

CENTER *Happenings*

THE HOLMEN AREA COMMUNITY CENTER NEWSLETTER
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Get Your Cheese On!  Cheesy Fun! 

CHEESE FEST

HOLMEN AREA COMMUNITY CENTER

Saturday, June 20th

MAC & CHEESE CONTEST
12 NOON - 2 PM
\$8.00 Adults \$5.00 Kids
FREE 5 and under

Food and Drink
11 AM - 3 PM
PULLED PORK
HOT DOGS, DRINKS
& CHEESY TREATS
CHEESE SAMPLES
WINE DRAW

PACKER. BADGER. BREWER
RAFFLE
50/50 & BASKET RAFFLES
SILENT AUCTION
Raffle tickets available in advance

Wine and Cheese EVENT
3 PM - 7 PM
\$20 PER PERSON
Wine and Cheese Tastings
Live Music, Silent Auction,
Art Reception and More!

Crafty Art Maker MARKET
10 AM - 4 PM

KIDS ZONE
FAMILY ACTIVITIES
12 NOON - 3 PM

Features
CHEESY FOOD ALL DAY
5 - 7 PM
LIVE MUSIC



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Insurance Services



Holmen Cheese
INNOVATIVE DAIRY SOLUTIONS



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Todd Trautmann



Altra
Federal Credit Union



Lisa Reid
REALTOR
RE/MAX RESULTS



Associated Bank



LUSH
Wine Bistro



Rotary
Holmen Area Rotary Club

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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 Third Annual “Holmen Cheese Fest” is a fundraiser to benefit the Holmen Area Community Center. We have a gooey Mac & Cheese contest, craft and art maker market, wine and cheese tasting event, 50/50 and basket raffles, silent auction, concessions, and big game raffle. Bring the family for the Kids Zone and find cheesy food and fun for all ages throughout the center. Get your cheese on and have a great time at this great event for the Holmen community!



Raffle Tickets

**PACKERS - BADGERS
BREWERS TICKETS**
Available Now

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!

608-399-1870 or info@holmencc.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 20

NOON - 2 PM

Attend or Compete!

Craft Art Maker MARKET



Saturday, June 20

10 AM - 4 PM

Calling Artists to Sell your work!

CHEESE FEST



PACKERS - BADGERS - BREWERS

2- Green Bay Packer Football tickets (date/time TBA),
including a \$100 Kwik Trip gift card and a \$100 Visa gift card for food and drink.
2- Wisconsin Badger Football Party Deck tickets (date/time TBA)
including a \$50 Kwik Trip gift card and a \$50 Visa gift card for food and drink.
2- Milwaukee Brewers Baseball tickets for the Friday, August 7, 6:40 p.m. game
against the MN Twins including a preferred parking pass and a \$50 Kwik Trip gift card.

Drawing on **SATURDAY, JUNE 20th - 4:00 pm** at HACC
Tickets: \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00

Winner need not be present to win Raffle #R0036861A-50750

Buy Raffle Tickets

PACKERS - BADGERS - BREWERS

Tickets \$5.00 Each or 5 for \$20.00

Buy Tickets to Support and Win!

CHEESY KIDS ZONE



NOON - 3 PM

Bring the Family or Volunteer

Wine and Cheese TASTING



Saturday, June 20

3 PM - 7 PM

\$20 PER PERSON

Wine and Cheese Tastings,
Live Music, Silent Auction,
Art Reception and More!

Attend to support!

CHEESY ART CONTEST!

Saturday, June 20

Bring Cheesy Art in for June!

Bring your art in on June 1st for our “Say Cheese” art exhibit. Art will be on display throughout June with a public vote and awards during Cheese Fest. Attend the Reception on June, 20th at 3 pm. Divisions for Adult, Youth and Three Dimensional Work.

Community Art 2026

We are proud of the local artists and our members who have displayed on the art gallery wall. We are looking to expand and invite more local artists and area students to feature their work. We encourage our members to join in the project by planning to create and display paintings, photography, sculpture and craft to share with the community. Many of the items are for sale with 25% of the proceeds going to support the Holmen Area Community Center. Thank you to those who have supported the center by purchasing local art and craft.



Last Year's Results!

