

Southern Rail Express
March 14th, 2pm at
The Highland Center



Mill Creek Cronies
March 22nd, 2pm at
The Highland Center



Maple Festival Time is here!!

We are pleased to bring you back to back weekends of toe tapping and hand clapping entertainment.

Please be sure to mark your calendars, set a reminder, and head to The Highland Center. We'll see you there!

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Highland County Library Features New Exhibit

A Quilter's Retrospective will be on display in the Mountain View Room at the Highland County Public Library in March and April. The exhibit will feature quilts, barn quilts and paintings created by local artist Margie Boesch from 1976 through 2026.

A reception will be held on Sunday, March 1 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm to launch the show.

Margie is a well-known barn quilt painter in Highland, but this show features her love of quilts in many forms. According to Boesch, "I was a quilter who became a barn quilt and watercolor painter. I love living in Highland County and rest my soul in its God given beauty. "

The first full size quilt she created became a prize winner in the state of Rhode Island and was featured in a book by Erica Wilson, entitled "Great Quilts of America". After moving to Highland County, Margie continued to sew patchwork, but when she became intrigued by the flow of paint and water in a watercolor class, she put the sewing machine away for a time.

However, when her husband, Mike, noticed barn quilts in a farm journal, she agreed to paint several for the barns on their farm. From these early efforts, orders for more began pouring in and the Highland Barn Quilt Trail was born.

The reception on Sunday is sponsored by the 3rd Space as part of their mission to provide artists with the opportunity to gather together and share their talent along with their love of art. Margie is also a participating member in the Art on Main at 3rd Space gallery and teaches Barn Quilt Painting workshops for 3rd Space.



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Appalachian Ode Project “O! Highland”

April 9th, 16th & 23rd

A creative writing workshop for youth and adults! Workshops will be facilitated by Ned Dougherty who is an award-winning teacher and playwright who lives in Green Bank. He was named a 2025 Creative Entrepreneur Fellow with the WV Creative Network and his plays have been performed all over Appalachia and as far away as New York, New Mexico and Ireland. He is the founder of the Appalachian Ode Project and teaches at-risk youth in Pocahontas County where he lives with his family.

3 consecutive workshops (9th, 16th, & 23rd).

Youth workshop from 4-5:15 PM.

Adult workshop from 5:30-6:45 PM.

Community Poetry reading on the final workshop day from 7-7:45 PM. Workshops are geared towards writers of all ability levels, all are welcome!

Workshops and final reading will all be held in The Highland Center. There is no fee to participate or attend!

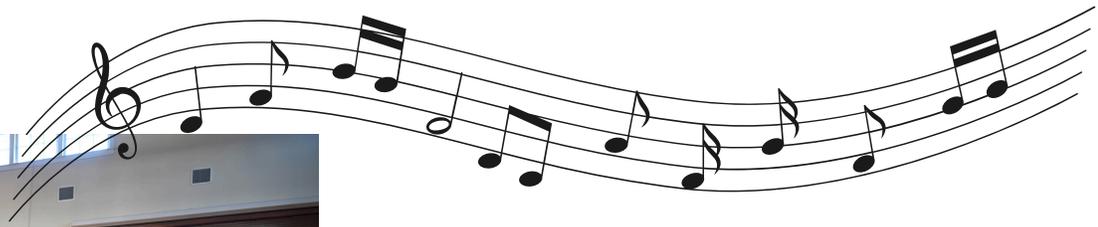
For more information, or if you would like to sign up in advance, please email us at highlandcoarts@gmail.com

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The Highlands Community Orchestra

April 19th, 2pm

The Highlands Community Orchestra is gearing up for their Spring Concert. Stay tuned for exciting updates about their concert!



Rhythm Road

May 9th, 7pm

Come on out and relax with friends to the original tunes, jazz and blues of Rhythm Road. JoAnn Morrell-guitar, bass and vocals. Ernie Morrell-keyboard and harmonica. Don Consul-bass, guitar and vocals. Mike Fleming- Saxophone. Tom Murray-Drums and percussion.



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