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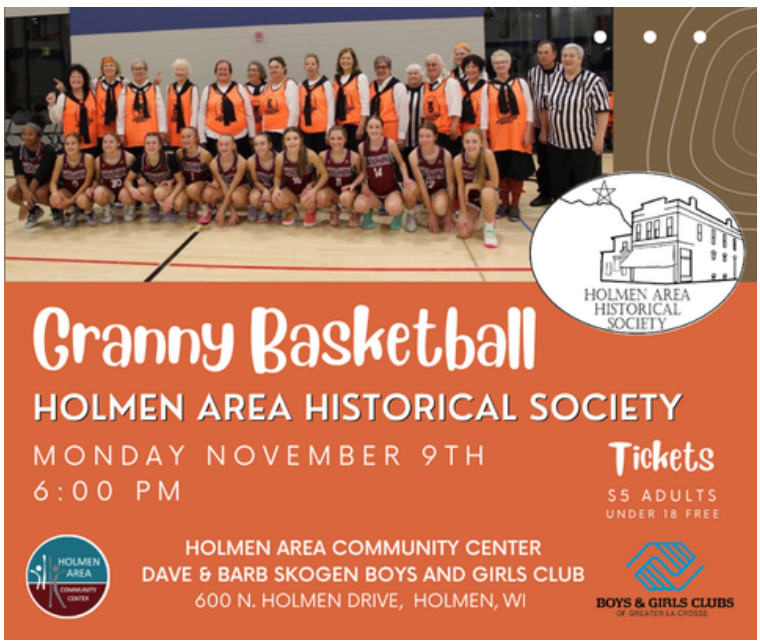
THE HOLMEN AREA COMMUNITY CENTER NEWSLETTER

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A Month of Giving & Gratitude!

















Thank you to our generous event sponsors for helping make this event happen for our community. Support those who support the Holmen Area Community Center! Special thanks to those who helped purchase candy and donated their Thrivent Action Team Grants.

Thank You to Pumpkin Fest Partners & Sponsors

Special Thanks to our Partners:
Emplify Health,
Altra Federal Credit Union, Holmen Area Foundation, Riverland Energy, Edward Jones- Barry Ploessl, WNB Financial, Holmen Business Association, Associated Bank, Fleis Insurance, Holmen School District, Boys and Girls Club, Village of Holmen

Thrivent Team Action Grants
Shari Eberhardt, Dave Hansen, Julie Trotz, Kevin Baird

Concessions
Bubba's Meats, Kwik Trip, The Pearl Ice Cream

Great Pumpkin Hunt
Associated Bank, Bjorn Naturals, Coaches Corner, Cozy Coffee, Doggie Business, Features Restaurant, Lush Wine Bistro, Omega Bakery, Frame Gallery, Holmen Meat Locker, Holmen Area Community Center, Holmen Business Association

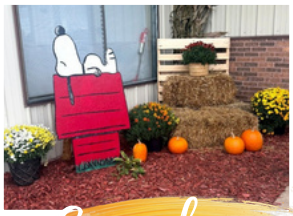
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Barry Ploessl Edward Jones, Bryan Helgeson State Farm, Christen Farm Nursery, Favre & Co., Fire Fighters Credit Union, Johns, Flaherty & Collins, Joe Herman, Joe Meehan, Optical Fashions, Triple L Cleaning
Mc Donald's Courtesy Corporation, Culvers, Jim and Sue Peterson, Hagel Farms, Holmen 5th Graders, Holmen Middle School Student Council, Holmen High School Dance Team, National Honor Society, Village of Holmen.

In Kind Donation
Courtesy Corporation, Culver's, Doggie Business, Ecker's Apple Farm, Farm and Fleet, Features Restaurant, Festival Foods, Ferguson's Orchards, Hagel Farms, John & Martha Hovre- Blossom, Jerome Pedretti, Kevin Baird, Ed Egloff - Little Debbie's, Scooters, Jim Weilander.

