

HIGHWOOD NEWS

THE OFFICIAL SEASONAL NEWSLETTER FROM THE HIGHWOOD CENTRE



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UPCOMING EVENTS

THE ROTARY CLUB LOBSTER BOIL

The Rotary Club of High River held their annual fundraiser at the Centre on June 1st. This year's theme was the roaring 20's to commemorate the first 25 years of Rotary. Over the next three years, a different era, a different theme. We absolutely love assisting Rotary to ensure their events are a success, and we are very excited about next year's theme!

We always love hosting the Rotarians!



WHAT'S NEW?

We are always adding to our rentals inventory and our newest addition is this stunning ceiling drapery. Ask us about it for your next event.



EVENT TIP

Faux or Real flowers? That is the question of the year! Maybe you would consider doing a combo of the two for your event. Regardless, we would love to help you decide what is best for your event.



GREASE LIGHTENING!

Windmill Theatre Players put on another amazing spring production of GREASE. Sold out shows, rock and roll and a talented cast made for one great performance! We also featured a T- Bird and a Pink Lady on the bar. We can't wait for their next shows in November.

WORK, WORK, WORK

We love supporting local businesses that work incredibly hard and this month we want to talk about **Good Time Party Rentals**.

Good Time Party Rentals is your one-stop-shop for all your event rental needs, no matter what the size or occasion. With over 35 years of experience in the event rental industry, their friendly and experienced staff are always ready to help you create a memorable event. Check out more at www.goodtimepartyrentals.com

Good Time
Party Rentals



HRFD GALA

The High River Fire Department hosted their biggest fundraiser with us in May. Red, orange and yellow filled the hall and the event was a raging success!



SPRING MARKET

We always love hosting Inclusion Foothills and their markets and the Spring Market was no exception! Can't wait to see you at their next one.



FOOTHILLS KINETTES

On March 23, 2024, we hosted the Kinettes for their annual Ladies Night Out Fundraiser. This year's theme was 'Martini's and Masquerades, and the Kinettes raised over \$13,000 to benefit Habitat for Humanity and Wildrose Food Connections. This is a great community event that supports a lot of great local causes.

THE REHEARSAL - A SOUTHERN ALBERTA WEDDING FAIR

Our second annual wedding fair went off without a hitch! Industry professionals brought their A-Game and engaged couples were delighted to see all the options they could have for their big day. Vendor applications are already open and tickets go on sale this July. If you have any questions please feel free to email brooklyn.nudd@highwoodcentre.com.



HOW YOU CAN HELP US REACH OUR FUNDRAISING GOALS?

1. Purchase a 50/50 Raffle ticket.
(Available at the Centre, 1 for \$5 or 3 for \$10)
2. Donate directly:
www.highwood-centre.square.site



3. Book your next event at the Centre.
4. Refer someone to the Centre for their event.

FUNDRAISING

Did you know that the Highwood Centre is managed by the Highwood Memorial Centre Society, a registered charity that is dedicated to preserving the rich history and legacy of the Highwood Centre?

The Society, comprised of passionate individuals and long-time residents, along with the Highwood Centre operations team, works tirelessly to ensure that the Centre remains a vibrant hub of community activity, offering a range of services that cater to the diverse needs of local residents. From hosting cultural events and exhibitions to providing educational workshops and social gatherings, the Highwood Memorial Centre Society is committed to fostering a sense of community and connection among residents. By supporting the Highwood Centre, the Society is not only preserving the past but also ensuring the future of the Centre for generations to come.

While most of our funding comes from product and service sales, the upkeep costs of our expansive building necessitate the additional fundraising efforts. In 2023, the Society contributed over \$330,000.00 in operating costs and over \$23,000 in physical upgrades for the Centre.

We are currently raising funds to support the acquisition of a professional audio system, enabling a broader range of live performance events and community engagement. The next fundraising phase targets an upgraded stage lighting package, which will not only enhance our capacity for live entertainment and theatre, but it will also reduce our energy consumption.

Past initiatives, like online raffles and silent auctions, have contributed to our goal, with a current 50/50 raffle in progress. Generous donations from service clubs including the Highwood Lions, Rotary Club of High River, High River Legion, have further bolstered our cause. So far, we have raised over \$62,000 towards our phase one goal of \$100,000. The second phase goal is \$150,000. Stay tuned for other fundraising events we have planned this year!



FOOTLOOSE FESTIVAL

And so marks year 2 of the Footloose Line Dance Festival. Over 200 dancers filled the building with instructors from all over the world. With this year being such a smashing success we can't wait to see what next years festival brings.

DID YOU KNOW?

Although we have changed our signage and shortened our name for the benefit of a new generation of community members from High River and surrounding areas, we are still managed by the Highwood Memorial Centre Society? We will always pay homage to the brave men and women who fought for our country through our history, tribute wall and cenotaph dedications.



BOARD MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

The Highwood Centre still has room on the Board of Directors, for interested community members. If you have a desire to help grow the Highwood Centre and would like more information, please contact Tim Whitford at tim.whitford@highwoodcentre.com or 403-336-1137.

UPCOMING EVENTS SUMMER/FALL

August 17th & 18th

Rotary Club Antique Gun Show

September 29th

Inclusion Foothills Fall Market

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