



THE Marquee

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Did you know? In 1926, the Colonial briefly closed for "extensive exterior remodeling and complete redecorating inside." Owner Alexander Besse felt the need for a new indirect lighting system, projection machine, carpeting, and drapes. Additionally, Besse expanded the stage, providing an extra 10 feet in depth and covering the orchestra pit in the process. The most significant aspect of the 1926 remodel was the creation of the interior foyer. *The Pittsburg Daily Headlight* reported, "The old lobby is being torn out completely and will be replaced with an extension of the theatre to the sidewalk with commodious foyer inside the building. A lounge

for women is being installed. The ticket office will be at the edge of the sidewalk and will be fronted with an attractive illuminated marquise [sic]."

Annual 1920 Circle year end appeal: We couldn't do this great work without you and your support of the mundane and necessary operational expenses that make it possible to keep the Colonial Fox project moving forward. The 1920 Circle year end appeal runs from October to December. Several hundred donors join us each year during this drive to match the generosity of challenge gifts. Please join us for this year's 1922 Circle Drive however you are able.

Pitt State Theatre Presents: Once Upon a Mattress! Starting October 28th and extending to the 30th Pitt State Theatre will be performing a musical version of the fairy tale *The Princess and the Pea*. Winnifred the Woebegone is a shy and awkward girl looking to win the heart of Prince Dauntless. But there's one problem. Queen Aggravain has sabotaged the efforts of every young princess who has hoped to marry her son. Find out if Winnifred will be the one to pass the Queen's impossible test, marry her true love, and allow the rest of the kingdom to live happily ever after. You can purchase your tickets at www.bicknellcenter.com.





The beginning of safe, warm, and dry! One of the first things we had to do in order to keep water out of the theatre was repair the roof. Because it had been left in disrepair there was a large amount of rain being let in through the roof that damaged the interior of the theatre.

Historically black tar was used to seal a roof - often times you would find several layers of it applied - this was the case for the roof of our theatre. We opted to replace the roof with a more energy-efficient rubber roof. The reflective white color of the roof reduces the amount of heat absorbed into the building, ultimately saving on cooling costs in the summer. Thankfully the roof has been going strong since 2009 and we owe that to the community for supporting this project.

PSU Global Fest! An International Night Market with a variety of national and ethnic booths featuring music, games, street food, wares, and more will be held Friday, September 30, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Lindburg Plaza in Pittsburg, Kansas. It will be a fun and interactive event exploring the many regions of the world in a lively open-air market atmosphere. This event is hosted by Pittsburg State University's International Student Association in conjunction with the Office of International Programs and Services. The event is open to the public and food samples will cost \$1 each.



Wish to support the Colonial Fox Theatre's Annual 1920 Circle Appeal? Scan the QR code on this page to donate!

Did you know? The Kansas official state animal is the American Buffalo.

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