



# Highland Happenings

## Winter 2024

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## Maple Festival at The Highland Center

The Highland Center is proud to support the Chamber of Commerce as a 2024 Maple Festival sponsor and to play host to a variety of events at this year's festival. Thanks to the efforts of the Chamber of Commerce and the Highland County Arts Council, The Highland Center will offer entertainment every day of the festival including bluegrass and folk music, a square dance, and clogging performances.

The Gallery of Highland will be open throughout the festival and the local vendor room will return again this year -- both offering shoppers the opportunity to buy a wide range of items made by Highland based artists and craftspeople. The lower level of The Highland Center will offer food including maple donuts made by Corey Lightner and savory options provided by members of Highland 4-H.

We look forward to welcoming visitors from near and far, to sharing our wonderful facility, and to showcasing the talents of local artists, dancers, and musicians.



### MARCH 9

10am & 2pm: Southern Rail Express  
5pm: Robin & Linda Williams

### MARCH 10

10am & 2pm: Alice Shumate and  
Sounds of Highland

### MARCH 16

10am: Mudhole Control  
2pm: Square Dance with Ellen &  
Eugene Ratcliffe and Mudhole  
Control

### MARCH 17

10am: Hi-Horse Cloggers  
2pm: Little Switzerland Cloggers



Local Vendors:

*Ash the Artist*

*Cabin Critter Designs*

*David Dykes*

*Fair Hill Farm Homestead*

*The Griffon's Garden*

*Wild Virginia Crafts*



# Help Us Revitalize Our Garden Beds!

## GARDEN BED SPONSORSHIP:

\$50 - JUNIOR GARDENER

\$100 - SENIOR GARDENER

\$250 - MASTER GARDENER



The pavilion outside The Highland Center is used every day during the warmer months of the year; it shelters the Highland Farmers' Market, provides a nice place to eat lunch, and offers space for outdoor workshops, parties, and reunions.

The raised beds next to the pavilion were put in place many years ago and are now in need of some extra care and attention. The Highland Center is thrilled to partner with the Highland Extension Office to revitalize the garden beds and to offer educational and volunteer opportunities for kids and adults alike through the planting and tending of the garden beds throughout the year.

The Highland Center and Extension Office are currently soliciting donations to help purchase the necessary construction materials, seeds, and educational materials. Our goal is to raise at least \$1,000 by April 1st so that supplies can be purchased and a ribbon cutting and donor recognition ceremony can take place at the first Farmers' Market of the season.

Those interested in sponsoring the garden beds can bring a check to The Highland Center or make an online donation at [www.thehighlandcenter.org/donate](http://www.thehighlandcenter.org/donate)



## Youth Philanthropy Council



The Youth Philanthropy Council is an educational program of the Community Foundation of the Central Blue Ridge that is led and facilitated here in Highland County by The Highland Center.

The Youth Philanthropy Council is comprised of student volunteers from Highland High School who learn about the importance of philanthropy and how to investigate causes and organizations that they may wish to support. This year, ten teens from all high school grade levels are participating in the program.

In February, students will agree on their funding priorities for 2024 and a grant application will be made available to nonprofits serving Highland County. The council members will then take on the task of reading and evaluating each grant application as they decide how to allocate \$10,000 in grant money.

The Youth Philanthropy Council plans to award the 2024 grant funding at a ceremony at The Highland Center later this spring. We will share details as they are available and hope that you will come out to support our youth philanthropists and the wonderful nonprofits working to make Highland County even better.

## Farmers' Market Logo Competition

Stay tuned this spring for information about a contest to find a new Farmers' Market logo! The competition will be open to all Highland youth (ages 18 and under) and art teacher Renee Vandevender will assist Highland School students with their designs.

The public will have a chance to view all the entries and vote on their favorite. The winning logo will be revealed at the first Farmers' Market of the season and will be used throughout the 2024 market season.



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