Great Pumpkin Hunt Winners:

First Place Tie: Frame Gallery
First Place Tie: Cozy Coffee
Second Place Tie: Doggie Business
Second Place Tie: Omega Bakery























Photos: First Place Tie: The Frame Gallery and Cozy Coffee. Second Place Tie: Doggie Business and Omega Bakery. Honorable Mentions: Holmen Meat Locker, Lush, Associated Bank, Coaches Corner, Features, Bjorn Naturals and Holmen Area Community Center. Sponsored by Holmen Business Association.

Thank You to our Amazing Volunteers!

Special Thanks to our Event Committee:
Chairs: Laurie Kessler and Patty Bagniewski. Kelly Graner, Beth Balder Schroeder, Julie Trotz, Em Wage, Julie Weber, Deb Deml, Joanne Ward, Kayla Ward. Jodi Tamminga, Robin Moses, Amy Brezinka and Kari Siverus.

Thank you to our Board Volunteers:
Laurie Kessler, Patty Bagniewski, Patty Shepard, Tonya Berget, Tricia Johnson, Peg Knobloch, Karen McCathie, Lisa Kind, Betsy Midthun.

Thank you to our Event Volunteers:
Anne DuCharme, Audra DuCharme, Barb Hanseh, Betty Baird, Doris Motte, Holly Holloway, Jim Welander, Karla Toppen, Kayla Ward, Linda Knutson, Lisa Kind, Lynn Smith Marilyn Rindfleisch, Mary Johnson, Mary Kay Priem, Ruth Scholze, Sandy Gilbertson, Shari Eberhardt, Sherri Novak, Unja Varnum, Yvonne Anderson, HHS National Honor Society, HMS-Student Council, Elementary Art Teachers & students, Saint Elizabeth CCD

Themed Characters
Snow White- Anca Bolohan, Viking- Kevin Baird.

Family Walk Run

emplify HEALTH

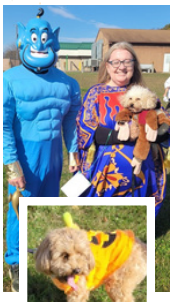
















Pet Parade

First Individual - Cosmo Bean First Group - It's Raining Cats & Dogs

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

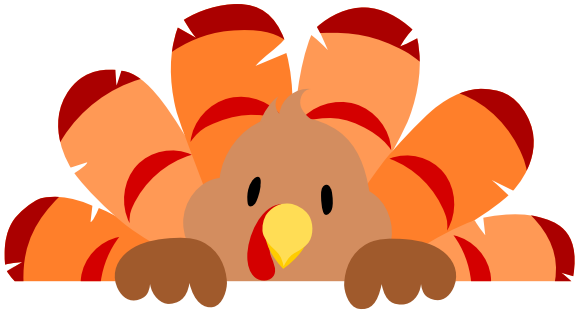
November Birthdays

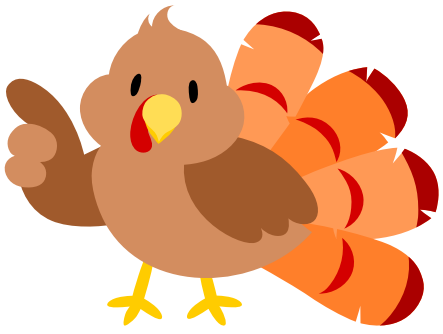
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Rick Esterl
Roxanne Felde
Don Frisby
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David Milne
Bonnie Naber
Mary Noah
Mary O'Mara
Roberta Phillippi
Linda Ratajski
Cheryl Schiebout
Karen Schirm
Kathleen Severson
Larry Thorson
Mary Van Ravenstein
Ruth Viner
Mary Lin Wershofen
Elenita Wisted
Sue Witte



Welcome New October Members

Elise Boam
Judy Fredrickson
Paul Fredrickson
Deb Head
Keith Hilton
Tamara Mazur
Teri Pfaff
Rose Phillips
Sue Polodna
Lisa Renk
Teressa Roe
Linda Schermerhorn
Pat Smith
Judy Vanus





HOLMEN COMMUNITY TABLE
Gather. Eat. Share

Join us for the Next Community Table on Tuesday, November 24th 5:00-7:00 pm

November is sponsored by

Living Simply Well

A partnership with the Holmen Area Community Center, the Holmen Area Rotary Club, Holmen's Hope and the Holmen Area Foundation brings back the Holmen Community Dinner. Meals will be prepared and served by different volunteer organizations each month. Get involved as a volunteer or an organization. Mark your calendar for the 4th Tuesday of each month!