JUDGES RESULTS

Adult Division

- First Place: Lori Ehlke
- Second Place: Betsy Midthun
- Third Place: Gail Dent

Youth Division

- First Place: Owen Carey-6
- Second Place: Sloan Ethriem-12
- Third Place: Ella Ehlke-10

3 Dimensional Division

- First Place: Pam Bendel
- Second Place: Jann Ryder

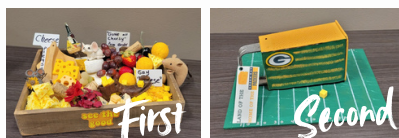
PEOPLE'S CHOICE

Holly Thomas

Adult Division



3D Division



We had over 20 art entries in 2025!

2026 Exhibitions

MARCH 15 - MAY 30

“Bees and Blooms”

JUNE 1 - JULY 30

“Cheese Please”

AUGUST 1 - SEPTEMBER 30

“Faces and Places”

OCTOBER 1- NOVEMBER 15

“Pumpkins and Ghouls”

NOVEMBER 15 - DECEMBER 31

“Gifts of the Season”



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Kevin Baird
 Tonya Berget
 Frances Bjerke
 Carol Cantlon
 Dan Grant
 Sue Heuer
 Tricia Johnson
 JoAnne Johnson
 Shirley Kirby
 S. Linn Kotnour
 Betty Maier
 Trygve Mathison
 Mary McFadden
 Forrest Moe
 Sue Olson

Diann Parker
 Lois Peterson
 Jan Riffe
 Arden Rindfleisch
 James Schmalz
 Susan Seidel
 Cheryl Thienes
 Linda Thorson
 Marge Viner
 Jeff Wershofen
 Brian Witt



Welcome April New Members

Carol Bringe
 Teri Dahl
 Julie Harter
 Sharla Johnson
 Cindy Lefevre
 Mike Lefevre
 Laura Liudahl
 April Miller
 Lynda Pierce
 Blia Xiong
 Long Xiong

STEP ASIDE TO A BRAND NEW DAY, IN
 THE MONTH OF MAY I FEEL, I CAN
 START AGAIN. LIFE IS FEELING NEW,
 THIS IS HOPE, THIS IS LOVE, THIS IS
 WHERE WE ALL WON, IF YOU CALL, I
 WILL HEAR, I WILL LISTEN FOR YOU.

- MICHAL SARKA

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 118

Volunteer Appreciation Week



Photos during our Volunteer Appreciation Week- Root Beer Float Party!



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: September, October, November
- Toddler Story Time Readers- 1 x per month - Sept to May

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



Fitness, Health and Wellness



\$5
Members
\$10
Non-members

Present Moment Yoga
Tuesdays 9 - 10 am
 (May 5, 12, 19 & 26)

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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Where Our Community Gathers!

SOUND HEALING
Mondays 10:30 to 11:30 am
 (May 4, 11 & 18)

Wisdom of the Soul Wellness & Learning

Using a variety of instruments—anchored by the precision and subtle power of tuning forks—each session is a sacred invitation to return home to yourself. Step into stillness. Breathe into release. Leave with more light, more ease, and more of you.
 Instructor: Laurie A Cafe, Certified Sound Practitioner



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\$10
Non-members



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Yoga Nidra and Sound Bath
with Sam Bigalke



Friday
 May 22nd
10:15 - 11 am

Yoga for mind. No poses just relaxation, guided meditation and sound bowls.
 Bring your comfy blankets and pillows to this class.

Members \$5
Non-Members \$10

CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION:
608-399-1870
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Walking Path Hours
Monday, Wednesday and Friday
 7 - 10 am & 11 - 1 pm
Tuesday and Thursday
 7 - 10 am & 11 am - 12 pm

FREE for HACC members; \$2 non-members
 Please check in and/or pay at our Welcome Desk



FREE
Members
\$5
Non-Members

Pickleball Open Play
Tuesdays & Thursdays
12:00 to 2:00 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 have a supply of pickleball equipment (paddles and balls) if needed.



Summer
Walking Path Hours
Monday - Friday
7:00 to 10:00 am
 (June, July & August)

FREE for HACC members; \$2 non-members
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Where Our Community Gathers!

