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MARCH 2026



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GRAND OPENING

MARCH 19-21

In-Store Specials

& Giveaways!

Refreshments on Saturday



Ribbon Cutting
Thurs, March 19 at 5pm

MARCH



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>1</p> <p>HOWARD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING CUSB Grange Hall • 1:30pm</p> <p>Cresco Wildlife Club BINGO Every Sunday Doors Open at Noon Starts at 1:00pm</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Dr. Seuss Day</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Crestwood MARCH 3 5/6 Band 6:30pm 7-12 Band 7:30pm</p> <p>NICC Virtual Mindful Leadership 8-10am</p> <p>Drive-Thru Pantry Fairgrounds, 4:30pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>ISU Extension Ornamental & Turf Pest Control C-CIC Extension, 9-11am</p> <p>Pub No. 7 TRIVIA Wednesday Nights 6-8PM</p>	<p>5</p> <p>VITA VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE Farm Bureau Thursdays 9-5pm by appt</p> <p>NICC Virtual Microsoft Excel: Level 2 March 5, 10, 12 3:30-5:30pm</p> <p>NICC Cresco Center Intro to Yoga Mar 5, 12, 19, 26 Apr 2, 9 6-6:45pm</p>	<p>6</p> <p>CRESTWOOD POST FROM FISH FRY FUNDRAISER Heritage Event Center 4-8PM \$22</p>	<p>7</p> <p>MN & IA Permit to Carry Class 8:30am Cresco Wildlife Club Building</p> <p>Plantpeddler's Puzzle Competition 12-3pm</p> <p>ISU Extension 4-H Woodworking MARCH 14, 9-12pm</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Pub No. 7 EUCHRE Sunday Afternoons 1:30pm</p> <p>Daylight Saving Time Spring Ahead 1 hr</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Howard County Substance Abuse Coalition</p> <p>Prevention 5 The public is invited Crestwood High School 12pm</p> <p>No School</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Crestwood Grades 1/2 Music Concert 7pm</p>	<p>11</p> <p>NICC Spring Break March 19-13, 2026</p> <p>ISU Extension Certified Handlers Extension, 9-11:30am</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Crestwood Pops Concert 7pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Community Appreciation Pancake Breakfast March 14 • 8-10:30 Harmony Com. Center</p> <p>TPDONLINE CRESCO TIMES PLAIN DEALER Hall of Fame Nominations due</p>	<p>14</p> <p>American Legion Coffee/Donuts and Vendors, 9-11am</p> <p>Pub Crawl 3-7pm and Shamrock Run 5K 2pm</p>
<p>15</p> <p>VFW Pancake Breakfast 8-10:30am</p> <p>St. Patrick's Day Trading Card Event Expo Center 10am-4pm</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Notre Dame Parent Teacher Conferences MARCH 16/17 1 hr early out</p>	<p>17</p> <p>HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY</p> <p>NICC Virtual Microsoft Excel: Level 3 Mar 17, 19, 24 3:30-5:30pm</p>	<p>18</p> <p>CHAMBER BUSINESS COMMITTEE 8:15AM</p> <p>ISU Extension Private Pesticide Applicator CIC Protivin, 1:30pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>FREE TRAINING LEAD CERTIFIED March 19th 8am-9pm</p> <p>Crestwood Parent Teacher Conferences MARCH 17 & 19 1 hr early out</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Plantpeddler GRAND OPENING March 19-21</p> <p>CRESKO PUBLIC LIBRARY Larry Reis 10am Fly Fishing</p> <p>Hello Spring</p> <p>No School</p>	<p>21</p> <p>YOUTH MENTORING'S Bowl-A-Thon 12pm or 1:30pm King Pin Entertainment</p> <p>Root River Jam Cresco Theatre, 7pm</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Cresco Boy Scout Troop 63 Spaghetti Luncheon 11am-3pm American Legion</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Cresco Family Pharmacy BOTH LOCATIONS 20% Senior Discount Day Every TUESDAY</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Happy Birthday Norman Borlaug March 25, 1914</p>	<p>26</p> <p>PLANTPEDDLER The Company Growing for You RIBBON CUTTING MARCH 19, 5pm</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>PHEASANTS forever BANQUET Expo Center 4pm</p> <p>ISU Extension 4-H Spring Fair Cresco Comm Chapel, 8am</p> <p>CHS Spring Spotlight 6-8pm</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Evans Senior Living Community Easter Egg Hunt ages 0-12, 2pm</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>NEW HORIZONS SCHOLARSHIP Application deadline MARCH 31, 2026</p>				<p>Mondays, 5pm VFW Saturdays, 10am LEC</p>