Gather Together Respite Program





A Welcoming Space For Every Memory

Gather Together offers a warm, welcoming respite experience designed especially for adults living with Mild Cognitive Impairment (MCI) and early stages of dementia.

Program Times: First and Third Wednesdays
10 am to 2 pm at Holmen Area Community Center

Program Cost: $40 per attendance

To learn more about the application process, Amy Brezinka, Program Director at (608)-399-1870 or programs@holmencc.org

Participant referrals can be made by phone, email, or through area organizations to the Gather Together Program Director.
NO RESIDENTIAL OR HACC MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS



PUMPKIN FEST VOLUNTEERS

The Holmen Area Community Center would like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to all the wonderful volunteers who helped make our Pumpkin Fest a success! Your time, energy, and enthusiasm helped create a fun, welcoming experience for families and community members. We are so grateful for the individuals who stepped up to lend a hand, share their talents, and make this special event possible. Thank you for being part of the HACC family and helping us create meaningful connections in our community. We couldn't do it without you!

Our Volunteer Hours for October = 250

The National value of a volunteer hour is $36.14 = $9,035

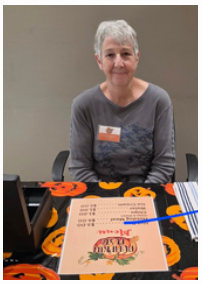


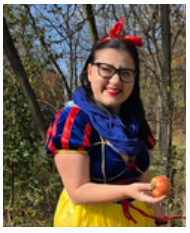
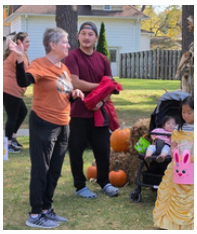
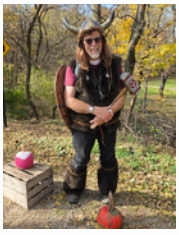









Upcoming Opportunities

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

- Family Fun Night - Fall Series: November
- Toddler Story Time Readers- 1 x per month - Nov - May
- Brunch with Santa & Mrs. Claus - December 6th

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



Fitness, Health and Wellness







Weekly Fitness Schedule

INSTRUCTOR LEAD CLASSES
$5 Members | $10 Non-Members
VIDEO CLASSES
FREE Members | $2 Non-Members

MONDAY
Walking Path: 7 - 10 am
Total Body Conditioning Series: 8:30 - 9:10 am
Chair Yoga with Marty: 9:15 - 10:00 am
Cardio Fitness Workout Video: 10 - 10:45 am
Walking Path: 11 am - 1 pm
Beginner Line Dancing: 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

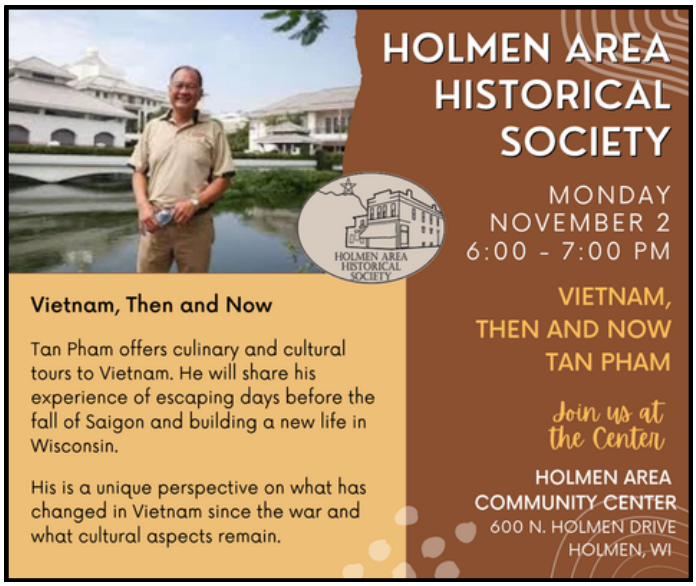
TUESDAY
Walking Path: 7 - 10 am
Present Moment Yoga: 9 - 10 am (Nov 3, 10 & 17)
Sound Healing: 10:30 - 11:30am (Nov 3, 10, 17 & 24)
Walking Path: 11 am - 12 pm
Pickleball Open Play: 12 - 2 pm

