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I have had the pleasure and honor of volunteering at the Elsinore Theatre for nearly 8 years and have seen it grow from being just a beautifully restored treasure to a venue that brings an amazing variety of top entertainment, not just to residents of Marion and Polk Counties, but from all over the country. One of my duties is the box office one day a week, and I see how many sales are from more than 40 miles away. When I am at the door scanning tickets at events it is obvious when newcomers come in the door and see the magnificent lobby. Some weeks we have had four or five shows in a row, ranging from country, tribute bands, religious, world class ballet, comedians, jazz, classical. Artists like Amy Grant and Lyle Lovett prefer to play the Elsinore rather than Portland. And I love that we also have local events including the local dance studios. The renovation continues and currently we hope to restore the facade that was destroyed in the 1962 Columbus Day storm and in the future replacing the seats, some of which are the original 1926 seats.