

Chamber
Connections
2025

December



Rick's Repair of Cresco

RIBBON CUTTING & OPEN HOUSE

RIBBON CUTTING at 5pm

Friday, Dec. 12 • 4-6pm



8am-5pm
Monday-Friday
ricksrepair@outlook.com

130 2nd St W, Cresco
563-547-3799

The Cresco Chamber/CIDC
ANNUAL BANQUET

Thank you everyone who attended!

Check out the years of service awards honorees
from 5 years all the way to 160 years at
www.crescochamber.com

SPECIAL THANKS to our Game Show Hosts and Waiters!

Kelly Bartling Jon Berland Ryan Krietzler Tammy Henderson Josh Bourassa Holly O'Brien
Ryan McCarville Greg Meirick Michael Ollendick Mary Ann Neuzil Cory Ferrie



BUSINESS OF
THE YEAR:
DONALDSON
COMPANY



BUSINESS OF
THE YEAR:
CRESCO BUILDING
SERVICE



ORGANIZATION
OF THE YEAR:
KESSEL KIDS

December

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>Nov 26 Walk Thru Nov 27-Dec 24 Drive Thru</p> <p>HOLIDAY Lights</p> <p>Cresco Wildlife Club BINGO Every Sunday Doors Open at Noon Starts at 1:00pm</p>	<p>RHSHC Retirement Dr. Jensen Jim Siglin Jeannie Freidhof December 4th Beadle Conference Room 11am-1pm</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Howard County Community Hospice Regional Health Services of Howard County Coping with Grief RHSHC, 12-1:30pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>PLANTPEDDLER The Company Growing for You POINSETTIA VARIETY DAY DECEMBER 4th, 9am-3pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>NICC Cresco Center Ceramic Christmas Ornament Painting 3:45pm</p> <p>Santa visits Kessel Kids 4-5:30pm</p> <p>NICC Virtual Microsoft Excel 2021 Level 3 3:30-5:30pm Dec 2, 4, 9</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Howard County Community Hospice Regional Health Services of Howard County Best Practices in Dementia RHSHC, 9:30am-3pm</p> <p>SUPPER With Santa Notre Dame 5:30-7:30pm</p>	<p>6</p> <p>TWO MORE DRAWINGS! The Gingle!</p> <p>Dec 5 and 12</p> <p>CUSB Bank Holiday Open House December 5 8:30-11:30am, all locations</p>
<p>7</p> <p>PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY ***</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Howard County Substance Abuse Coalition Prevention 5 The public is invited Crestwood High School 12pm</p> <p>ISU Extension Virtual Garden Q&A Live Dec 8, 2025 12:30pm</p> <p>Band Concerts Grade 7-12 Grade 5/6 7:30pm 6:30pm</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Cresco Family Pharmacy BOTH LOCATIONS 20% Senior Discount Day Every TUESDAY</p> <p>PROM FUNDRAISER Chili & Soup Supper \$10 5-8pm HS Cafeteria</p>	<p>10</p> <p>NORTHEAST IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE CRESCO CENTER SAFETY CONFERENCE 8AM-3:30PM NICC Conference Center - Peosta</p>	<p>11</p> <p>RHSHC Cookie & Candy Sale December 12th 9am-Noon, Methodist Church</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Cresco Bank Holiday Open House 10am - 1pm</p> <p>Rick's Repair OPEN HOUSE 4-6PM & RIBBON CUTTING 5PM</p>	<p>13</p> <p>American Legion Coffee/Donuts and Vendors 9-11am</p>
<p>14</p> <p>Sweeney's LOUNGE</p> <p>Chili Cookoff 12pm Noon</p> <p>Madrigal Heritage Event Center 1pm and 6pm</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Grade 5/6 Band Concert 6:30pm</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Cancer Survivor Meeting 5:30pm Am Legion</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>ISU Extension Private Pest Applicator CIC (P-CIC) Riceville Community Center, 1:30pm</p> <p>Grade 5-8 Vocal Concert 7:00pm</p> <p>Times Plain Dealer's SENIOR CITIZEN GIVING TREE Bring your Holiday Cheer to a Howard County Senior Citizen this Holiday Season! Please bring unopened gifts to the Times Plain Dealer 274 N. Elm St., Cresco by 5pm on Dec. 19, 2025 FOR "GIFT IDEAS" CALL THE TWO AT 563-547-3601</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Cresco PUBLIC LIBRARY Larry Reis 10am Animals in Winter</p> <p>No School</p>	<p>20</p> <p>ISU Extension 4-H FFA Beef Weigh in Fairgrounds, 9am</p> <p>Fresh Market Shop with Santa Saturday, December 20 10am - 1pm</p>
<p>21</p> <p>hello winter</p> <p>VFW Pancake Breakfast 8-12:30pm</p>	<p>22</p> <p>DINNER AND A MOVIE Raffle Drawing</p> <p>Trails Open Weather Permitting</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>MERRY CHRISTMAS</p> <p>McAllister Catering Heritage Event Center Christmas Day Brunch 9am-1pm</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p> <p>IOWA Statehood Dec 28, 1846</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>LifeServe BLOOD CENTER Your Blood. Your Hospital. Your Neighbors. VFW Hall 12-5:30pm</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Last Day to register ATV, ORV and Snowmobiles at the Courthouse</p>	<p>Chamber Dollars make a great gift, bonus or incentive!</p> <p>Chamber Dollars</p> <p>Cresco Chamber Dollars</p>		<p>Winter Break December 22-January 2</p> <p>Mondays, 5pm VFW Saturdays, 10am LEC</p>

