

2026 Chamber Connections

# FEBRUARY



Welcome  
to the Chamber!

## Why choose us?

- ✓ Licensed & insured
- ✓ Fast & satisfying results
- ✓ Skilled & experienced team

Paul Hoines, Owner | 563-547-2329 | [hoinesbusiness@gmail.com](mailto:hoinesbusiness@gmail.com)



Cresco Carpet  
Cleaning



# WELCOME

to the  
Chamber!

*19 years of experience providing home-based,  
appointment-only dog grooming. A calm, one-on-one  
environment where dogs thrive and quality  
care always comes first.*

Stay Foxy Stay Fabulous!



**FOXTAIL**  
GROOMING LLC

Emily Germann - Owner

Harmony, MN

**507-403-8803**



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# FEBRUARY

The days are getting longer

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 <b>ONEOTA Film Festival</b> <i>Inform. Inspire. Engage.</i> Track Guy Movie, 2pm Cresco Theatre	 <b>Happy Groundhog Day</b>	ISU Extension 2026 Iowa Dairy Day Elma Community Center, 9:30am	NICC Cresco Center <b>Welding (GMAW)</b> Feb 3-May 6 5-9pm  Fairgrounds, 4:30pm	 <b>winter walk day</b>	 <b>VITA</b> <b>NEW LOCATION:</b> Farm Bureau Feb 5 - Apr 9 Thursdays 9am-5pm by appt	7 <b>TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY</b> 9-11 AM   Program Room Cresco Public Library
 <b>NATIONAL Iowa Day</b>	 <b>Howard County Substance Abuse Coalition Prevention 5</b> The public is invited Crestwood High School 12pm	10 <b>NICC Virtual HR as Business Strategy</b> 8-9:30am	11 <b>NICC Virtual Leadership for Team Leads</b> 5-9pm Feb 3, 10, 17, 24 Mar 3, 10	 <b>Cresco Theatre Valentine Special</b> Bring a receipt from any Cresco restaurant <b>February 12-19</b> and receive a <b>FREE</b> popcorn & 2 sodas	 <b>American Red Cross</b> United Methodist February 12th Church, 12-5pm	 <b>QOV FOUNDATION</b> <b>QOV</b> <b>Quilts of Valor Workshop</b> Feb 13 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> Friday 9am-9pm Saturday 9am-6pm Cresco Community Chapel
 <b>SEAHAWKS vs PATRIOTS</b> Santa Clara, CA					<b>No School</b>	14  <b>DAN'S Road House</b> <b>2 Year Anniversary Bash</b> American Legion Coffee/Donuts and Vendors 9-11am Am Legion Riders Chili & Chicken Noodle 10am-1pm
 <b>VFW Pancake Breakfast</b> 8-12:30pm	 <b>HAPPY Presidents Day</b>	<b>RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS DAY</b>  <b>Mardi Gras</b>	18 <b>CHAMBER BUSINESS COMMITTEE</b> 8:15AM	19 ISU Extension Comm Ag Pest Control & Seed Treatment Training <b>FEBRUARY 18</b> Extension, 9am	20 ISU Extension Comm Manure App Certifications Extension, 9am	21  <b>Cresco Wildlife Club Wild Game Feed</b> Expo Center, 5-8pm doors open at 4pm
22	23  <b>Natl FFA Week</b> Feb 21-28	24 <b>Cresco Family Pharmacy</b> <b>BOTH LOCATIONS</b> 20% Senior Discount Day Every TUESDAY	25	26	27	28 ISU Extension <b>4H Clothing Challenge Workshop</b> Elma, 9am
<b>Cresco Wildlife Club BINGO</b> <i>Every Sunday</i> Doors Open at Noon Starts at 1:00pm		 <b>Pub No. 7 EUCHRE</b> Tuesday Nights 6PM	 <b>Pub No. 7 TRIVIA</b> Wednesday Nights 6-8PM			 <b>Town Hall Meeting</b> Farm Bureau 11:30am
						 <b>Mondays, 5pm VFW</b>  <b>Saturdays, 10am LEC</b>
						 <b>Chamber Members accept Chamber Dollars</b> They make a great gift, incentive and bonus

