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The Grand  
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Like many historic and uniquely Maine arts and cultural venues, The Grand has been a community anchor for many years. It is quintessentially New England glowing at the top of Ellsworth's Main Street on many a foggy night, welcoming neighbors and families and friends from away for over 80 years. But to continue this legacy and compete for time and attention, it needs significant improvements from air handling to expanded bathrooms, lobby, and concessions to modern seating. An investment now will be paid back many-fold in the years to come as the 80+ year old venue is comfortable and inviting to all. It will be able to drive the downtown economy all year instead of being closed in the summer months and partons will be able to take their coats, scarves and hats off in the winter. Given the opportunity, The Grand (and many more venues) will be a vital part of a proud Maine.