

Calendar of Events

September 5, 2025
- September 7, 2025

Homestead Harvest Days

Latzer Homestead

1464 Old Trenton Road

Highland, IL 62249

07:30 AM - 05:00 PM CST

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A celebration of history and recognition of the significance of the farming community to America's growth.

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Homestead Harvest Days

Louis Latzer Homestead

09:00 AM - 04:00 PM CST

Annual Homestead Harvest Days

This year (2025) Highland Illinois will host its 37th annual Homestead Harvest Days festival! Mark your calendars for the first weekend of September (Friday the 5th, Saturday the 6th, and Sunday the 8th)! As with the preceding years, this year's fest will be 20 acres of fun & history featuring vintage steam and fire engines, horses, plowing, live music, a living history area, food, crafts and flea market, tours of Latzer Homestead, activities for children (like a petting zoo and a corn box), silent auction – fun, fun, fun for the whole family!

Don't miss the Parade of Power that will roll through the festival on both Saturday and Sunday at 4:00 PM.

September 18, 2025

Business After Hours - Advanced Radon Mitigation

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13680 Michael Rd

Highland, IL 62249

05:00 PM - 07:00 PM CST

September 20, 2025

Street Art Fest
Downtown Square
09:00 AM - 08:00 PM CST

Schedule of Events:

Event Hours: 11:00 am - 6:00 pm
Street Art Competition: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Makers Market: 11:00 am - 6:00 pm
Kids Korner: 11:00 am - 5:00 pm
Judging: 4:00 pm
Awards: 5:00 pm

Artists Creating Art on the Streets:

Street Art Fest attendees will stroll the streets and watch as talented artists create artwork of amazing color, depth and complexity - with chalk! The Street Art competition will be judged at 4pm and winners will be announced at 6pm

Entertainment: Sponsored by Big R Farm & Home and the Highland Jaycees
Local dance/cheer studios will take the stage and perform. Live music from local bands will fill the air!

Food & Drink:

Brats, burgers, hot dogs, bbq, nachos, ice cream, sno cones, funnel cakes, and MORE will be available for purchase!

Makers Market:

The Makers Market will include hand-crafted items by local artisans: soy candles and wax melts, macrame, pottery, glitter tumblers, acrylic wine glasses, handmade jewelry, custom hats, holiday decor and MORE! ?

Kids Korner Activities: ?Sponsored by the Highland Optimist Club and organized by the Highland Civic Woman's Club

Kids will have their own special "Kreative Kids Korner" at this family-friendly event where they will have the chance to make their own works of art, play in a bounce house, and enjoy some imaginative fun and games!

Stop by the Musical Instrument Petting Zoo, hosted by the Highland Arts Center & Music School, where kids can see, touch, and try out a variety of real instruments - no lessons required, just curiosity! It's a fun, hands-on way to spark a lifelong love of music. Discover Downstate Illinois will offer an immersive experience for artists of all ages with their Monster Mural. Learn more about all their 21-county region has to offer while painting pieces of Downstate.

September 22, 2025

GriefShare

Evangelical United Church of Christ
2520 Poplar Street, Highland, IL 62249
Highland, IL 62249

06:00 PM - 08:00 PM CST

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Join us for a safe, compassionate space where healing begins. Whether you're grieving the loss of a loved one or supporting someone who is, our GriefShare group offers comfort, understanding, and hope. The group will meet on Mondays starting September 22, from 6-8 pm. The group will convene weekly at the Parsonage located at 2520 Poplar Street (look for signage). This 13-week session includes an additional meeting in November titled "Surviving the Holidays". To register, please contact the church office at 618-654-7549. We kindly request a \$10 registration fee, if possible, to offset the cost of workbooks. We look forward to welcoming you.

September 27, 2025

Rusty Rodz Car Cruise

Highland Square

05:00 PM - 08:00 PM CST

Russel Huelsmann, 618-304-3560

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October 5, 2025

Hard Road Theatre Raffle

07:00 PM - 10:00 PM CST

October 11, 2025

Sausage Supper

Evangelical United Church of Christ
2520 Poplar Street, Highland, IL 62249
Highland, IL 62249

12:00 AM - 07:00 PM CST

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Evangelical United Church of Christ
Annual Sausage Supper
DRIVE-THRU ONLY

October 25, 2025

Rusty Rodz Car Cruise

Highland Square

05:00 PM - 08:00 PM CST

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November 20, 2025

Business After Hours - Lee's Fine Jewelry

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919 Main Street

Highland, IL 62249

05:00 PM - 07:00 PM CST

November 28, 2025

Christmas Parade
Highland Square
06:30 PM - 08:00 PM CST

November 29, 2025

Small Business Saturday
Highland Chamber of Commerce
1216 Main St
Highland, IL 62249
09:00 AM - 03:00 PM CST

On Small Business Saturday the Chamber Elves will be visiting local small businesses (retail and restaurants) throughout the day and rewarding customers that are "caught in the act" of supporting small with a \$50 Chamber gift certificate!

*Support our amazing local businesses this holiday season!
Shop BIG while you're shopping small business!*

December 6, 2025

Cookie Crumb Trail
City of Highland
10:00 AM - 03:00 PM CST
Taylor Sheeley,
taylor@highlandillinois.com

December 12, 2025

Holiday Happy Hour!
Lindendale Ballroom
05:00 PM - 11:00 PM CST
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