# Upcoming Events

Mar 7 Permit to Carry Class  
Cresco Wildlife Club

Mar 8 Daylight Saving Time  
*Spring Ahead*

Mar 12 CHS Pops Concert  
*CHS Auditorium*

Mar 14 Pub Crawl

Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day

Mar 28 CHS Spring Spotlight  
*CHS Gym*

Mar 28 Turkey River Pheasants Forever Banquet  
*Expo Center*

Mar 31 Chamber Scholarship Request Due  
*Chamber office*

Apr 5 Happy Easter

Apr 13 IWHOF Banquet  
*Heritage Event Center*

# Welcome TO THE CRESCO CHAMBER



## COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF NORTHEAST IOWA

*here for good.*

**\$143,857.87**  
2025 Howard County

**\$2.26 Million**  
granted since 2005



Learn more 

[www.cfneia.org](http://www.cfneia.org)

## ■ 2026 HALL OF FAME ■

### NOMINATE HOWARD COUNTY COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS!

Please Submit Your Recommendations,  
Along with Reasons Why, Your Name & Phone Number

#### CRITERIA INCLUDES:

- Making A Lasting Impact On The Area
- Demonstrates High Moral Standard
- Individual or Group

Times Plain Dealer **Citizen of the Year** Times Plain Dealer **Educator of the Year** Times Plain Dealer **Organization of the Year**

Submit nominations to:  
**[tpdeditor@crescotimes.com](mailto:tpdeditor@crescotimes.com)**  
or 214 N. Elm St • Cresco • 563-547-3601

Nominations must be received at the Times Plain Dealer no later than **5pm on Friday, March 13.**



## APPLY FOR LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

DON'T WAIT,  
DEADLINES ARE APPROACHING!





## Charlie's Chili Feed

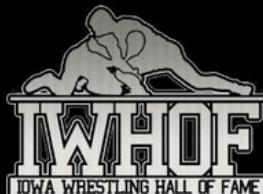
Saturday, Feb 7 • 11am-3pm

South of Florenceville/Granger at the warming bin on trail

**Chili, Brats & Beverages  
will be provided**

*Event is subject to move dates  
pending snow availability.*

*Alternate location will be announced if  
needed as well pending snow conditions.*



# SAVE THE DATE

IWHOF  
Induction Ceremony  
and Banquet

Monday  
APRIL 13, 2026

*It may be LEGAL to strap on a pistol & start carrying in Iowa now, but is it WISE to do so without the proper training?*

### MINNESOTA & IOWA PERMIT TO CARRY CLASS

One of THE MOST COMPLETE Permit to Carry  
Training Programs Offered!

Our 10 Hour Sessions will teach you how to Properly Carry Firearms.

**Saturday, March 7th**

Pre-Registration at 8:30 am, Class from 9 am-7 pm.

Must be 21 or older; Photo ID Required

Firearms and ammunition will be provided for qualification

Cresco Wildlife Club

Howard County Fairgrounds, Cresco, IA

Call: Outdoors & More at (563) 547-5071 for more info or to reserve your seat!

DO YOU UNDERSTAND YOUR  
RESPONSIBILITIES AS AN ARMED  
CITIZEN? LEARN FROM A  
CERTIFIED NRA INSTRUCTOR!

No  
Written  
Test!



