



# Highland Happenings

## Summer 2024

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## 5-1 Taste of Highland Matching Grant Announced

The Highland Center is thrilled to announce that the Charles Pinckney Jones Trust has generously agreed to match all individual donations made at the Taste of Highland 5 to 1. The CPJ Trust will give up to \$25,000 which will provide critical funds to support The Highland Center's facility and programs.

The Taste of Highland is a main fundraising event for The Highland Center and is scheduled to take place on the evening of Saturday, August 17. This fun, annual gathering includes live music, a silent auction, and a delicious meal featuring a variety of fresh Highland produce and other products.

All Highland Center supporters are encouraged to make a donation on August 17th. **Please consider an early or additional gift to The Highland Center next month so that we can maximize the impact of this generous matching grant!**

The Taste of Highland is a ticketed event and numbers are limited. Tickets will be available starting July 15 and can be purchased through our website ([www.thehighlandcenter.org](http://www.thehighlandcenter.org)) or by contacting Highland Center staff.





# Summer Programs in Full Swing

Summertime brings lots of activity to The Highland Center! Our facility is bustling with everything from parties and reunions to lectures and workshops and our staff is busy managing the ins and outs of the weekly Highland Famers' Market and the summer Youth Employment Program.

With the support and assistance of art teacher, Renee Vandevander, The Highland Center partnered with the Highland County Public Schools to find a fresh, new Farmers' Market logo for the 2024 season. Local art students submitted a selection of incredible logos and made choosing one winner very difficult. We are very grateful to all competitors for sharing their time, skills, and creativity with us.



*The winning logo design was created by rising 9th grader, Eleanor White*



*Zeda Townsend*



*Ash Minnigh*



*Anna Chambers*



*Colleen and Evan Adams*



*Jade Hotz*



## Summer Programs cont'd

Following public voting at the plant sale on May 24th, we selected the logo of rising 9th grader Eleanor White as our winner. Eleanor's fantastic design will be used on Highland Farmers' Market materials throughout the 2024 season.

At the 2024 Farmers' Market you will find live music, made to order dinners, and several new vendors including Sarah's Sweets, Ballerino Creamery, and Tenley's Little Treasures. This year's market also offers kids activities led by The Highland Center's youth employee, Terrence Hill. Terrence will assist at the market every Friday and will help Highland Center staff with special events and office work throughout the summer.

Nine other teens can be spotted working throughout the county this summer as part of the Youth Employment Program. These youth are getting real-life work experience at sites as diverse as Allegheny Mountain Radio, Philosopher's Farm, Highland County Arts Council, and Highland Children's House.

We are incredibly grateful to Highland County, the Department of Social Services, the Monterey Lions Club, and the Blue Grass and Mill Gap Ruritan Clubs for making the Youth Employment Program possible.





# Garden Bed Revitalization

The Highland Center owes a huge THANK YOU to our donors, to Kari Sponaugle, the Highland County Cooperative Extension Office, and volunteers Erik Sax and Michael Ferrell for making our garden bed revitalization project a reality.

Three sturdy and attractive new garden beds planted with a variety of vegetables and herbs can now be found outside The Highland Center. These beds will provide educational and volunteer opportunities and will serve as a resource for future classes and demonstrations.



*Garden Beds - before and after!*



## SAVE THE DATE!

### TASTE OF HIGHLAND FUNDRAISER

Saturday, August 17  
Tickets available July 12

### TUESDAY TALKS 2pm

Tuesday, August 13  
Tuesday, September 10  
Tuesday, October 8

### DANCE FITNESS CLASS WITH CARYN BROWN

Wednesdays at 4:30pm

### FARMERS MARKET

3:30-6:00pm  
Every Friday through October 11

### YOGA WITH JESSICA GLENDINNING

3pm  
2nd & 4th Sundays of the month



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