they're invested in."