Upcoming Events

Jan 1
Happy New Year

Jan 2
FREE MOVIE
Minecraft Movie
sponsored by CUSB Bank
Cresco Theatre

Jan 4
Living Nativity
Drive Through
Notre Dame Parish

Jan 5
First day of
2nd Semester
Crestwood & Notre Dame

Jan 8
First day of
2nd Semester
NICC Cresco Center

Jan 22-26
Driftrunners Snowfest

Feb 1
CHS Choir Booster's
Omelet Breakfast
Crestwood High School

Feb 2
Groundhog's Day

Feb 8
Superbowl LX

Feb 21
Cresco Wildlife Club
Wild Game Feed

43RD ANNUAL SANTA'S HOLIDAY PARADE



Grand Marshals
DR. PAUL & JAYNE JENSEN



POLAR EXPRESS



Santa Award
CRESCO COMMUNITY CHAPEL



Grand Marshals' Choice
IMMANUEL
LUTHERAN CHURCH



THANKS FOR THE HOT
COCOA DURING THE
PARADE. DRIFTRUNNERS!



Youth/Teen Award
KESSEL KIDS



SANTA CLAUS

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS:

American Legion Auxiliary, Alum-Line, Anthony Henry Sealcoating, Black Hills, Camp-Site RV, CIA Insurance, Cresco Bank and Trust, Cresco Building Service, Cresco Shopper, CUSB Bank, Darland's Auto Repair, Featherlite, Hanson Tire Service, JP Accounting, Erickson-Prochaska Realtors, Fareway, Hindt-Hudek Funeral Home, Holstrom's Gift & Jewelry, Hometown Accounting, Master Plastics, KAR Auto Group of Decorah, MiBroadband, MiEnergy, Mudslingers, O'Henry's Stitches & Prints, Panda Garden, Leuthold's, Times-Plain Dealer, Dan & Julie Huiskamp, Plantpeddler, Signs & Designs, Precision Overhead Doors, RSHSC, Rupperts-Ace-Hardware, WinnMed Cresco-Rehab Clinic, Mark & Ellen Murphy

Business Voices Matter

Share yours now

Take this Howard-Winn Survey:
 Help us with job shadowing, business tours,
 guest speakers, mock interviews, internships,
 apprenticeships, community service for our
 students in grades 7-12



Fresh ^{Dollar} Market

Shop with Santa

Saturday, Dec 20 | 10am - 1pm



JOIN US FOR

FREE



The Minecraft Movie

January 2, 2026

sponsored by CUSB Bank

**RHSHC AUXILIARY
 HOLIDAY COOKIE & CANDY SALE**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12TH
 9AM - NOON
 OR UNTIL SOLD OUT**

**DON'T MISS THE
 AUXILIARY
 MEMBER CRAFTS**

**QUESTIONS OR TO VOLUNTEER
 BARB FRANKLIN 563-203-8077 OR ELAIN BROOKINS 563-203-0815
 CRESCO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 310 NORTH ELM STREET**



CUSB BANK'S
Holiday
OPEN HOUSE

-FRIDAY-
 DECEMBER | **5** | 8:30 - 11:30 AM

*Come join us in our lobbies for some
 refreshments and holiday cheer!*

STOP INTO ANY OF OUR CUSB BANK LOCATIONS

Holiday Light Sponsors

NOBEL PRIZE

Anthony Henry Sealcoating, Camp-Site RU
 CIA Insurance, Cresco Bank & Trust
 Cresco Building Service, Cresco Shopper
 CUSB Bank, Featherlite, KAR Auto Group, RHSHC

