



Highland Happenings

Winter 2022-2023

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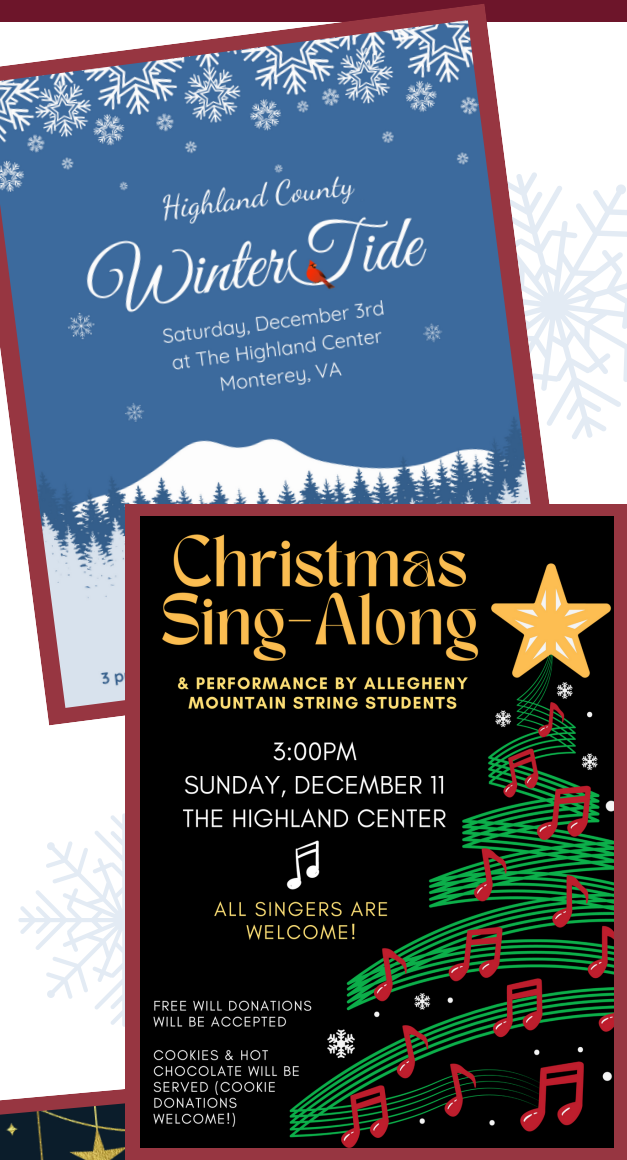
Celebrate the Season at The Highland Center

Mark your calendars! The Highland Center has several free events coming up to help you celebrate the holiday season.

First, on December 3rd, we will join the Chamber of Commerce in hosting Wintertide. This annual event celebrates the winter season and features a holiday market and kids activities from 10am-5pm, a visit from Santa from 11am-1pm, and a performance by the Little Switzerland Cloggers at 3pm. Susanna's Confections will be open from 10am-2pm with seasonal specials and Susanna will offer free hot chocolate and a cookie to all children.

Then, on December 11th we will host a festive Sing-Along and afternoon of music. Singers of all ages and experience levels are welcome. We will begin with a few well-known carols and will then enjoy a performance by students of the Allegheny Mountain Strings Program. After a break for cookies and drinks, we will continue with some more challenging choral music. Part singing is encouraged as is bringing some cookies to share.

Finally, The Highland Center will host its annual New Year's Eve Party starting at 9pm on December 31st. The disco lights will be on and the talented Scott Smith will DJ and provide some great music. Guests should come ready to dance and are welcome to bring any food or drinks they'd like to the event.



First Annual Chili Cook-Off

On Saturday, November 5th, The Highland Center held our very first chili cook-off. Twelve chili cooks participated in the competition and about 90 people came out to taste and judge the entries.

The entries were incredibly diverse and included a no-bean, Texas chili, white chili, and chili with local pumpkin and apple. Toppings and sides ranged from cheese and sour cream to corn muffins and even home-made corn ice cream.

