

Civic

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Tawyea said the variety of scheduled events is to make sure the entire community has an opportunity to celebrate the Civic's past and look forward to its future.

"It's all for the citizens," Tawyea said. "We're trying to create an excitement for the citizens and for the future, to keep it going."

Farmington City Manager Frank Laubhoff concurred. "We're all very excited about this and everybody's looking forward to it."

Valet parking will be available for the Saturday evening festivities. Following "The Philadelphia Story," gala-goers are invited to return to Legato for dessert and espresso.

Comfortable surroundings

Those who attend this weekend will see a brand new-and-improved Civic.

Under the direction of M.K.A. Inc. President Bill Clark, who was hired by the city to manage the Civic, the theater underwent major renovations during the past couple months.

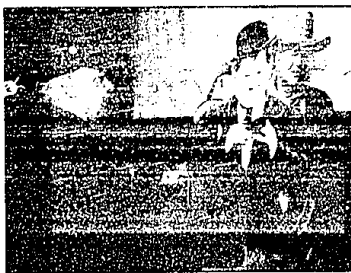
All new seating went in for the lower auditorium, while workers also installed a new concessions area and bathrooms. The stage was enlarged.

Clark said the second phase of renovations during 2000 will focus on the smaller, upper auditorium.

Going, going, gone

Preliminary list of items for the 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 8 auction, part of the grand re-opening weekend for the Civic Theatre:

- 50 theatre seats (original)
- 13 wall light sconces
- 2 large speakers
- 2 popcorn machines
- 1 box office glass window (original)
- 30 Civic Theatre key fobs
- 19 movie commemorative "plates" - framed in black wood frames
- 8 misc. framed poster pictures of movie "greats"
- 1 1955 volume of "the film daily"
- 17 issues of the international motion picture almanac - years: 1966, 68, 69, 70, 71, 73, 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 85, 86
- 2 outdoor signs - wrought iron
 - 1) signage: movie camera
 - 2) signage: Farmington Civic Theatre
- 1 wall clock - signage: Paramount Pictures
- wall sign - signage: Betty Boop says "Please no smoking"
- original letters for box office marquee
- 14 framed misc. movie advertising posters
- 10 framed misc. vintage "star" caricatures
- 1 large ceiling light fixture - Tiffany style "Drink Coca Cola"
- 1 small ceiling light fixture - Tiffany style "Drink Coca Cola"
- 1 framed poster of Civic Theatre sign
- 1 large framed "Coca Cola" sign reproduction from the turn of the century ad
- 1 large poster framed "Jedi Master Yoda"
- 1 large poster framed (broken glass) "Rick's American Cafe"
- 1 poster framed crystal theatre ad for "Casablanca"
- 1 cardboard cut-out of John Wayne
- 1 cardboard cut-out of Rhett and Scarlett
- 1 large framed poster entitled "Luncheon of the Party Boat"
- 1 large framed poster entitled "Paramount Pictures 75th Anniversary"
- 1 large framed poster entitled "Gone With the Stars"
- 1 large neon lit sign - signage: "Polar Bear Drinking Coca Cola"
- 1 movie guide poster - not framed circa 1960's
- 3 glass wall marquee frames from outside of Civic
- 4 misc. ads circa 1950's with Marilyn Monroe and James Dean.

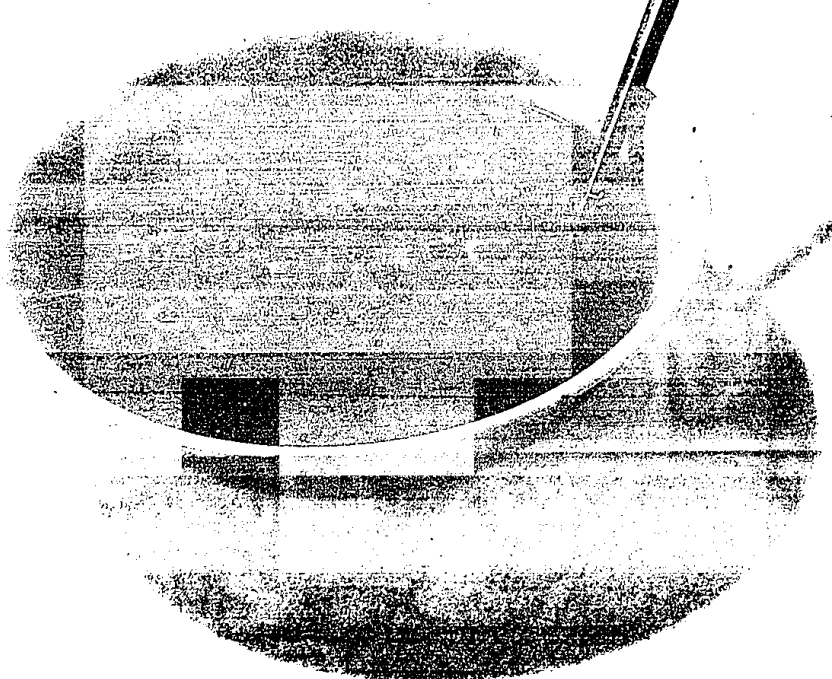


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Getting ready: Farmington employee Bob Hope (at left) - no relation to the comedian - sets up life-size cutouts of film greats Oliver Hardy and John Wayne at the Civic Theatre ready for Saturday's auction and gala. At right, the montage of stars is yet another item that will be auctioned. Proceeds from the auction will benefit the theater's renovation.



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