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WANT TO SNAG A PIECE OF HIGHLAND HISTORY?

REDEVELOPMENT EAGER TO SELL TOWN THEATRE RELICS – STATUES, FILM PROJECTOR, SEATS

Treasures that remain from the Town Theatre are up for sale.

Stored for the last decade in a downtown garage, Redevelopment Commission President Sean Conley said the search is on to find just the right buyers looking for cinematic memorabilia to call their own.

Time is a factor.

“We still have the original projector from 1946 when the single-screen theatre was built along with statues and rows of seats,” Conley said. “In addition to putting this out to town residents, we have feelers out to dealers who may help us find buyers.”

Divesting the town of theatre items went to the top of the to-do list after the Redevelopment Commission sold the garage to Sip owner Rhonda Bloch as part of an expansion of the coffee house.

INQUIRIES: Contact Redevelopment Director Kathy DeGuilio-Fox at (219) 972-7598 or kdeguilio-fox@highland.in.gov. Serious inquiries only.

CARDINAL CAMPUS MOVES FORWARD ON NEW HOTEL

With three of seven office buildings already leased, Cardinal Campus developer and owner Claude Gendreau D.V.M. is proceeding with plans to build a \$12 million, three-story, 30-room high-end hotel.

“We are approved for four more office buildings, but we have decided to focus on the hotel for now,” Gendreau said. “Our plans will be to develop renderings yet this summer, begin excavation this fall and construction next summer.”

The hotel, which will include luxury suites with balconies, conference rooms, a coffee shop, bar and light dining will be the first hotel built in Highland in decades.

Town Council President Bernie Zemen said the entirety of Cardinal Campus is already an asset.

“Cardinal Campus, which began with Dr. Gendreau’s Veterinary Orthopedic Center, has been embraced by local businesses looking for beautiful, environmentally responsible office space,” Zemen said. “This complex is bringing people to Highland.”

[ABOUT CARDINAL CAMPUS]

LEED-certified, sustainable campus features include renewable solar energy, enhanced stormwater infrastructure, native landscaping, high-performance mechanical systems and building design.

[MOSQUITO ABATEMENT]

Highland's Summer Mosquito Abatement Program administers adulticide (insecticide used to kill adult mosquitoes) and larvicide (insecticide used to kill mosquito larvae before they can grow into adults) from 7-11:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, weather permitting.

INFO: Please visit the home page of the town website – highland.in.gov – to download a map of the routes and schedule.



[SIP COFFEEHOUSE EXPANDS VENUE]

Six years after opening Sip Coffee House in downtown Highland, owner Rhonda Bloch is putting the finishing touches on an expansion that is doubling the eatery's footprint on Jewett. The additional space — site of the former Primitive Peddler — is planned for multiple uses, including additional seating for customers, open mic nights as well as bridal showers and teas. "I had a vision for this space since we opened Sip," Bloch said. "It's exciting to see it all taking shape." [photos provided]



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New officers join Highland Police Department



Welcome Devin Watkins and Kevin Guernsey, Highland's newest probationary police officers. Raised in North Judson, Watkins comes to Highland as a graduate of the South Bend Regional Police Academy and nearly two years experience as an officer at the Culver Police Department. He also served as a reserve officer with the Starke and Marshall county sheriffs departments. The 28-year-old is recently engaged and resides in Cedar Lake.



A Hobart native, Guernsey is a graduate of Hobart High School and Indiana University Northwest, where he received a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice in 2021. A Hobart Police Department reserve officer for the past year, the 23-year-old resides in Hobart.

"We are excited to welcome these two new officers," Police Chief Pete Hojnicky said. "We are a department on the move. The Police Commission chose these officers because they are a great fit for our department and eager to become part of our Highland police family."



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Ask anyone who plans community events what they need: volunteers.

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Alex Brown said it's not just events that benefit from individuals who make it a priority to give back.

"We are grateful for every individual and group that stops by with an offer of help," Brown said. "Right now, we have the Sustainability Club managing some of the rain gardens downtown and at the parking lot. We have other volunteers who keep the flower gardens along the bike path looking good as well

as those at the fitness center. In a community our size, we can never have enough volunteers."

Highland Main Street President Teri Yovkovich said as the downtown business group is ramping up with events like monthly car shows and the October Makers Market, they realize how much they need people who want to help out.

"Whether it's an hour — or more, we can use your help," said Yovkovich, who owns 2Chicks Resale. "We know how busy people can be and are grateful for the assistance that make the town even better."

