

HIGHWOOD NEWS

THE OFFICIAL SEASONAL NEWSLETTER FROM THE HIGHWOOD CENTRE

COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR NEW CENOTAPH

November 15, 1934

War Memorial Unveiled

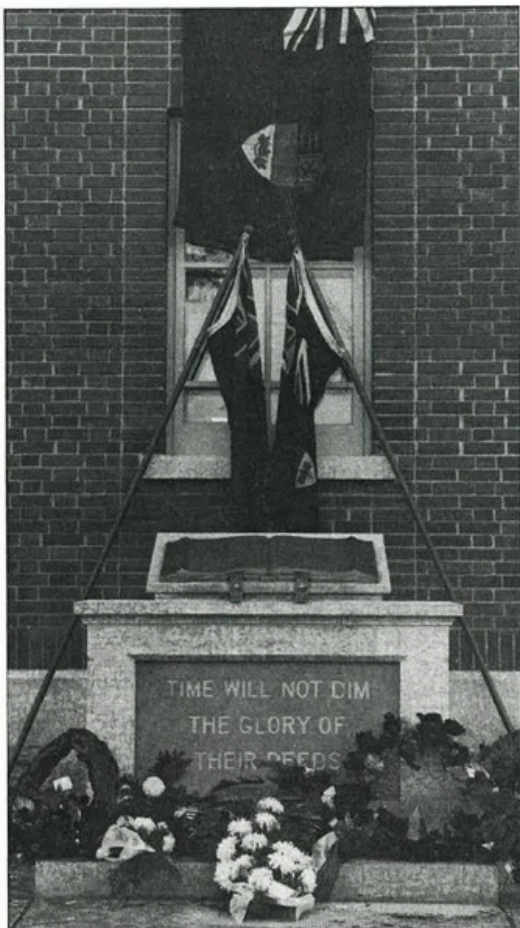
An impressive service marked the official unveiling of the war memorial in High River on Armistice Day, November 11th. Hundreds of residents joined in the service. Amongst these were numbers who suffered tragic loss in the Great War and all were brought more nearly into touch with the sacrifice and suffering of those four years of conflict.

The post office, which forms the background of the memorial, was draped with flags and ex-service men of the district in a body, in charge of Lieut. A.L. Watkins. A firing party from the local division of South Alberta Horse, in command of Major Keith Nelson, took position on either side of the memorial. The musical service was led by the Elks' band and a massed choir from all local churches.

After the singing of O Canada, Rev. John Orton read the collect and Rev. William Morrison of Blackie gave the scripture reading. The hymn "Oh God Our Help in Ages Past" was followed by the unveiling and an address by Senator D.E. Riley. Rev. Alex Rannie then led in the dedicatory prayer and Mayor F.L. Watt read the list of eighty-one names inscribed on the memorial.

A number of beautiful wreaths were placed upon the memorial, including one from the provincial government and one from the local branch of the Legion, which was represented by president George Riley, secretary Pat Wright and Tommy Logan.

The firing party then discharged three volleys, after which the Last Post was sounded by Wilfred Horrell and Clinton Twiss. A two-minute silence was observed before the sounding of Reveille. The hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers" and benediction by Rev. Father Bowlen concluded the service.



The Royal Canadian Legion, High River branch in partnership with the Highwood Memorial Centre Society are actively seeking donations to replace the aging WWI cenotaph.

The cenotaph was originally located at the post office on 3rd Avenue (which is now the Carlson's on Macleod building) from 1934 to 1948 when it was moved to its current location in front of the Highwood Centre.

The cenotaph is now 91 years old and has been showing signs of deterioration, especially the support base. The new cenotaph will be dedicated in recognition to all who are serving or have served Canada.

Donations can be sent via e-transfer to donations@highwoodcentre.com or a cheque payable to the Highwood Memorial Centre can be dropped off at the Highwood Centre or High River Legion. CRA Tax receipts will be issued.