Prizes were awarded based on crowd votes and were awarded to #1: Michael Grindheim, #2: Michael Farrell, #3: Clint Kalbach.

We are incredibly grateful to all who participated and attended and made this event possible. We are already looking forward to next year and planning ways to make it even more fun for the community.



First prize winner, Michael Grindheim, & his Chili Oasis

Save The Date!

WINTERTIDE

Saturday, December 3rd
10am-5pm

CHRISTMAS SING-ALONG & ALLEGHENY MTN. STRING PERFORMANCE

Sunday, December 11
3pm

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Saturday, December 31
9pm-1am

TUESDAY TALKS

2pm every
second Tuesday of the month

SCORE COUNSELING

10am - 2pm every
third Wednesday of the month

YOUTH ART SHOW

Date in January/February
TBD



Gallery of Highland

Have you checked out The Gallery of Highland recently? In October, the gallery underwent another complete change and now displays a brand new collection of local art. The gallery features a wide variety of items including pottery, stained glass, baskets, felted objects, books, hand-made journals, paintings, prints, and photographs.

The Gallery of Highland is a great place to find a unique holiday gift. The gallery will be staffed during Wintertide; purchases can also be made any weekday between 9am and 5pm.



Thank You, Bonnie!

This month, The Highland Center says goodbye to Bonnie Baxley whose term on our board of director is coming to a close. Bonnie has served on the board for the last two years and has been a creative idea generator as well as a hard-working executor of those ideas. Bonnie was the creator of the Gallery of Highland and has been tireless in her generosity and advocacy of The Highland Center. Bonnie says that she found her work on the board rewarding and is especially proud of the gallery and of helping guide The Highland Center through an important period of transition.



Chairman of the board, Windsor Betts, says "The Highland Center benefited greatly from Bonnie's wisdom gained through years of dedication to non-profits. Bonnie brings energy, intelligence, dedication and fun to every endeavor and challenge. The Highland Center and The Highland Center Board grew stronger because of her work and we are thankful for her time, support, and friendship."

Bonnie is looking forward to taking more time for herself, devoting more time to her bible study and her art, and plans to spend more time with her children and grandchildren. We know we can still call on Bonnie for support, even as she enjoys her retirement more fully.

Thank You, John!

The Highland Center is also saying farewell to 2022 AMI Community fellow, John Pierce. We have relied on John's skills, enthusiasm, and good humor and could not have managed Tuesday Talks, the Taste of Highland, or many other events without his cheerful willingness to pitch in.

We hope you'll join us in thanking John for his great work and wishing him luck in his future endeavors. Hopefully he won't be a stranger to Highland County!



The Highland Center Needs You!

Please support The Highland Center
- our next century depends on you.



The Highland Center:

- Maintains an historic facility built in 1922 as Monterey High School
- Manages programs to support youth, economic development, and food access
- Offers business, event, and party space
- Relies on your generosity to maintain our programs and facility

Highlights of 2022 at The Highland Center

- Welcoming new staff including: Facility Manager, Heath Chambers; Allegheny Mountain Institute community fellow, John Pierce; Bookkeeper, Rhonda Hughes; and Farmers' Market Manager, Rachel Hiner
- Initiating the monthly Tuesday Talks series with the Highland County Public Library
- Launching the Highland County Community Calendar & weekly event email
- Operating the Highland Farmers' Market for its 25th season
- Refreshing and re-opening the Gallery of Highland to share the work of Highland artists
- Celebrating the 12th annual Taste of Highland dinner featuring local ingredients
- Holding a community street dance and celebration of our facility's 100th birthday
- Hosting free, monthly business counseling for local businesses & entrepreneurs through the Service Corps of Retired Executives

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Many of you may have received our annual appeal letter in the mail asking for your generous support of The Highland Center. The Highland Center is a 501c3 nonprofit organization and relies on donations and grant money to maintain our facility and run programs for the good of the community. There would be no Highland Center without you!

If you appreciate having this building as a community resource or enjoy the Farmers' Market, Tuesday Talks, Community Calendar, or any of our other events and programs, we invite you to donate to support this organization. You can find a donation link below or on our web site.



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