

2026 Chamber Connections

FEBRUARY



Welcome

to the Chamber!

Why choose us?

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



Cresco Carpet Cleaning

Paul Hoines, Owner | 563-547-2329 | hoinesbusiness@gmail.com



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

foxtailgrooming@outlook.com



FEBRUARY

The days are getting longer

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1  ONEOTA Film Festival Inform. Inspire. Engage. Track Guy Movie, 2pm Cresco Theatre	2  Happy Groundhog Day	3 ISU Extension 2026 Iowa Dairy Day Elma Community Center, 9:30am NICC Cresco Center Welding (GMAW) Feb 3-May 6 5-9pm  Pantry Fairgrounds, 4:30pm	4  winter walk day	5  VITA VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE NEW LOCATION: Farm Bureau Feb 5 - Apr 9 Thursdays 9am-5pm by appt	6	7 TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY 9-11 AM Program Room Cresco Public Library  Driftrunners Charlie's Chili Feed
8  NATIONAL Iowa Day  SEA HAWKS vs PATRIOTS Santa Clara, CA	9  Howard County Substance Abuse Coalition  Prevention 5 The public is invited Crestwood High School 12pm	10 NICC Virtual HR as Business Strategy 8-9:30am NICC Virtual Leadership for Team Leads 5-9pm Feb 3, 10, 17, 24 Mar 3, 10	11 ISU Extension Comm Ag Pest Control Extension, 9:00am  Cresco Theatre Valentine Special Bring a receipt from any Cresco restaurant February 12-19 and receive a FREE popcorn & 2 sodas	12  American Red Cross United Methodist February 12th Church, 12-5pm	13  QOV FOUNDATION Quilts of Valor Workshop Feb 13th & 14th Friday 9am-9pm Saturday 9am-6pm Cresco Community Chapel	14 DAN'S Road House 2 Year Anniversary Bash American Legion Coffee/Donuts and Vendors 9-11am Am Legion Riders Chili & Chicken Noodle 10am-1pm McAllister's Valentines Day Dinner 5-8pm
15  Pancake Breakfast 8-12:00pm	16 HAPPY Presidents Day No School	17 RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS DAY  Mardi Gras NICC Virtual Microsoft Excel 2019: Level 1 3:30-5:30pm Feb 17, 19, 24, 26	18  CHAMBER BUSINESS COMMITTEE 8:15AM  ASH WEDNESDAY	19 ISU Extension Comm Ag Pest Control & Seed Treatment Training FEBRUARY 18 Extension, 9am  Larry Reis 10am Algific Slopes Karst Topography	20 ISU Extension Comm Manure App Certifications Extension, 9am	21  Cresco Wildlife Club Wild Game Feed Expo Center, 5-8pm doors open at 4pm
22	23  Natl FFA Week Feb 21-28 Cresco Family Pharmacy BOTH LOCATIONS 20% Senior Discount Day Every TUESDAY	24	25  Notre Dame Catholic School FAITH - FAMILY - EXCELLENCE Preschool and Playgroup Registration 3:30-5:30pm	26 ISU Extension Biosecurity Trailer Workshop Featherlite Center 2-4pm	27	28 ISU Extension 4H Clothing Challenge Workshop Elma, 9am  Town Hall Meeting Farm Bureau 11:30am
Cresco Wildlife Club BINGO Every Sunday Doors Open at Noon Starts at 1:00pm		Pub No. 7 EUCHRE Tuesday Nights 6PM 	Pub No. 7 TRIVIA Wednesday Nights 6-8PM 			



Chamber Members accept Chamber Dollars
They make a great gift, incentive and bonus



Mondays, 5pm VFW
Saturdays, 10am LEC

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

■ 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

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.

TPD
CRESCO TIMES PLAIN DEALER



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.



FREE WILL DONATION

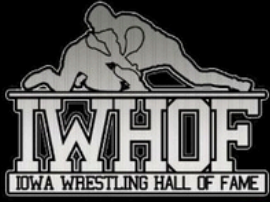


FEBRUARY 14TH

AM LEGION 9-11AM
COFFEE & TREATS

WITH YOUR FAVORITE VENDORS

FIND US ON FACEBOOK AT
 CRESCO, IA AMERICAN LEGION POST 135
 AND AT CRESCO FARMERS MARKET

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!



No Written Test!

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

VITA

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE
Howard County FARM BUREAU
STARTS THURSDAY, FEB 5th
 BY APPOINTMENT ONLY 563-277-7246

GET A COUPLES *Free* COMBO

EAT AT ANY LOCAL RESTAURANT
 (NOT GAS STATIONS OR CONVENIENCE STORES)

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

FEBRUARY 12-19 ONLY!




POP CORN

TAX SEASON AGAIN

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



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



Cresco Wildlife Club

BINGO

FEBRUARY 1, 8, 15, 22

EVERY SUNDAY
through Mar 29th

12pm doors open **1pm BINGO**

Refreshments available

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



**February
13th & 14th**
Friday, 9am-9pm
Saturday, 9am-6pm

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

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

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

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



**APPLY
NOW**

rhshc.com 235 8th Ave W, Cresco 563-547-2101

Cresco's 3rd Annual St. Patrick's Day

Pub Crawl

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

3-7pm Downtown Cresco

DRAWING
& COSTUME
PRIZES

Pub **nor7**



DAN'S
Road House

ATOMIC
PIZZA PUB



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



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.

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



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



CRESTWOOD SENIORS



**APPLY
TODAY!**

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!



TOWN HALL MEETING

FEBRUARY 28TH 11:30AM

Howard County Farm Bureau Backroom
124 1st Ave West, Cresco
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Don't miss Larry Reis' talk on

ALGIFIC SLOPES

Karst Topography

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


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



Bowl of chili or chicken noodle soup,
crackers, water and coffee



FEBRUARY 19, 2026
10am

**Check out all the
Cresco Public Library**

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



CRESCO CENTER

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

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
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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.

Cresco Chamber
101 2nd Ave SW
Cresco, IA 52136
563.547.3434



Visit us online at
crescochamber.com
howard-county.com
and on Facebook at
Cresco and Howard County
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spiff@howard-county.com
hcbt@cedausa.com

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
Ryan Kreitzer - Vice President	563.547.3355	NICC Cresco Center
Kris Riley - Past President	563.547.6000	Featherlite
Alex McCabe	563.547.2040	CUSB Bank
Ryan McCarville	563.547.5100	Camp-Site RV
Mary Ann Neuzil	563.547.2244	Cresco Bank & Trust
Michael Ollendick	563.547.6000	Featherlite
Holly O'Brien	563.547.2264	Howard-Winn
Josh Bourassa	563.547.2161	Cabin Coffee & V&V Insurance
Jennalee Pedretti	563.547.2101	RHSHC
Greg Meirick	563.547.2244	Cresco Bank & Trust