CENTER Happenings

THE HOLMEN AREA COMMUNITY CENTER NEWSLETTER
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Pumpkin Fest is for Everyone!

Pumpkin Fest is a free, familyfocused community event that offers several engaging activities from 10 am - 6 pm.

Trick or Treat on the Halfway Creek Trail Park from 3-6 pm, photo opportunities, Blossom the Donkey, family fun + more! Kid's games, food and fun activities will take place from 3-6 pm with entertainment, music and food at the Community Center.

Start the day off with the Craft and Art Market and Bake Sale to be held from 10-4 pm.

A costumed pet parade will start at 1 pm and be followed by Hans Mayer kids show at 2 pm.
Story time, haunted house and games in the gym from 3-6 pm.
Earlier that week go on the Great Pumpkin Hunt and locate the best pumpkin display in the Village of Holmen! Join us for intergenerational fun for everyone in the community!

Thank you to our event sponsors for helping make this event happen for our community. Support those who support the Center! Special thanks to those who helped purchase candy and gave us their Thrivent Action Team dollars for this event!











How can you help us during Pumpkin Fest?

If you want to help support Pumpkin Fest you can by donating a bag of candy for the kids to be given on the Trick or Treat Decorated Pumpkin Trail. We are also looking for donations for the Bake Sale. Participate in the Craft & Art Market, Pumpkin Art Contest, and if you love kids you can help by volunteering on the night! Attend for fun!





MEMBERSHIP NEWS

October Birthdays

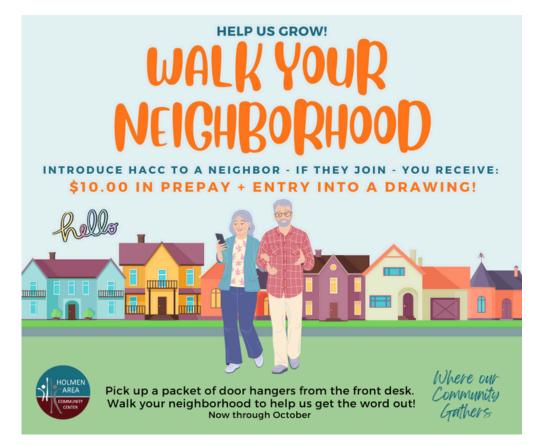
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Jackie Thompson **Bonnie Tolvstad** Vickie Walley Susan Weber



Welcome New Members from September

Frances Bjerke Kevin Caulum Marilyn Caulum Deb Deml Thomas Deml LuAnne Ekern **Donna Elsen Judy Johnson Kristin Musgjerd Linda Thorson Larry Thorson**



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 September = 109+

We are grateful for community members who volunteer to help us with family friendly programming! Family Fun Night, Toddler Crafts and Toddler Story Time are amazing programs that offer fun, engaging activities for families each month. It takes dedicated volunteers to make these programs successful and we greatly appeciate all who help us in so many ways! Below are a few volunteers who have helped us this year...











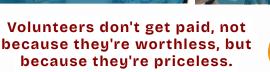


















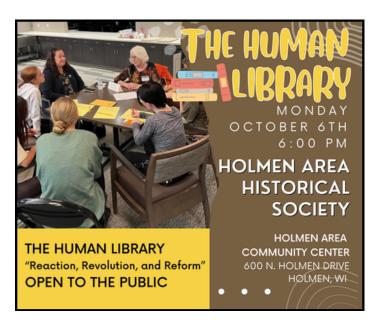
Upcoming Opportunities

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 (Fall series: Sept, Oct & Nov; Spring Series: Feb, March & April)
- Toddler Story Time Readers (1 x per month Sept to May)
- Event Volunteers (Oct 25: Pumpkin Fest, Dec 7: Brunch with Santa and Mrs. Claus)

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

Community Education and Resources





"Mocktails & Me" Series

Join Heather Quackenboss, Human Development and Relationships Educator from UW Madison Division of Extension in La Crosse County to try some of these beverages and learn a little more about yourself and caregiving.

Thursday, October 2nd 6:30 to 7:30 pm How to Care and Still Be a Fun-gi! (Fun guy!)

Try the mushroom coffee that is supposed to help our mental acuity while we learn how to have a little fun in the seriousness of caregiving.

Upcoming Sessions:

Thursday, November 6th 6:30 to 7:30 pm I'll be on your CIDE-r

Thursday, December 4th 6:30 to 7:30 pm Cocoa-Nuts about Caregiving



Reading in October Cozy Readers

"The Measure" by Nikki Erlick

Page Turners

"The Island of Sea Woman" by Lisa See



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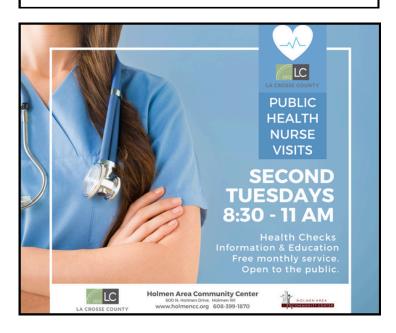
- 2nd Annual Veteran's Benefits Check-Up Series
- Hosted by La Crosse County Veteran Services
- Mini Expo to Learn about VA Benefits and Healthcare
- Meet Local Veteran Focused Vendors

Holmen Community Center

Thursday, October 9th, 2025, from 8:30am -11am 600 N. Holmen Drive, Suite 200, Holmen, WI 54636 *Pastries and Coffee provided

Onalaska American Legion Post 336

Saturday, October 11th, 2025, from 11am-2pm 731 Sand Lake Road, Onalaska, WI 54650 *Lunch available for purchase



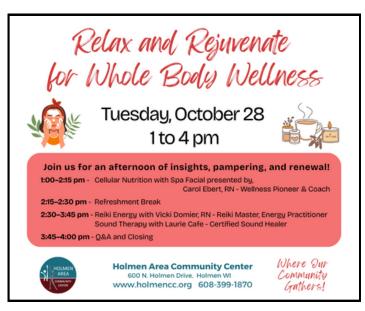




The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members. Coretta Scott King

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Fitness, Health and Wellness





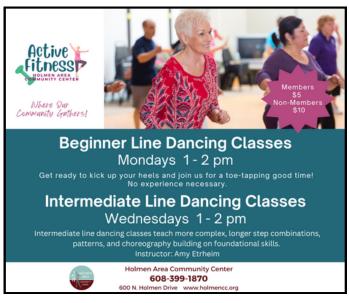




Monday - Friday 7 - 10 am 11 am - 1 pm







Arts, Entertainment and Community!













Family Friendly Programming









September Happenings at the Center

Holmen Get Together V 5th Anniversary Celebration



























"Rustic Barn in Acrylic" Instructor, Lori Ehlke



Family Fun Night "Fall Back to Nature"























Good Morning Holmen! Coulee Region Wood Carvers