Upcoming Events

Apr 1
April Fools Day

Apr 4
Easter Egg Hunt
Accura Healthcare Cresco

Apr 3-6
Easter Break
Crestwood, Notre Dame, NICC

Apr 5
Easter Brunch
Heritage Event Center

Apr 13
IWHOF Banquet
Heritage Event Center

Apr 18
Crestwood Prom

Apr 29
Cruise Night
A&W

May 6
Dollars for Scholars

May 12
HCBT Banquet
Heritage Event Center

May 17
Commencement
Crestwood High School

May 22
Last day of school
Crestwood & Notre Dame

May 25
Memorial Day

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

Pub Crawl

SATURDAY, MARCH 14
3-7pm Downtown Cresco

PICK UP YOUR PUB CRAWL CARDS AT



ATOMIC PIZZA PUB

Sweeney's LOUNGE

Pub no7

DAN'S Road House

FAT Cafe

DRINK AND FOOD SPECIALS ALONG THE WAY!

4 of 5 signatures on card qualifies for drawing
Complete a card - get a new one!

Stop in at Sweeney's by 7:00pm to drop off cards for a chance to

DRAWING & COSTUME PRIZES

SHAMROCK RUN 5K Free Will Donation Benefiting

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

HoCA

2026 HALL OF FAME

NOMINATE HOWARD COUNTY COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS!
Please Submit Your Recommendations,
Along with Reasons Why, Your Name & Phone Number

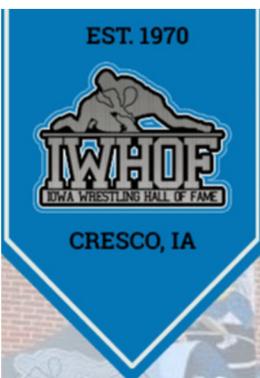
CRITERIA INCLUDES:	Times Plain Dealer	Times Plain Dealer	Times Plain Dealer
	Citizen of the Year	Educator of the Year	Organization of the Year

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





Iowa Wrestling Hall of Fame Banquet

Monday, April 13th

4:30pm Open House ~ IWHOF
5:30pm Social ~ Heritage Event Center
6:30pm Dinner ~ Heritage Event Center

\$40 tickets

Tickets available for sale at the IWHOF located in the Cresco Chamber Welcome Center

2026 IWHOF Inductees

- Jon McGovern
- Matt McDonough
- Dan Glenn
- Phil Henning
- Mike Finn

www.iowawrestlinghalloffame.com

ST. PATRICK'S DAY TRADING CARD EVENT

PRESENTED BY: P.S. CARDS & COLLECTIBLES EVENTS

Cresco Expo Center

220 W 7TH ST, CRESCO IOWA (FAIRGROUNDS)
Sunday, March 15th
10:00AM-4:00 PM

85 tables of your favorite vendors

SPORTS, MAGIC, POKÉMON, COLLECTIBLES AND SO MUCH MORE

FREE ADMISSION
DOOR PRIZES · KID BINGO

KIDS CORNER AND KID BINGO WITH EXCLUSIVE FREE PRIZES
PRESENTED BY SHAIN'S SPORTS CARDS

VENDORS WANTED
\$35 PER 6FT TABLE, \$40 PER 8FT TABLE
SIGN UP TODAY, TABLES EXPECTED TO SELL FAST
CONTACT STEVE SPRAGUE : (319)-340-1506

HOWARD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Join us at our meeting on

Sunday, March 1

CUSB Bank Grange Hall · 1:30pm

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

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Plantpeddler's Jigsaw Puzzle Competition

MARCH 7

12-3pm

Up to 4 Players
\$30/Team, 12 Team Limit
10% off store purchases to all players

420 2nd Ave SW, Cresco

REGISTER HERE

Community Appreciation Pancake Breakfast

Esports! Prizes! All are welcome!

Saturday, March 14th
8:00am - 10:30am

@ Harmony Community Center

VITA

Volunteer
Income
Tax
Assistance

Howard County FARM BUREAU
March 5, 12, 19, 26 & April 2, 9
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY 563-277-7246



MARCH 14TH
AM LEGION 9-11AM
COFFEE & TREATS
WITH YOUR FAVORITE VENDORS



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!

A Fundraiser Hosted by Kessel Kids PTA

Princess & SUPERHERO BRUNCH



April 11th | 10 AM - 1 PM | Expo Center (Cresco, IA)

\$15 per Child · \$20 per Adult | Scan the QR code
Children 2 & Under FREE | for details & tickets



Proceeds will support future enhancements and improvements for Kessel Kids.