GOLD MEDAL

Fareway, Hindt-Hudek Funeral Home, Plantpeddler
 Precision Overhead Doors, Schatzee's Body Shop
 WinnMed Cresco Rehab Clinic

FREEDOM

Black Hills, Bob's Electric, Cathy's Car Wash
 Darland's Auto Repair, Erickson-Prochaska Realtors
 Hanson Tire Service, Holstrom's Gift & Jewelry, JP Accounting
 MiBroadband, MiEnergy, Oak Creek Dental
 O'Henry's Stitches & Prints, Panda Garden, Signs & Designs
 Ruppert's Ace Hardware, Dan & Julie Huiskamp
 State Farm Insurance - Don Dietzenbach, Times-Plain Dealer

Howard County Court House



THANK YOU

CRESTWOOD GIRLS & BOYS BASKETBALL TEAMS

for putting up the Christmas
decorations at the
Courthouse and Beadle Park!

Scan to see the
Crestwood Girls & Boys
Basketball Schedule



ST. ANDREW'S CIRCLE
PRESENTS AN EVENING OF FUN
FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Join us for a meal, children's
activities and a chance to meet
Santa, Mrs. Claus and the elf!
\$5 per sandwich or \$10 for a plate

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5
5:30-7:30PM PARISH HALL



SNOW REMOVAL

Call a Chamber
Member today!

Lickteig's
641-330-1927

Mudslingers
563-379-6709

Campsite RV
563-547-5100

Burke Auction Service
507-259-5070

Courtney Outdoor
Innovations
563-379-1308

FEATHERLITE TRAILERS



Featherlite and
American Legion Post 135
have partnered to send
care packages to local
active duty soldiers that
are currently deployed

Drop Off Locations:
Cresco Chamber and Featherlite

For more information: 563-547-3434

Join us for our
Christmas Open House

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12TH
10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Stop in our lobby for holiday treats and hot cider!
We wish you a happy holiday season!

Don't miss Larry Reis' talk on
Animals in Winter
December 19th at 10am

Check out all the
Cresco Public Library

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

cresco.lib.ia.us 320 N Elm St 563-547-2540



DINNER AND A MOVIE

Raffle Drawing
December 22

Raffle Tickets Available
Cresco Chamber
City Hall, Cresco Theatre
CCT & Commission Members

TICKETS
1 for \$5
5 for \$20
Scene Shop Fundraiser



Cookies, Drinks, and Games

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

**KESSEL
KIDS**
SINCE 1990

1135 Canterbury St, Cresco

CARE

**COMMUNITIES
ABOUT
REACHING
EVERYONE**

**FOR FAMILIES IN NEED OF
ASSISTANCE AND THOSE WISHING
TO ADOPT A FAMILY IN NEED**

Applications accepted through Nov 4th
Donations also accepted

**Supported by local
Businesses, Churches,
Organizations and
Families**

**For more information
please contact
Lisa Nelson at 547-2040**



HOLIDAY Lights

SANTA,
LIVE NATIVITY
SOUP, HOT COCOA
COOKIES, CHOIRS
POKEY PETE RIDES
PARKING

Map & Shuttle on website

**Drive Through
Nov 27-Dec 24 5-9pm**

HelpingServices.org

Free Will Donation

**SUPPORT THE CRESTWOOD CADETS
ALL SPORTS/BOOSTER CLUB
AND THESE AREA BUSINESSES
THIS HOLIDAY SEASON**

**2 CARDS
FOR \$30**

FAREWAY
\$5 OFF a purchase
of \$50 or more of fresh produce
from FAREWAY. Excludes meat, seafood, and bakery items. Valid 12/1/2024 - 12/31/2024.

Culver's
Buy a 3L, 4L, or 5L of Coca-Cola or Pepsi. Get a 3L, 4L, or 5L of Coca-Cola or Pepsi. Valid 12/1/2024 - 12/31/2024.

FREE
Popsicle for the purchase
of a 3L, 4L, or 5L of Coca-Cola or Pepsi. Valid 12/1/2024 - 12/31/2024.

\$10 OFF
a purchase
of \$50 or more
of meat. Valid 12/1/2024 - 12/31/2024.

\$10 OFF
a purchase
of \$50 or more
of seafood. Valid 12/1/2024 - 12/31/2024.