**CONTACT A CHAMBER  
MEMBER FOR YOUR  
TAX NEEDS TODAY!**

JP Accounting  
547.4811

KBS Health  
Insurance & Taxes  
547.4790

Murphy, Coe & Smith  
641.732.5841



# FEBRUARY 14TH

AM LEGION

9-11AM

COFFEE & TREATS

WITH YOUR FAVORITE VENDORS

FIND US ON FACEBOOK AT

CRESO, IA AMERICAN LEGION POST 135

AND AT CRESO FARMERS MARKET



# VITA

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE  
Howard County FARM BUREAU  
STARTS THURSDAY, FEB 5th

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY 563-277-7246

# GET A *Free* COUPLES COMBO

EAT AT ANY LOCAL  
RESTAURANT

(NOT GAS STATIONS OR CONVIENCE STORES)

BRING IN YOUR RECEIPT AND  
RECEIVE A FREE COUPLES COMBO  
(LARGE POPCORN AND TWO LARGE SODAS)

FEBRUARY 12-19 ONLY!





Iowa Workforce  
Development

## Your Input Matters!

Iowa Workforce Development is asking local employers to complete a short, confidential survey to help shape Iowa's 2024-2034 workforce projections. Share how you expect employment and job openings to change in your industry.

Takes just a few minutes

Please complete by Feb. 14, 2026

Take the survey - use the link or QR code  
[engage.iowa.gov/jfe/form/SV\\_3CtjUI45pWHISkm](http://engage.iowa.gov/jfe/form/SV_3CtjUI45pWHISkm)



Cresco Wildlife Club  
**Wild Game Feed**  
**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 21, 2026**  
Doors open at 4pm

**Tickets \$15**  
Kids under 12 just \$5

Serving from 5-8pm at the EXPO CENTER  
DOOR PRIZES and multiple RAFFLES



**EVERY SUNDAY**  
through Mar 29th

12pm doors open **1pm BINGO**

Refreshments available

## Cresco Wildlife Club **BINGO**

**FEBRUARY 1, 8, 15, 22**

# 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

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**QOV**  
QUILTS OF VALOR  
**QOV**  
WORKSHOP

**February**  
**13th & 14th**

Friday, 9am-9pm  
Saturday, 9am-6pm

Cresco Community Chapel  
Quilts of Valor Leader, Sandy Thorson, 641-240-6292

## **YOUTH MENTORING'S Bowl-A-Thon**

Get ready for an epic bowling showdown,  
delicious pizza, and fantastic company.



Registration  
fee  
**\$25**

**SATURDAY ~ MARCH 21 ~ DECORAH**  
FORM A TEAM | SUPPORT MENTORING | HAVE FUN

King Pin Entertainment Center, 400 Heivly Street

## Hospital Auxiliary **SCHOLARSHIP** FOR NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENTS

**APPLY  
NOW**

This scholarship gives preference  
to helping students begin or  
return to college, years after  
leaving high school to pursue a  
career in the area of medicine.

\*Due by April 1st\*



[rhshc.com](http://rhshc.com) 235 8<sup>th</sup> Ave W, Cresco 563-547-2101

Cresco's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual St. Patrick's Day

# Pub Crawl

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

3-7pm Downtown Cresco

Pub <sup>nor</sup>7



DAN'S  
Road House

ATOMIC  
PIZZA PUB

DRAWING  
& COSTUME  
PRIZES



# SHAMROCK RUN 5K

Saturday,  
March 14

2pm starting at the  
Fitness Center and ending  
at the Courthouse



Free Will  
Donation  
Benefiting

HoCA

## TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY

FEB  
7

9-11 AM | Program Room

Join the fun! Take Your Child to the Library Day  
encourages families to become regular library users  
by celebrating and showcasing library offerings.

Special Storytime | 10AM | Children's Amphitheater

## Activities

Scavenger Hunt, Children's Book Trivia, Know Your  
Nursery Rhymes and Fairy tales



CRESCO PUBLIC LIBRARY 320 N Elm St, Cresco, IA 52136



## Learning Opportunities and Trainings at NICC!



Classes begin in January each year

## Business Consortium



All Classes are Virtual Live or On Your Own Time

## HR Alliance

All classes are either located at the  
NICC Wilder Business Center (Calmar),  
Virtual Live or On Your Own Time



Sponsored by  
Northeast Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund

## LEAD CERTIFICATION TRAINING

Thursday  
**MARCH 19**  
8am - 5pm  
Luana Savings Bank  
100 Harvest Drive

Penalties for lead-based paint  
violations in Iowa can be up to  
\$37,500 per violation, per day.