[HOW TO GET INVOLVED]

Interested in volunteering? Email the Council of Community Events at highlandcce@highland.in.gov, talk to Parks and Recreation at (219) 838-0114, or leave a name/number for Highland Main Street at (219) 301-5588, which is 2Chicks Resale Shoppe.

[HIGHLAND FALL YARD SALE]

Highland's next Communitywide Yard Sale will be held **August 27-28**.

- Participants can sign up for Saturday only or both days.
- All participating addresses must be located in Highland.
- Residents are solely responsible for setup/removal of sale items, method of payment and assume all responsibility/liability for their location participating in event.
- Participants should follow all current state and CDC guidelines for COVID-19 safety.

REGISTRATION: Visit highland.in.gov or the Highland Council of Community Events on Facebook.

[RESTAURANT CRAWL]

Join us for our popular Downtown Restaurant Crawl the last Tuesday of every month. The concept is simple: participating restaurants feature a special for \$5 or less, so that visitors can "eat their way through downtown," stopping at their usual haunts and discovering new favorites along the way. Several retail businesses will also be open late so diners can shop in between courses or while waiting for food.

WHEN: 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, **August 30**

WHERE: Downtown Highland

INFO: Visit the Redevelopment Commission on Facebook or highland.in.gov for updates.

[SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY]

Check out the sidewalk sales at this month's Small Business Saturday on the last Saturday of the month.

WHEN: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. **August 27**

WHERE: Downtown Highland

INFO: Visit Highland Main Street on Facebook or highland.in.gov.

[SECOND SUNDAYS]

Grab a comfy lawn chair and head to Main Square Park **August 14** for live entertainment. Opening act Dyllynger (classic rock) will perform at noon and headliner Geddy Trezek Band (classic rock) will perform at 1:15 p.m.

INFO: highlandparks.org

[PIANO LESSONS]

This piano course will teach budding musicians – ages 8 and older – how to play an electronic keyboard, read music, play songs as well as tackle hand positioning and basic chording.

BEGINNERS: 5:30-6:30 p.m.

INTERMEDIATE/ADV: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

WHEN: Tuesdays **August 16-October 4**

WHERE: Lincoln Community Center

FEE: \$90 residents | \$95 nonresidents

INFO: highlandparks.org

[CANVAS PAINT NIGHT]

Our trained instructor will show artists – ages 13+ – how to paint a 16” x 20” canvas featuring a firefly jar. No experience is required for this fun, no stress experience. You will leave with your creation at the end of class.

WHEN: 6:30-9 p.m. **August 11**

WHERE: Lincoln Community Center

FEE: \$27 residents | \$32 nonresidents

INFO: highlandparks.org

[COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE]

Do you have items you would like to resell, but don't want to invite people into your home to show your products? Join the community garage sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, **August 13** at Lincoln Center!

VENDOR FEES: \$34 for 10' x 10' interior space. Cost includes 7% sales tax. Tables, chairs, extension cords are not provided.

INFO: highlandparks.org

**SKATEBOARDING CLASS**

Learn the fundamentals of skateboarding or elevate your riding with group instruction from nationally ranked competitive riders while connecting with local skateboarders and making new friends. Anyone – ages 4+ – with a skateboard is welcome! Build proficiency in balance, pushing and riding, agility, ollies, and use of park obstacles. Deadline to register is **August 8**.

WHEN: 5-6 p.m. Tuesdays, **August 9-25**

WHERE: Sheppard Park Skate Park

FEE: \$70 resident | \$80 nonresident

INFO: (219) 838-0114 or highlandparks.org

[HIGHLAND FALL PRESCHOOL]

Classes are structured to teach proper school behavior. Children should bring a healthy snack and drink to each class, along with a backpack to carry home class projects. Children must be potty trained and able to leave parents for the full two hours. Preschoolers will work on sharing, learning ABCs, shapes, numbers, colors, cutting with scissors, making crafts as well as listening skills and attention span. Morning 4-5 year olds class is full. We have openings in:

MORNING 3-4 YEAR OLDS: 8:45-10:45 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, **August 23 - December 8**. **FEE:** \$345 residents | \$360 nonresidents

AFTERNOON 3-4 YEAR OLDS: Noon-2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, **August 23 - December 8**. **FEE:** \$345 residents | \$360 nonresidents

AFTERNOON 4-5 YEAR OLDS: Noon-2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, **August 22 - December 9**. **FEE:** \$400 residents | \$430 nonresidents

WE'RE HIRING! Preschool teacher wanted! Inquire at (219) 838-0114.