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**EXPERIENCE THE BEST OF FALL: HIGHLANDS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REVEALS OCTOBER EVENTS**

**HIGHLANDS, NC,** August 27, 2024 – The Highlands Chamber of Commerce/Visit Highlands, NC is pleased to unveil a lineup of vibrant October events for residents and visitors alike as the fall season ushers in cooler days and autumn colors.

“As the seasons change, so does the spirit of Highlands,” says Kaye McHan, Executive Director of the Highlands Chamber of Commerce/Visit Highlands, NC. “The Chamber is happy to, once again, offer a variety of events and experiences that complement the charm of our quaint mountain town.”

**Outdoor Concert Series**

Our Outdoor Concert Series will wrap up this October with the following performances:

Friday Night Live – Town Square, 343 Main Street, 6-8:30pm

* October 4 – Zorki
* October 11 – The Foxfire Boys

Saturdays on Pine – Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park, Pine Street, 6-8:30pm

* October 5 – Thirsty Horses
* October 12 – Nu Blue (*5-7:30pm as part of the Highlands Heritage Jamboree*)

**Pop-Up Pipers – Saturday, October 5**

Since May, the Highlands Bagpipers have graced various downtown locations with their stirring performances. Their series finale will be held at Highlands Presbyterian Church from 4:30-5pm on Saturday, October 5.

**Highlands Heritage Jamboree – Saturday, October 12**

Now in its third year, the Highlands Heritage Jamboree returns to celebrate and honor the town’s rich history. This event will take place on Saturday, October 12, featuring traditional music, dancing, and more. Attendees can look forward to a lively mix of bluegrass, clogging, and bagpipe performances as well as moonshine and barbecue.

Performances at Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park include:

* Highlands Bagpipers, 3:30-4pm
* Bailey Mountain Cloggers, a championship dance team from Mars Hill University, 4-5pm
* Nu Blue, 5-7:30pm

**Halloween on Main – Thursday, October 31**

Highlands’ Main Street will transform into a festive pedestrian zone for “Halloween on Main” from 6-8pm on Thursday, October 31. This family-friendly event invites ghosts and goblins of all ages to enjoy an evening of safe, fun activities. Participating merchants will hand out candy, generously supported by the Highlands Chamber of Commerce/Visit Highlands, NC and delivered by the Interact Club.

Entertainment includes:

* **ABC Combo** performing in front of The Park on Main
* **High Five** playing in front of Berkshire Hathaway
* **DJ Mike Murphy** spinning tunes mid-way on Main Street

Refreshments such as hot chocolate and hot dogs will be available, courtesy of the Highlands Cashiers Hospital and Fidelia Eckerd Living Center and volunteers from the Highlands and Mountaintop rotaries.

“Halloween on Main is more than just an event – it’s a time-honored tradition that brings our community together,” says McHan. “We look forward to continuing this festive celebration year after year.”

All events are free and open to the public.

For more information on October events, visit www.highlandschamber.org or contact the Welcome Center at 828-526-2112.

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About the Highlands Chamber of Commerce/Visit Highlands, NC:

Formed in 1931 to serve as the voice of business, the Highlands Chamber of Commerce has grown to provide services and support to businesses, residents and visitors. Hosting various events and programs throughout the year, including the Plateau Pick-Up, Leadership Highlands, Business After Hours, Outdoor Concert Series, and July 4th Fireworks and an array of holiday and winter festivities, the Chamber strives to make Highlands, NC a better place to live, visit and conduct business.

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