

# CENTER *Happenings*

THE HOLMEN AREA COMMUNITY CENTER NEWSLETTER

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Get Your Cheese On!

Bring the Family!

Holmen



Cheesy Fun for Everyone!

## CHEESE FEST



Saturday, June 21

HOLMEN AREA COMMUNITY CENTER



**10 AM - 4 PM**  
CRAFT, ART AND MAKERS MARKET  
BASKET RAFFLES  
50/50 RAFFLE  
SILENT AUCTION  
WINE DRAW  
**NOON - 2 PM**  
MAC & CHEESE CONTEST  
**10 AM - 4 PM**  
Cheese Pizza, Hot Dogs, Pulled Pork Cheese Cake + More



**2 PM - 4 PM**  
CHEESE AND WINE TASTING  
CHEESY ART CONTEST

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 **Holmen Cheese**  
INNOVATIVE DAIRY SOLUTIONS



**NOON - 4 PM**  
FACE PAINTING  
ENTERTAINMENT  
12 pm Cheezland Uke Band  
1:30 pm - Misty's Dance  
3:30 pm - Line Dancing  
**NOON - 6 PM**  
LIVE MUSIC STAGE  
12 pm - Joe Cody  
2 pm - Crooked Willow  
4 pm - Mr. Blink  
**NOON - 6 PM**  
Beverage Garden  
Cheesy Food



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JOIN US AND

## Get Your Cheese On!

We invite you to join us in growing our exciting event in Holmen. The Second Annual "Holmen Cheese Fest" is a fundraiser to benefit the Holmen Area Community Center and be held on site at 600 North Holmen Drive - Indoors and outside Holmen Square and in the parking lot connecting to Features!

We have a gooey Mac & Cheese contest, craft and art market, wine and cheese tastings, 50/50, wine, and basket raffles, along with a silent auction at the Community Center. Bring the family for cheesy food and fun for all ages throughout Holmen Square! Enjoy music at the outdoor Main Stage and dance in the lot! Get your cheese on and have a great time at this great event for the Holmen community!

## Raffle Tickets

Available Now!

## Volunteer at Cheese Fest!

Volunteering opportunities are available for Cheese Fest in several areas! Contact Amy or Jodi to sign up to help! See the next page for other ways that you can support us!

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608-399-1870 or [info@holmenc.org](mailto:info@holmenc.org)

## How You Can Help!

**DONATE A GIFT BASKET FOR  
SILENT AUCTION OR RAFFLE**



Learn More!



**ATTEND AND SUPPORT THE  
FUNDRAISING EVENT!**

# MAC & CHEESE



## CONTEST

Saturday, June 21

**NOON - 2 PM**  
Attend or Compete!

# CHEESY

## ART CONTEST!

Saturday, June 21

Calling Artists to Compete!

# CHEESE FEST

**PACKERS - BADGERS - BREWERS**

**2-VIP Deck tickets to a Packer Game** (Date TBA) - Indoor/outdoor seating with complimentary food, soda, water and two drink tickets for each person.  
**2- Badger Football tickets** for the November 22nd game against Illinois.  
5th quarter patio tickets- Concessions, full service bar- Opens 2 hrs before game.  
**2- Brewers tickets** for the Friday, August 8th game against the New York Mets - Packing Pass Included

Drawing on **SATURDAY, JUNE 21st - 4:00 pm** at HACC  
**Tickets: \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00**  
Winner need not be present to win Raffle #R0036861A-19676

## Buy Raffle Tickets

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**Tickets: \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00**

# Wine and Cheese

## TASTING

Saturday, June 21

2 - 4 pm Tasting Room

# Craft Art Maker MARKET

Saturday, June 21

Calling Artists to Sell your work!



## May Birthdays

**Margaret Andersen**  
**Kevin Baird**  
**Tonya Berget**  
**Judy Boyd**  
**Carol Cantlon**  
**Michael Connors**  
**Sue Heuer**  
**Tricia Johnson**  
**JoAnne Johnson**  
**Kermit Jostad**  
**Carol Kalmes**  
**Betty Maier**  
**Scott Marshall**  
**Trygve Mathison**  
**Forrest Moe**  
**Sue Olson**  
**Arden Rindfleisch**  
**Susan Seidel**  
**Cheryl Thienes**  
**Dan Thompson**  
**Marge Viner**  
**Jeff Wershofen**  
**Brian Witt**



# MEMBERSHIP NEWS

## Did you know?

The Holmen Area Community Center is a non-profit organization funded by memberships, grants, business partnerships and donations? The Center is also available to rent for private parties and events. Tell your neighbors about our wonderful community!