New Cenotaph Concept

A soldier lays a wreath on the cenotaph in front of the Highwood Memorial Centre on Remembrance Day, 1956. Museum of the Highwood

Mrs. H. Linstead lays a Remembrance Day wreath while R.C.M.P. constables Mike Powers and Ron Moore stand at attention on either side of the cenotaph, 1965. Museum of the Highwood



🇨🇦 *SHOP, SHOP, SHOP...* 🇨🇦

The Highwood Centre features fantastic markets all year long, including the Winter Market organized by Inclusion Foothills. This winter event aligns with the annual Santa Claus Parade and showcases more than 90 local vendors, entrepreneurs, and artisans over a two-day period. Additionally, Inclusion Foothills organizes the Spring Market during the Little Britches Parade and the Fall Market at the High River Show and Shine, both held at the Highwood Centre. Looking for more? Visit the Inclusion Foothills Farmers Market on 4th Avenue every Thursday from June to September! <https://inclusionfoothills.org/>

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Inclusion Foothills is a family advocacy organization committed to providing individuals with disabilities and their families support that contributes to an inclusive, meaningful life. Of utmost importance is creating a safe, non-judgmental space for all in offering support, education, and information.



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THE REHEARSAL

A Southern Alberta
Wedding Fair & Market

FEBRUARY 22, 2025



The Rehearsal, organized by the Highwood Centre, highlights local professionals and vendors from Southern Alberta. We prioritize showcasing smaller boutique businesses and local Foothills talent that may not be as prominent in urban settings. The fair on February 22nd was a celebration of elegance, beauty, and bridal inspiration. Guests were welcomed in the Rotunda of the Highwood Centre, greeted by a breathtaking display of floral arrangements. The fragrance of fresh blooms filled the venue, enhanced by the gentle strumming of live acoustic guitar. Stunning feature tables offered a variety of décor inspirations, ranging from “Italian Countryside Elegance” to “Luxury Garden.” The entire Highwood Centre buzzed with vendors from all over Southern Alberta. VIP guests received a stylish, reusable Rehearsal tote filled with over \$75 worth of delightful items. The charming lounge area was a perfect blend of vintage style and sophistication. All attendees, including sponsors and vendors, enjoyed a day of networking and collaboration. The Highwood Centre was the perfect backdrop for this event. Key sponsors included Good Time Party Rentals, Rocky Mountain Bride, and MK Events, along with FLORA, Noble Tea House, Delmerie Petals & Thorns, White on Park, and Chair Flair.

The Rehearsal 2026 date to be released soon. For all the latest with The Rehearsal check out www.therehearsal.ca and our Instagram page @_therehearsal.



MEET OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

TIM WHITFORD, CHAIR



Tim is a Power Engineer by discipline, with experience in construction, power generation, water treatment, oil and gas production, pulp and paper production, and environmental consulting.

Following retirement to High River in 2007, Tim was active in promoting flood mitigation measures for High River from 2008-2017.

He served as a town council member from 2010-2013 including the flood and recovery period. Tim has been active in community supportive activities from 1990 to today. In High River this included many years as a member of the executive committee at the local legion branch. He has also been director and booster of Highwood Memorial Centre Society for close to ten years. He was recognized for community service in 2023 with a Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Medal.

He is currently Chair of the HMC Board of Directors and is also providing project management for a Cenotaph replacement project in 2025.

GORDI MOYNHAM, VICE-CHAIR

Gordi grew up in the High River area, kicking off her hospitality career at the Heritage Inn before moving on to fine dining and luxury hotels in Calgary. When adventure called, she spent 10 years in Scotland where after 4 years Gordi pivoted from 5 Star hotels to customer service while attaining a degree from the University of Edinburgh. Upon returning to Canada and the Foothills area in 2010, it wasn't long before her love of theatre drew her into the Windmill Theatre Players (WTP) world, where she found her niche with stage management, and quickly became a regular on the production teams.

Gordi has served multiple terms as the President of the WTP board, and is currently the WTP representative on the Highwood Centre board and excited to be involved in continuing to bring arts and theatre to High River and the Foothills.

ROBYN MACDONALD, SECRETARY

Robyn is originally from Nova Scotia and has always worked in customer service roles spanning from retail sales, call centers, and banking. Robyn moved to High River in Oct 2016 trading the oceanfront and beach views for the mountains. Robyn has been in the banking profession for almost 8 years.