Community Education and Resources

Organization	Address	Phone	Website
Holmen Area Historical Society	600 N. Holmen Drive	608-399-1870	www.holmencc.org
Patagonia Wilderness	Patagonia, AZ		
Winn	600 N. Holmen Drive	608-399-1870	www.winn.org
Pathways Home	600 N. Holmen Drive	608-399-1870	www.pathwayshome.org

HOLMEN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MONDAY MAY 4 6:00 PM

USING AND PRESERVING CHURCH RECORDS

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

HOLMEN AREA COMMUNITY CENTER
 600 N. HOLMEN DRIVE
 HOLMEN, WI

The Holmen Area Historical Society will mark Preservation Month on May 4th. Local historian and genealogist, Hannah Scholze, will present "Using and Preserving Church Records." Hannah's passion for local and family history started at the age of ten through helping her grandmother decipher the Norwegian church records at Halfway Creek Lutheran Church in Holmen. She will discuss why church records are a valuable but often overlooked resource for genealogical research and other important information.




A Joyful Life

Wednesday, May 6th 2 to 3 pm

Guest speaker Alene Keenan's yachting experience taught her that true luxury isn't about perfection—it's about anticipating needs, serving quietly, and creating moments where others feel seen and cared for. This shaped her approach to servant leadership: leading not from status, but from a deep commitment to elevate the people around her.

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Where Our Community Gathers!



Connect2Nature

Connect2 Nature is a monthly educational program offering a variety of engaging nature topics!

Tuesday, May 19th 12:30 to 1:30 pm
Patagonia Wilderness

Patagonia Wilderness: Animals, Landscapes, Glaciers and so much more! Join me to explore a portion of what Patagonia offers a traveler. Learn about the sites visited and unique features of this very southern portion of Argentina and Chile. Presented by Allene Horton



Hello Holmen! *Third Thursday each month!*
 Coffee and Treats start at 8:00 am

Thursday, May 21st 8:30 - 9:30 am

Join us to learn about resources that help those experiencing homelessness.

What I Need Now (WINN)
 WINN is a nonprofit organization that visits local encampments and parks in their van to deliver water, basic clothing, blankets, hygiene and first aid supplies, and other essential items to people staying outside. Presented by Sue Graf

Pathways Home
 The City of La Crosse and La Crosse County have developed a new coordinated homelessness action plan called Pathways Home. The goal is to achieve Functional Zero homelessness in La Crosse by 2029. Presented by Issac Hoffman

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“One”derful Wednesday

Meet other singles, make connections, play games, plan bus trips, and possible meal exchanges

The Possibilities are Endless!

Join us
 Third Wednesday of the month
 2-3 pm

Member Gathering

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VETERANS SERVICES

LA CROSSE COUNTY VETERANS SERVICES COMMUNITY HOURS

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

ERICA LAKOWSKE, COORDINATOR

Community Education and Resources

Have you received calls from someone saying they are with Medicare, wanting your Medicare number?

You are not alone!



Medicare fraud and abuse can happen to anyone. It is important to arm yourself with information and resources to help you

Protect, Detect, and Report Medicare fraud and abuse.

Join the Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) at the **Holmen Area Community Center** **Tuesday, May 12th at 1:00pm** for an interactive presentation to uncover ways to safeguard your sensitive information.



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MAY IS BETTER HEARING MONTH


Tuesday, May 5th
10:45 to 11:30 am

Join Andy Arnold to learn more about hearing loss, which affects millions of Americans and can impact safety, mental health, and social connection.

Andy is a State Licensed Hearing Instrument Specialist who provides **FREE** Hearing Evaluations and Instrument Checks at our Center twice a month.



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THE WATER AND YOU!



Tuesday, May 19th 11 am to 12 pm

Dive into a healthier, more active lifestyle with The Water and You! Discover how aquatic activities like swimming and water aerobics can improve strength, balance, and joint health—while being gentle on the body. Learn essential water safety tips to help you feel confident and secure in and around the water.


Presented by David Chen, second year medical student at the UW-Madison



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Coping with Grief Support Group





Second Thursdays
12:30 to 1:30 pm


Although we all experience grief, everyone's reaction is unique. Because every person walks their own path through grief and healing, there are no rules, time limits or "right" ways to grieve.