## This Month Share A MEMORY OF MOM!

Take a flower for the tree and write your favorite memory of your Mom on the back!  
 Each month we have a prize drawing

## Why is HACC Eggstraordinary?

- Everyone is so welcoming and Friendly
- Make new Friends
- I enjoy all the friends I make
- Staff and Coffee Friends
- You meet the nicest people!
- Everything is extra ordinary - Over the Top!
- A happy, joyful place to come to
- Good food, fellowship
- The socialization is great for us older ones. A special place
- to meet new people, and exercise as well.
- HACC Staff are great. They put on really good programs, which I have met several new friends through. They always have a smile!
- Meeting new people & so much in learning new things!
- I love all the activities & programs that are available!
- Building new friendships & all the Health Offerings!
- Everyone is so nice & helpful!
- A Great place to meet new people!
- Great opportunities for all ages!
- Going beyond what is usual, regular, or customary - Thanks you for caring for everyone! HACC Staff is wonderful !

*Welcome to  
New Members  
from April!*

**Linda Davis**  
**Michael Hoffman**  
**Mary Carole Hoffman**  
**Barbara Laga**  
**Christine McConnell**  
**June Pellowski**  
**Beverly Tranberg**

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**Congratulations  
to Sue Kline  
who won the  
Easter Basket!**  
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# HACC VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are an essential part of the Holmen Area Community Center. We could not accomplish everything we do throughout the year without help from our amazing volunteers. Each month, we will recognize our volunteers and share their stories.

*Our Volunteer Hours for April = 120+*



Debbye Antoni,  
Sue Kline & Mary Johnson

I absolutely love the HACC. It's a wonderful place to connect with old friends and meet new friends. When I was asked to teach the Art/Craft class for Preschool children and their families, I didn't hesitate. I love Children and it's my 40+years of working in the Early Childhood field that more than prepared me to do this. I have two wonderful friends that help me and make this program a success; Sue Kline and Mary Johnson. The Community Center gives so much to us, that's why we want to give back to them! Our team enjoys the children, their families, and the fun they bring to us!

*We are so appreciative of the time, positive energy and commitment that Debbye brings to her volunteer roles at HACC! The kiddos absolutely love Debbye and Toddler Craft Time! She makes the experience fun and engaging! Sue and Mary volunteer with Debbye to make sure all the prep work is done for our crafts and assist the toddlers during craft time. They are fabulous as well!*



## Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteering offers numerous benefits as we age, including improved mental health and a renewed sense of purpose and social connection. Below are a few HACC volunteer opportunities:

- Family Fun Night (Monthly Fall series: Sept, Oct and Nov)
- Toddler Story Time Readers (1 x per month - Sept to May)
- Event Volunteers (June 21: Cheese Fest, Oct 18: Pumpkin Fest, Dec 7: Brunch with Santa and Mrs. Claus)

Please contact us if you are interested in becoming a volunteer!



# Fitness, Health and Wellness



Begins  
May 8th!  
\$5  
Members  
\$10  
Non-members

**Present Moment Yoga**  
**Thursdays 9 - 10 am**

This class will work on pairing our breath with movement. Yoga poses and breathing techniques will be utilized to increase strength/flexibility while maintaining a more relaxed state of mind.  
Yoga Instructor: Carol Kohner

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**Active Fitness**  
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Members \$5  
Non-Members \$10

**Beginner Line Dancing Classes**  
Mondays and Wednesdays  
1 - 2 pm

Gentle Yoga for Beginners  
*with Sam Bigalke*



**Every Other  
FRIDAY  
8 - 9 am**

May 9 & 23  
June 6 & 20

Members \$5  
Non-Members \$10

 CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
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WWW.HOLMENCC.ORG



 **Chair Yoga** *with Marty Landry*

**Mondays 9:15 - 10 am**

Chair yoga allows you to perform yoga poses while seated or using a chair for balance. Chair-based yoga offers the same benefits as traditional yoga, like boosting strength, flexibility, and mental well-being.

**Walking  
Path Hours**  
**Monday - Friday**  
**7-10 am and 11 am - 1 pm**

**Summer Hours  
Begin in June**  
**7 - 10 am**




 **Pickleball Open Play Sessions**  
**Tuesdays and Thursdays**  
**11 am - 1 pm**

Open play is a time for pickleball players, of any skill level, to play on the courts and practice new skills. We have two courts, one will be designated for beginners and another for intermediate players. We provide balls and have a few paddles available to use.

Members \$5  
Non-Members \$10

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# Arts, Entertainment and Community!



**A Joyful Life**  
Monthly on First Wednesdays from 2 - 3 pm  
Community | Kindness | Conversation

Join us for fun and engaging conversation!  
Learn ways to promote a joyful life by sharing experiences,  
and helpful tips. Make new connections and be inspired!

A NEW GROUP FOR WOMEN



**Spring Rolls with Tân Pham**  
Wednesday, May 7th  
10 to 11:30 am



Join Tân Pham in learning how to make delicious and healthy spring rolls. Tân will demonstrate and share how to immerse yourself in Vietnamese culture.


**Creative Card Creations**  
Tuesday, May 20th  
Class Time 1:30 to 2:30 pm

No stamping experience required to make two all occasion cards.

All supplies provided.

Instructor:  
Judy Dudkiewicz

Cost: \$5 per person




**Cozy Readers**  
Afternoon Book Club

**Second Wednesdays at 2Pm**

If you enjoy reading and discussing books, join us for this new afternoon book club!