Robyn joined the Highwood Memorial Centre Society Board to be able to contribute to the community and help build her own personal community.

Robyn is also an amateur photographer who prefers landscapes over people because they are more still. Robyn loves to golf, volunteer, and camp on Crownland where you only need to worry about the sounds of nature and maybe the local cows that roam free.

MICHAEL PRENDERGAST, DIRECTOR

Michael has had the opportunity to live in numerous small and large communities in Canada and Australia, and to travel the world during his lifetime. He was employed in the health services sector (addictions and mental health) for nineteen years, and worked in halfway houses, federal prisons, residential and non-residential treatment centres, as well as in information management. He is a Veteran and served in the Army Reserves for thirty-eight years. He did tours of duty in Bosnia (two), Sudan, and Afghanistan, as well as an instructional assignment in Ghana and Kenya. Michael has been involved in numerous boards, associations, and committees over the years, where ever he has lived, as he believes in trying to give back to the community. He moved to High River in 2024 as he missed living in a smaller community and the southern prairies.

HIGHWOOD MEMORIAL CENTRE SOCIETY

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

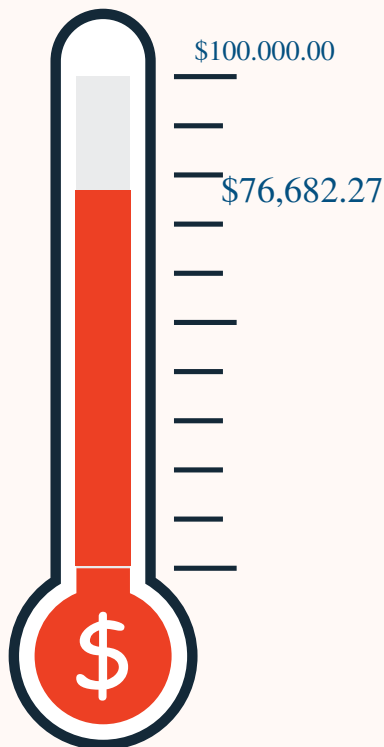
The Highwood Memorial Centre Society is currently raising funds towards the purchase of a new professional audio system for the Highwood Centre. So far, we have raised \$76,682.27 towards our goal of \$100,000.00.

If you would like to donate, please email us info@highwoodcentre.com for more information.

You can also donate directly here: <https://highwood-centre.square.site/>

Tax receipts will be issued.

Help us reach our goal!



The Highwood Memorial Centre Society is looking for community-minded individuals who would like to donate their time and expertise to continue the legacy of the Highwood Centre. The minimum time commitment would be 2 hours per month for a board meeting that occurs the third Monday of each month. Interested individuals must live in the Town of High River or Foothills County area. Please contact info@highwoodcentre.com for more information on how to apply.

Our Mission

Connecting Communities, Celebrating Milestones: Empowering Together, One Event at a Time.

Our Vision

We will continuously adapt our services and improve our facility to meet the evolving needs of our diverse community.

Our Values

Community: We recognize that our community is the foundation of our existence. We support and invest in events and programs that engage our community and bring people together.

Connection: We support, promote and enhance opportunities to connect with our community and local neighbours.

Service Excellence: We create memorable experiences for our guests by tailoring our services and always looking for ways to surpass their expectations.

Innovation: We nurture an environment that welcomes new ideas to improve and grow for the benefit of our facility, guests and community.

Collaboration: We embrace the power of collaboration and seek out partnerships with like-minded organizations and individuals. Together we can leverage our strengths, for the benefit of our community.

Legacy: Continuing to honor the vision and efforts of those who came before us, ensuring that the Highwood Centre remains a vibrant part of the community for generations to come.

RENTALS

Highwood Centre has pipe & drape and other rental items available at a fraction of the cost of most rental companies. Ask us about adding them for your next event.



Thank you for your service

The Highwood Centre is pleased to offer a 20% discount off room rental rates to all active and retired members, reservists of any military service and first responders.