Join us monthly for helpful coping tips and to connect with others who have experienced a loss.

Facilitated by Dana Bistodeau and Kris Bjerke-Ulliman, Chaplain

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Cozy Readers
Afternoon Book Club

Fourth Wednesdays at 2 pm

The book club experience is social and a great way to motivate yourself to read, talk about books, share ideas and hear new perspectives.

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



Reading in May 2026

Cozy Readers

“The River is Waiting” by Wally Lamb

Page Turners

“By Any Other Name” by Jodi Picoult

Arts, Entertainment and Community!

Community Crafts
with Jackie & Pam

Tuesday
May 5
1 - 3 pm

Craft Project:
Wreath with Spoon Flower

Join us once a month for this fun, social, crafting experience!

\$5 Members

All supplies provided.
Class size limited, registration encouraged.



Music with
GREG GROKOWSKY

Friday, May 1st
11AM - 12 PM

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Improv Fun! Join us

Becoming Your Playful Self

Thursday, May 14th at 6 - 7:30 pm

- Keep the momentum going in Improv Fun as you build on everything you learned in the first class. You'll jump back into exercises that sharpen your listening skills, quick thinking, and quirky creativity—putting your new tools into real practice.
- Then, enjoy an inspiring session with our special guest speaker, Dennis Kern—founder of The Ark in Madison, WI. Dennis will share stories, insights, and practical techniques from his decades of experience, giving you a rare inside look at how improv shapes performers on and off the stage.

Perfect for anyone who's taken Intro to Improv and wants to go deeper, gain confidence and learn from a true master.
Welcome to new people as well!

Instructor
Karla Toppen
\$5.00 Members
\$10 Non Members

Welcoming Guest Speaker
Dennis Kern
Author and Improv Coach
Founder of the Ark in Madison, WI and renowned for teaching improv to talents like Chris Farley and Joan Cusack.



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Wednesday Welcome Join us

Second Wednesday
2 - 3 pm

Meet other members and make connections!

Member Gathering

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Diamond Art
Each Wednesday at 9 am

Would you like to learn a new craft?
Diamond Art is an easy and relaxing art form.
Bring your projects and enjoy conversation as you work.
Beginner project kits available for those new to Diamond Art.




Fun with Watercolor

Mondays 8:30 - 11 am

Social and fun! This group is for watercolor enthusiasts who love sharing and learning to fine tune their craft. The group is willing to explore new techniques and to instruct with simple to more challenging projects.

All Levels are Welcome!




Family Friendly Programming

Muscles in Motion

Tuesdays 9 -10 AM

September 2025 - May 2026

Muscles in Motion is a shared time for parents, grandparents, or caregivers to participate with their toddler or preschooler in open-ended physical activities. Get ready to move! It's FREE!

Toddler Craft Time - 2nd Tuesdays at 10 AM

Toddler Story Time - 4th Tuesdays at 10 AM

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Family Membership

\$150 Annual Membership

Includes: Tickets to all Family Fun Nights
(2 Adults and 2 Children- Rates to fit all family sizes)
Member rates for events, programs, and party rentals.



Check out
our new 2026
Program Guide
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KIDS CORNER

Games | Reading Books | Toys | Crafts



**Looking for something fun to do
with the kids or grandkids this summer?**

Come to the Center to play a game, read a book or color!
FREE Summer Activity Bags available June, July & August
1 bag per child | Bring the bag back for a free refill!

Children must be accompanied by an adult.



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*Where Our
Community
Gathers!*



Our New Children's
Center Furniture was
donated in memory of

Cathy Braund

We want to thank
Cathy and her family
and friends for this
kind gift to the
Center.

**Watch our
Calendar for
Upcoming
Family
classes this
Summer**

April Happenings at the Center

Bee Well Health Fair April 21st



Hello Holmen! "Christen Farm Nursery"



Family Fun Night "Spring Into Family Fun"



Toddler Craft Time



French Macaron Class



Charuterie Board Basics



Cut Thyme at Wednesday Welcome



Connect2Nature All About Owls with Scott Lee

