



# THE Marquee

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**The 1920 CIRCLE annual fund drive is going strong!** With \$45,000 in matching challenge grant dollars to secure, we are grateful to all those making gifts to this year's annual fund drive. Donations received before December 31 will be matched. Your \$50 donation becomes \$100. Your \$100 donation becomes \$200 and so on! Enclosed is the second of several 1920 CIRCLE donor honor rolls we are publishing to celebrate our 1920 CIRCLE donors. Your charitable gifts matter. We are so very grateful for your support. Thank you!



**Pittsburg Community Theatre Presents All is Calm** on December 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> – at the Memorial Auditorium. *All is Calm* is a play based upon true events in World War I. The Christmas Truce of 1914 recounts an astounding moment in history when Allied and German soldiers laid down their arms to celebrate Christmas together, sharing food and drink, playing soccer, singing carols and burying each other's dead. In some places along the Western

Front the truce lasted a single night, and in others it endured until New Year's Day. For showtimes, please check the Memorial Auditorium website: <https://www.pittks.org/memorial/>.

**Uncovering a Hidden Jewel in 2009!** Little did we know what a treasure was secreted in the Colonial Fox. Our grand proscenium arch had been hidden from view for over 50 years, covered up by a framed wall back in the 1940s. Once discovered, we called upon one of the contractors who spearheaded efforts to save the Colonial Fox Theatre. Mike Joyce coordinated the reveal of this glorious, historic proscenium arch.



**Mike engaged Dave McLaren, David Gee and John Kutz** to tackle this major undertaking and uncover a centuries old prize. These four highly skilled men took less than three hours to remove the half-century-old sheet rock that had been hiding the beauty of the 1920 proscenium. Troy Blair Construction and All-Quip Rental provided the scaffolding for the work that took place 30 feet above the theatre floor. The project was an amazing feat and one that coordinator Mike Joyce touted as an example of the ownership that the entire community feels for the theatre.

**Theatre Spotlight! The Blair Center for the Arts Foundation** was formed in 2000 by a group of concerned citizens. Through donations from the community, the Foundation accomplished the restoration of the historic Blair Theatre, in downtown Belleville, Ks. The theatre was renovated to what it is today, a jewel of Republic County. This 1928 landmark reopened on November 8, 2008. Housing a state-of-the-art digital projector and DTS sound, it was one of the premier motion picture theatres in Kansas. Today, the Blair Theatre hosts a wide variety of live performances, theatrical productions, concerts, meetings, and many other types of events.



**We extend our heartfelt Holiday wishes to each of you.** Thanksgiving, Christmas, the New Year and other celebrations occur during this remarkable time of year. It is our hope that you are with family and friends celebrating and enjoying each other. May the spirit of the season be with you and yours!

**Did you know?** The word “theatre” is derived from the Greek word “theaomai” which means to observe with much interest.

#### QUESTIONS?

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