Valid identification is required. Contact us to learn more.

MEET OUR EVENT PARTNERS

Hansel & Gretel Catering

Since 1999, Hansel & Gretel Catering has been serving the Foothills area with exceptional catering services. They offer a variety of menu choices tailored to fit your preferences and budget. Committed to quality and presentation, they also contribute to numerous non-profit projects in High River and Foothills County. Hansel & Gretel Catering is our preferred caterer for our all-inclusive packages.



FRIENDS OF THE HIGHWOOD CENTRE

Thank you to the following groups and individuals who supported the Centre in 2024
by hosting events at the Centre or by donating to our fundraising efforts.

It is by hosting private and public events that we are able to continue the legacy of the Highwood Centre.

Alberta Beef	High River Kinsmen	Stantec Consulting
Alice Jane Music	High River Legion	Supreme Event Rentals
Ashley Hudon	High River Lions Club	Theatre Calgary
Bake Like a Betty	Highwood Golf	The Daily Male
Baskets & Blankets	Inclusion Foothills	The Dawg Father
Bean and Bear	Lady Jane Padilla	The Gold Court
Bengali Association of Calgary	Janel Nail	Tim Hortons
Boudoir by Tay	Jenn Roach	Town of High River
Brant Christian School	JRRR BBQ	United Conservative Party
Canadiana Music	Kiera Schussler Photography	Vertigo Theatre
Camp Hooha	Laney Ellice	Vintage Beauty
Christ the Redeemer Catholic Schools	Larraine Andrews	Walterboys S2 Alberta Productions
Church of Christ	Laser City YYC	We Love 2 Click
Conner Bleackley	Live Edge Catering	Westwinds Communities
Crawford Insurance	Lollipop Boutique	White Raven Spirit
Curated Candle	Lottie Weddings	Willow Box
Curio and Company	Lovestruck Portraits	Windmill Theatre Players
Daniela Lozano	Luca Occasions	Zane McNaught
Debra Birce - Footloose in the Foothills	Lyle Reeves Funerals Inc.	Zoe Jewelry
Dot & Darling	Lynnwood Ranch	
El Papalote	Mammoth Enterprises	
Errol Halberg	Michael Prendergast	
Euro Productions Entertainment	My Tiny Wedding	
Fiore Fine Events	Notre Dame Collegiate	
FlowerBar	Pat & Leonard Zebedee	
Foothills Kinettes	Pampered Chef	
Forge & Facet	Pike Studios	
Friends of the Bar U Historic Ranch Assoc.	Pinnovate DIY Studio	
Fusion Adventures & Shapewear	Rachael Brown	
FYH and Company	Reverend Frances Halverson	
Ginger and Spice Cakery	Riley Martel	
Good Time Party Rentals	Robyn MacDonald	
Grace Kevitt	Rotary Club of High River	
Hansel & Gretel Catering	Rowan House	
Heartland Productions	Sac & Shoo	
High River Agricultural Society	Sandra Kisch	
High River Chamber of Commerce	Snodgrass Funeral Home	
High River District Health Care Foundation	St. Lukes Outreach	
High River Fire Brigade		



AROUND TOWN

Sunday, May 4

High River Legion 4th Annual Show 'n' Shine

<https://bit.ly/May4ShowShine>

Saturday, May 17

Little Britches Parade

<https://littlebritchesparade.ca>



Windmill Theatre Players is coming to the Highwood Centre

April 25th to 27th

May 2nd & 3rd

Tickets on sale now!

<https://bit.ly/wtptickets>



DEATHTRAP
Spring of 2025

In Ira Levin's classic comedic thriller, Deathtrap, a washed-up playwright finds a chance to rise to the top once more, a shot he'd be willing to kill for.

UPCOMING PUBLIC EVENTS AT THE HIGHWOOD CENTRE

April 11

The Town of High River Presents:
Improv Night featuring Loose Moose Theatre

<https://bit.ly/loosemoosetickets>

April 25-27 & May 2 & 3

Windmill Theatre Players Presents: Death Trap

May 17

Inclusion Foothills Spring Market

STAY IN TOUCH



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