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They Wauneta Breeze

Digital projection expert Roger Bockert has had only two new systems experience equipment malfunctions out of the more than 150 he has installed. Unfortunately, Wauneta's Chateau Theatre has the dubious honor of being one of those two to experience glitches.

According to Chateau Theatre committee member Kathy Kerchal, the Dolby server on the new $82,000 system was bad and is in the process of being replaced this week. Movie-goers hoping to take in "Transformers" in 3D Friday night had to have their money refunded to them after the system shutdown shortly after starting. No movie was shown Saturday or Sunday either.

Kerchal is confident the kinks will be worked out of the process by show time Friday night.

"Transformers: Dark of the Moon" will be shown this weekend in 3D bumping "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2" to Aug. 26, 27 and 28. No movie will be shown Aug. 19, 20 and 21 due to the Chase County Fair underway in Imperial that weekend.

Kerchal expressed gratitude for the patience shown by Chateau patrons as kinks in the new system are ironed out.

Prior to the breakdown Kerchal said Theatre committee members were extremely impressed with the crisp picture offered by the new system as well as the superior sound quality. To allow for 3D movie showings the Chateau also purchased 300 pairs of 3D glasses which will be sanitized locally between movie showings.

To make the system upgrade possible new electrical wiring had to be installed at the Chateau, with Cedric McDaniel and his Pivot Electric crew volunteering their work in getting the job done. “We really appreciate all their help,” noted Kerchal.

This week’s movie is scheduled for a 7 p.m. show time Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights, with Kerchal noting that the new system has an automated start time meaning that movies will now start promptly at 7 p.m.

Cost of admission is $5 per person.