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

ROOT RIVER JAM

MARCH 21, 7PM · CRESCO THEATRE

TICKETS \$20



Tickets available at
Cresco Chamber, CUSB, Cresco Bank & Trust, City Hall & Theatre

Don't miss Larry Reis' talk on

Fly Fishing

MARCH 20, 2026 10am

Check out all the
EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



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

Notre Dame Saint Blase Circle invites you

Friday March 27 **Fish Fry**

4:30PM - 7:30PM
Heritage Event Center

Carryout available \$20

Tickets \$20, Ages 5-10 \$10, Ages 4 and under FREE

Cod, Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Salads, Coffee, Pop, Water

ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS



There's still time to install solar and receive the 30% Commercial Solar Tax Credit

The federal tax credit is still available for businesses that begin construction by July 4th, 2026 and have projects fully installed by December 31, 2027. This tax credit will typically shorten the payback period for this investment to 7 - 8 years for most businesses.

For more information and details, contact Paul Lovell, Executive Director of the Howard County Energy District (HCED)
paul.lovell@cleanenergydistricts.org 563-419-4216

Hop on over to see the

EASTER Bunny

Join Kessel Kids on

APRIL 2nd from 4-6pm

for some egg-citing fun!



KESSEL KIDS SINCE 1996
 1135 Canterbury St, Cresco

APRIL 9TH
 12-5PM

BLOOD DRIVES



American Red Cross

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CRESCO

MAY 7TH
 10-3PM

MIENERGY COOPERATIVE

EASTER EGG HUNTS

EVANS SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITY

MARCH 29TH - 2:00pm

12 years and under

ACCURA HEALTHCARE CRESCO

April 4th - 1:30pm

12 years and under

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

McAllister's

EASTER BRUNCH

Sunday, April 5 • 10am-1pm

Heritage Event Center - Upper Level

229 3rd Ave West • 563-380-3146

Served by the Cresco Wildlife Club



Howard County
 Business & Tourism

Annual Banquet

Tuesday, May 12

IEDA & IFA Director

Debi Durham

Empowering Communities & Driving Futures



Howard County Sheriff
Rick Busch

Keeping our community safe



Hall of Fame Awards

Citizen, Organization & Educator

Social 5:30pm Dinner 6pm Program 6:45pm

Heritage Event Center 229 3rd Ave W Cresco Iowa

Tickets \$40

To reserve your tickets call 563-547-3434 or email hcbt@cedausa.com

ATTENTION



Are you an alumni from Crestwood and plan on going back to college?

WE HAVE SCHOLARSHIPS JUST FOR YOU!

DOLLAR\$ FOR SCHOLARS



Contact Trish Hartman at thartman@howard-winn.k12.ia.us

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 or 101 2nd Ave SW, Cresco



Turkey River Pheasants Forever Banquet

MARCH 28, 2026

4PM SOCIAL / 6PM DINNER
EXPO CENTER FAIRGROUNDS

Crestwood High School Band Boosters invite you to the

Spring Spotlight Show

Jazz Band, Concert Band & Select Soloists

All tickets need to be purchased by March 16

Saturday, March 28
6:00pm at Crestwood High School Gym

TICKETS - \$25

MENU CHOICE
Chicken Cordon Bleu, Pork or Veggie Lasagna

Contact a High School Band Student or
Email: theien@howard-winn.k12.ia.us
Call: 563.547.2764 ext.209

RAFFLE TICKETS
Contact 8th Grade or High School Band Student



CRESCO CENTER



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

- Mar 3 NICC Virtual: Mindful Leadership, 8-10am, #105761
- Mar 3-Apr 9 Intro to Yoga, 6-6:45pm, #105516
- Mar 5, 10, 12 NICC Virtual: Microsoft Excel: Level 2
3:30-5:30pm, #105565
- Mar 17, 19, 24 NICC Virtual: Microsoft Excel: Level 3
3:30-5:30pm, #105566
- Apr 9 Yoga for Kids, grades K-2, 3:45-4:30pm, #105517
- Apr 16 Yoga for Kids, grades 3-5, 3:45-4:30pm, #105518

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Extension and Outreach

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IN HOWARD COUNTY

MARCH 2026 CALENDAR

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

- Mar 4 Ornamental and Turf Pest Control, Ext., 9-11am
- Mar 11 Certified Handlers, Ext, 9-11:30am
- Mar 14 4-H FFA Swine Weigh In, Crestwood FFA Shop
8-10:30am
- Mar 19 Private Pesticide Applicator CIC (P-CIC)
Protivin Community Center, 1:30-3:30pm
- Mar 28 4-H Spring Fair, Community Chapel, 8am-2:30pm

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.

2026 Board of Directors

Dan Evans - President	563.547.3601	Times Plain Dealer
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