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Bittersweet Farewell/Exciting Introduction!

As I write this final message, my heart is full of gratitude, and a touch of bittersweet emotion. It has truly been an honour to contribute to this newsletter and to be part of a community that values connection, growth, and shared stories. This role has meant so much to me. From shaping each issue to hearing your feedback and knowing these words were reaching you, it has been an incredibly rewarding experience. I'm deeply thankful for the opportunity and for the support I've received along the way.

At this time, I need to step back from this role to focus on other priorities, but I do so with genuine appreciation for everything this experience has given me. I'm also excited to pass the torch to **Gemma**, who I know will bring her own voice, creativity, and energy to the newsletter. Please join me in giving her a warm welcome! I can't wait to see how she continues to grow and evolve this space. Thank you for reading, for engaging, and for being part of this journey with me. It's been a privilege.

With gratitude,

Jennifer

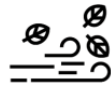


What year did Roald Dahl publish the novel "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory"?



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Windmill Theatre Players Scholarship Program

Windmill Theatre Players is proud to continue its tradition of supporting graduating students from **Highwood High School** and **Foothills Composite High School** through annual scholarships celebrating dedication to the performing arts. Each year, recipients are selected through collaboration between school staff and, in some cases, Windmill Theatre Players representatives.

Across both schools, these scholarships recognize students who demonstrate:

- Active involvement in **theatre or performing arts**
- **Commitment and reliability** in productions or programs
- A spirit of **teamwork, creativity, and leadership**
- Positive contributions to their **school and community**
- Dedication to personal growth and artistic development

Highwood High School

The scholarship is typically awarded to a student who has shown consistent participation in drama, growth in their skills, and a strong work ethic. Emphasis is placed on collaboration, perseverance, and supporting fellow cast and crew members.

Foothills Composite High School

At Foothills Composite, the focus often includes students who have made a significant impact in productions—whether on stage or behind the scenes—while demonstrating leadership, initiative, and a commitment to excellence.

Windmill Theatre Players is honoured to support these talented students and celebrate the passion, creativity, and community spirit they bring to the arts.



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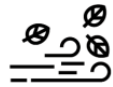
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AGM Date!



Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) is coming up on Sunday September 13 (11:00 - 1:00PM) at High River Masonic Hall (306 4 St SE, High River, AB T1V 1H7)! We'd love to see as many of our community members there as possible! This is your chance to actively shape the future of Windmill Theatre Players!

- **Stay informed:** Hear highlights from the past year, including reports, finances, and key decisions
- **Have your say:** Share your ideas, ask questions, and help guide what's next
- **Support leadership:** Take part in electing the Executive team that will lead the organization forward
- **Build community:** Connect with fellow members and strengthen the spirit that makes Windmill so special

Your voice and participation help keep Windmill **open, engaged, and thriving.**

Open Positions on the Executive (to be elected during AGM):

- President
- Vice President
- 2-3 Directors (Newsletter, AGLC Officer)
- Secretary to be appointed from the list of directors



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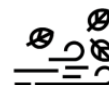
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Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Auditions!

🎭 ✨ Step Through the Golden Gates and Into a World of Pure Imagination! ✨ 🎭
The Windmill Theatre Players invite you to audition for Charlie and the Chocolate Factory!

🎭 Audition Dates

🎭 Sunday, August 30th at 1:00 PM

🎭 Monday, August 31st at 7:00 PM

🎭 Highwood Memorial Centre, High River

Children, teens, and adults ages 9 and up are welcome to audition as we bring Roald Dahl's magical world to life on stage!

Will you be a curious child searching for a Golden Ticket? An Oompa Loompa with a song to sing? Or perhaps the mysterious Willy Wonka himself? There are sweet opportunities for performers of all ages.

Keep your eyes peeled for future newsletters, where more delicious details about audition requirements, characters, and preparation tips will be revealed.

✨ Your Golden Ticket to adventure could be waiting – come join us in a world of chocolate, imagination, and wonder! ✨



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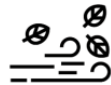
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The Venue!

Windmill is proud to continue our sponsorship of “The Venue”. They provide incredible summer programming, Bandstand Sunday, and many more artistic opportunities throughout the year for the High River Community! Check out their website to learn more: <https://www.thevenuehighriver.com/summer-series>

Upcoming Dates

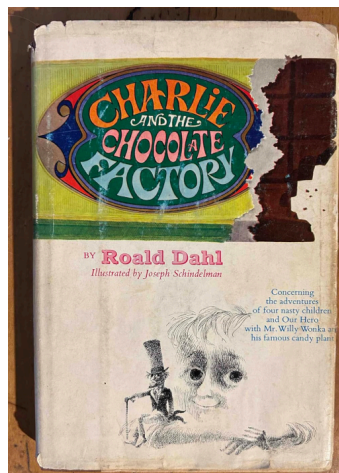
August 13 - 16, 2026 - Windmill Annual Campout (Wyndam-Carsland Group Site B)
Folks are welcome to camp for 1, 2, or 3 evenings. If you want to visit instead, join us on Saturday August 15 for some afternoon fun, a potluck dinner (at around 5:30ish), and an evening around the campfire! Jenn will be collecting camp fees throughout the weekend (\$30/unit/night) and she can be found by the fire, beside Delsing's trailer, or in the river!

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Trivia Answer: Roald Dahl's original novel was published in 1964 and has since become one of the most beloved children's stories of all time. Dahl's ideas came from his childhood, when his school received **sample chocolates from real companies**. He even dreamed of becoming an inventor!



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