



THE Marquee

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The 1920 CIRCLE annual fund drive is underway! 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 first of several 1920 CIRCLE donor honor rolls we will be publishing, celebrating and thanking our 1920 CIRCLE donors. Your charitable gifts matter and we are grateful for your support. Thank you.

We extend our sympathies to the families of our dear friends Emily Stocker, Robert Hawley, and Jim McBain. They were friends of the the Colonial Fox Theatre. They will be missed by their families and by our community.

Crawford County Fairgrounds hosts music festival! An all-day event Saturday September 18th featured ten bands, including Beneath Totality, Coventry Sacrifice, Death by Zombie, EdgeOverEdge, Final Warning, From Ashes, Grass Giant, Project Revolution, Rage is My Rival and Why Bother. The "Legacy of Music" event is in partnership with SEK Creating Legacies and initially raised \$1,700 with an additional \$2,300 from a generous donor to make the earnings an even \$4,000. SEK Creating Legacies is a local non-profit organization that aims to help meet the basic needs of those who lack resources in Southeast KS.



The Qualified Minimum Distribution. Congress has made charitable gifts from qualified retirement funds a permanent part of the tax code. You can gift up to \$100,000 annually to a charity or charities of your choice. You have to start taking withdrawals from your IRA, SIMPLE IRA or other retirement plan account when you reach age 72. There are tax benefits to gifting this minimum distribution to a sanctioned 501 c3 like the Colonial Fox Theatre Foundation. Talk to your accountant or financial advisor.



Theatre Spotlight! While the Kingman Theatre isn't as fancy as some more ornate historic theatres, its art deco charm is certainly appealing in its own right. The Kingman Theatre was built by Mr. S. F. Mead and his son, Frank and became an instant landmark, as well as a distinctive ornament for the community, especially with its night lights. The seating capacity of the original house was 700, with standing room for approximately 100 more. The standing room also gave the

patrons the convenience of moving around without missing any of the show being presented. Built at a cost of \$40,000 at the time of its grand opening in July 1920, this theater has remained true to the original intentions of its creators: to offer the community first class performing arts.

Colonial Fox Milestones: We reclaimed the interior environment. First was the mold and asbestos abatement project in 2011. The crews of Gerken Environmental Enterprise and ACM Removal completed the work. Thereafter, dampness caused by cracks in the north wall had to be addressed. Heikes Masonry & Restoration began repair of the North Wall on April 30. After a thorough power washing and "chasing and filling" the cracks, the exterior wall enjoyed a new coat of elastomeric paint. This phase was topped off with major work by Home Center Construction to install French-drain systems in the basements. Heikes also completed essential structural repair of the basement beams and columns. Milestone indeed! Now our basements are bone dry, usable and ready for the renovation of the main performance hall above!



Did you know? The State of Kansas is believed to be named after an Indigenous American tribe whose name means *people of the south wind*.

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