To register call 563-382-6171 or email lquam@uerpc

## CRESTWOOD SENIORS



## Letter of Request Include your:

- ✓ College goals
- ✓ Community involvement
- ✓ High school  
accomplishments
- ✓ Post college goals

## TWO \$825 SCHOLARSHIPS

Letters are due  
**MARCH 31, 2026**

Send letters to  
jason@howard-county.com  
101 2nd Ave SW, Cresco



to our amazing community for supporting the  
**FILL THE BOX PROJECT!**



Donations are no longer needed at this time  
as our troops prepare to come home.  
We'll share updates when the project resumes.  
- Cresco Iowa American Legion Post 135



## TOWN HALL MEETING

**FEBRUARY 28TH 11:30AM**

Howard County Farm Bureau Backroom  
124 1<sup>st</sup> Ave West, Cresco  
**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

*Don't miss Larry Reis' talk on*

## **ALGIFIC SLOPES** *Karst Topography*

[cresco.lib.ia.us](http://cresco.lib.ia.us) 320 N Elm St 563-547-2540



**CRESKO CENTER**

1020 2nd Ave SE ~ 563-547-3355 ~ [crescocenter@nicc.edu](mailto:crescocenter@nicc.edu)  
Ryan Kreitzer, Center Director



Jan 6, 13, 27

Feb 3, 10, 17, 24 NICC Virtual: Leadership for Team Leads

Mar 3, 10 5-9pm, #104975

Feb 3-May 6 Welding (Gas Metal Arc Welding), 5-9pm, #105322

Feb 10 NICC Virtual: HR as Business Strategy, 8-9:30am, #105660

Feb 17, 19, 24, 26 NICC Virtual: Microsoft Excel 2019: Level 1  
3:30-5:30pm, #105564

Mar 3 NICC Virtual: Mindful Leadership, 8-10am, #105761

Mar 3-Apr 7 Intro to Yoga, 6-6:45pm, #105516

**American Legion Riders**

Serving comfort by those who served

**CHILI?  
CHICKEN NOODLE?  
YES.**

**Saturday • February 14 • 10am - 1pm**  
American Legion Post 135 113 S Park Place Cresco

**FREE WILL  
DONATION**

**Meal includes:**  
Bowl of chili or chicken noodle soup,  
crackers, water and coffee



Every dollar raised helps  
make a meaningful  
difference for those in need.

**FEBRUARY 19, 2026  
10am**

**Check out all the  
Cresco Public Library**

**EVENTS & ACTIVITIES**



**IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY  
Extension and Outreach**

BUILDING A  
**#STRONGIOWA**  
IN HOWARD COUNTY

**FEBRUARY  
2026 CALENDAR**

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

**Feb 3 2026 Iowa Dairy Days, Elma Community Complex  
9:30am-2:30pm**

**Feb 11 Commercial Ag Pest Control C-CIC, Ext., 9-11:30am**

**Feb 18 Commercial Ag Pest Control and  
Seed Treatment Training, Ext. Off, 9-11:30am**

**Feb 20 Commercial Manure App. Cert., Ext Off, 8:30-11:30am**

**Feb 26 Biosecurity Trailer Workshop, Featherlite Ctr, 2-4pm**

**Feb 28 4H Clothing Challenge Workshop in Elma, 9-11am**

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

*Hello February*



**CONTACT US**

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

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Cresco, IA 52136  
563.547.3434



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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.

## 2026 Board of Directors

Dan Evans - President	563.547.3601	Times Plain Dealer
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