Come with your book ideas for our first "meet & greet" session on  
Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 3 pm



**Good Morning Holmen!**  
Friday, May 16th from 9 - 10 AM  
Join us early for coffee and conversation

Third Friday each month attend our educational program that offers a variety of fun and interesting topics!

**Wellness Resource Panel**  
May is Mental Health Awareness month and we have invited a panel to share about area resources to help people through life's challenges.  
Panel includes:  
Carissa Pagel-Smith, ADRC Director; Alisa Feller Borden, RSVP Administrator;  
Amy Kuester, Great Rivers 2-1-1; Kelli Korneta, Holmen School Counselor

**Mental Health Awareness Month, observed in May, is celebrated to raise awareness about mental health, reduce stigma, and promote support for individuals and families affected by mental illness.**

**It encourages open conversations, emphasizes the importance of mental well-being, and aims to improve access to care and resources.**



#mentalhealthawarenessmonth  
@bethelight.us



# Community Education and Resources



## SimpleSteps

### FREE Tech Help

**Every Other Monday**  
**May 5 & 19**  
**10:30 am - 12 pm**



Do you have questions about your cell phone, tablet or laptop?

**Kathy Helgersen** is here to help!




Kathy@SimpSteps.com




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## HOLMEN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**MONDAY**  
**MAY 5TH**  
**6:00 PM**




**Jim Draeger**  
Author

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

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## Bottoms UP!

A Toast to Wisconsin's Historic Bars and Breweries with Jim Draeger. 608 Craft Brewery and Taproom will share a little about their local business. Door Prize from 608



## FREE Hearing Evaluations

First Tuesdays  
9:30 to 11:30 am

This 30 minute appointment with Andy Arnold, State Licensed Hearing Instrument Specialist, includes a hearing assessment and brief consultation to go over results.



## FREE Hearing Instrument Checks

Third Tuesdays  
9:30 to 11:30 am



## VETERANS SERVICES

**LA CROSSE COUNTY VETERANS SERVICES COMMUNITY HOURS**

**FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH**  
**12:30 - 4:00 P.M.**

**ERICA LAKOWSKA, COORDINATOR**



## Cloud Storage for Photographs

Karla Walker MEPD, Technical Trainer at CROPP (Organic Valley)

**Thursday, May 22nd**  
**1 - 2 pm**

Whether you're a professional photographer or an enthusiastic hobbyist, this class will provide you with the knowledge and tools to keep your precious memories safe and easily accessible. Please bring your experiences and questions so that we can all benefit from shared learning.

**FREE**  
Members  
\$5  
Non-members



## Editing Photos and Marketplace

Karla Walker MEPD, Technical Trainer at CROPP (Organic Valley)

**Thursday, May 29th**  
**1 - 2 pm**

Join our upcoming class on editing photos on your phone and selling items on marketplace! In this course, you will discover the best techniques and apps for editing photos directly on your mobile device, ensuring your images look professional and appealing. Please bring your experiences and questions so that we can all benefit from shared learning.

**FREE**  
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# Family Friendly Programming

## Muscles in Motion

Tuesdays 9 -10 AM

Muscles in Motion is a shared time for parents, grandparents, or caregivers to participate with their toddler or preschooler in open-ended physical activities. Running, tossing, and bouncing are combined with a guided activity to promote large motor development. Get ready to move! It's FREE!



Craft Time - 2nd Tuesdays at 10 AM

Story Time - 4th Tuesdays at 10 AM



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Family-friendly community programs are crucial for building strong, resilient, and thriving communities by promoting family stability, individual well-being, and social connectedness.

These programs offer various benefits, including enhanced child development, improved educational outcomes, and a stronger sense of community belonging.

### **Reduced stress and improved mental health:**

Family-friendly programs can help alleviate the stress associated with balancing work and family life, leading to improved mental and emotional well-being for individuals and families.

### **Increased family engagement:**

These programs encourage families to participate in community activities, strengthening bonds and fostering a sense of belonging.

### **Access to resources and support:**

Family support centers and other programs provide families with access to vital resources and support systems, such as childcare, parenting education, and counseling.

### **Positive impacts on child development:**

Early childhood programs, for example, can significantly impact a child's cognitive, social, and emotional development, setting them up for future success.



## Holmen FAMILY FUN NIGHT



**HOLMEN AREA COMMUNITY CENTER**

**Second Tuesdays this fall from 5:30 - 7:00 Pm**

Join us for an evening filled with fun for your entire family!  
Enjoy a shared meal, games, crafts, and activities.

**September 9th**

**October 14th**

**November 11th**



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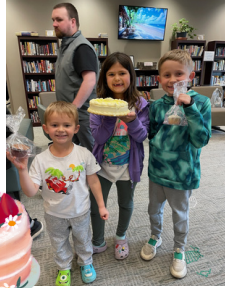
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# Happenings at the Center in April

## ▼ Family Fun Night "Spring into Family Fun" ►



## ▼ Bee Well Health Fair! ▼



## Good Morning Holmen! ▼



## Community Crafts "Sock Bunnies"! ▼

## Creative Card Creations ▼ Fun with Watercolor