\$10 OFF
a purchase
of \$50 or more
of bakery items. Valid 12/1/2024 - 12/31/2024.

\$10 OFF
a purchase
of \$50 or more
of dairy. Valid 12/1/2024 - 12/31/2024.

\$10 OFF
a purchase
of \$50 or more
of frozen. Valid 12/1/2024 - 12/31/2024.

Available to purchase at the High School concession stand
during home games or from a Booster Club member.

Times Plain Dealer's SENIOR CITIZEN GIVING TREE

Bring some Holiday Cheer to
a Howard County Senior
Citizen this Holiday Season!

**Please bring unwrapped
gifts to the
Times Plain Dealer
214 N. Elm St., Cresco
by 5pm on Dec. 19, 2025**

The TPD will distribute gifts
to the area care facilities.

FOR "GIFT IDEAS" CALL THE TPD AT 563-547-3601

CHRISTMAS IN CRESCO SPONSORS



Silver Bells

Campsite RV
Cresco Bank & Trust

Candy Cane

Ameriprise Financial, Bear Creek Archeology
Bob's Electric, CIA Insurance, Donaldson
Holstrom Jewelers, MiEnergy, Mudslingers
O'Henry's, Plantpeddler

Milk & Cookies

A&W, Alum-Line, Leuthold's
Billmyer Furniture & Flooring
Cedar Valley Iowa Realty & Auction
Cresco Chiropractic Clinic
Evans Memorial Home
Fisk Farm & Home, JP Accounting
Hawkeye Sanitation, RSHC
Hometown Accounting
Next Gen Gamerz
Kerian Water Store, M&K Metal Designs
Outdoors & More, Signs & Designs
Ruppert's Ace Hardware,
The Hair Company, V&V Insurance



Cresco Wildlife Club

BINGO
December
7, 14, 21, 28

12pm doors open 1pm BINGO
Refreshments available

Every Sunday through Mar 29th

ICELAND: LAND OF FIRE & ICE

8-Day Journey

Departing November 11, 2026



Join us on an
ADVENTURE!

Scan the QR code
to sign up today!

**EARLY BIRD
DISCOUNT**

~~\$5,495~~ PER PERSON
\$5,199 PER PERSON
if deposited by December 31st*

For more information, please contact
Jason Passmore at (563) 547-3434
or jason@howard-county.com



Tuesday,
December 9, 2025
5:00-8:00pm
Crestwood High School Cafeteria

INCLUDES ALL YOU
CAN EAT
CHILI/CHICKEN
NOODLE SOUP,
CRACKERS,
CINNAMON ROLL,
AND BEVERAGE

Tickets can be purchased
in advance from
Student Council members
and via venmo.

Tickets will be available at the door.



venmo



CRESCO CENTER



1020 2nd Ave SE ~ 563-547-3355 ~ crescocenter@nicc.edu
Ryan Kreitzer, Center Director

Dec 2, 4, 9 NICC Virtual: Microsoft Excel 2021: Level 3
3:30-5:30pm, #103217

Dec 4 Ceramic Christmas Ornament Painting, 3:45-5pm, #104227

Dec 10 Annual Safety Conference in Peosta,
Keynote Speaker Patrick Nelson

Dec 24-Jan 1 Campus is Closed for Holiday

Jan 6, 13, 27 NICC Virtual: Leadership for Team Leads

Feb 3, 10, 17, 24 10am, #104975

Mar 3, 10

Jan 8 Spring 2026 Semester begins

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY Extension and Outreach

BUILDING A
#STRONGIOWA
IN HOWARD COUNTY

**DECEMBER
2025 CALENDAR**

Sue Barnes, 547.3001, 132 1st Ave W, Cresco

Dec 8 Virtual Garden Q&A, 12:30pm

Dec 18 Private Pesticide Applicator CIC (P-CIC)
Riceville Community Center, 1:30pm

Dec 20 4-H FFA Beef Weigh in, Fairgrounds, 9am

Dec 24-26 OFFICE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Jan 6 Private Pesticide Applicator CIC (P-CIC), Ext, 9:30am

Jan 8 Commercial Manure Applicator Certification, Ext, 9am

Cresco Area Chamber of Commerce
101 2nd Ave SW
Cresco, IA 52136



CONTACT US
Give us a call for more
information about our services
and opportunities.

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The Mission of the Cresco Area Chamber of Commerce is to
develop and grow new and existing businesses, promote community involvement and to encourage business alliances.

2025 Board of Directors

Kris Riley - President	563.547.6079
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