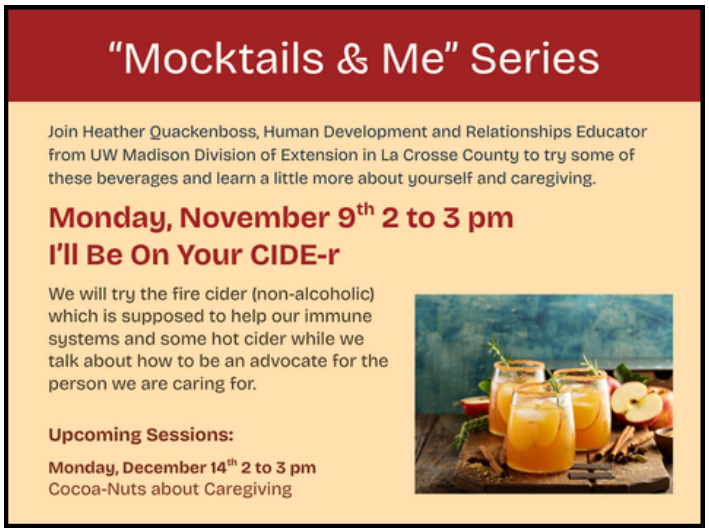
WEDNESDAY
Walking Path: 7 - 10 am
Chair Yoga with Sarah Fox: 8:30 - 9:15 am
Balance & Strength with Sarah Fox 9:30 - 10:15 am
Cardio Fitness Workout Video: 10:30 - 11:15 am
Walking Path: 11 am - 1 pm
Intermediate Line Dancing: 12:30 - 1:30 pm

THURSDAY
Walking Path: 7 - 10 am
Total Body Conditioning Series: 8:30 - 9:10 am
Beginner Pilates Series: 9:20 - 10:00 am
Cardio & Strength Fitness Video: 10 - 11 am
Walking Path: 11 am - 12 pm
Pickleball Open Play: 12 - 2 pm

FRIDAY
Walking Path: 7 - 10 am
Gentle Yoga w/Samantha: Nov 6 & 20 at 8 - 9 am
Chair Yoga w/Samantha: Nov 6 & at 9:15 - 10 am
Yoga Nidra & Sound Bath: Nov 20th at 10:15 - 11 am
StrongBodies Video: 10 - 11 am
Walking Path: 11 am - 1pm

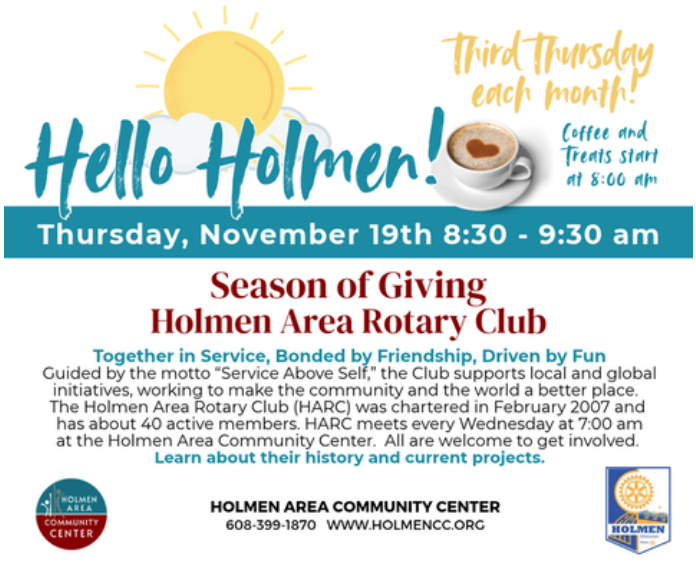
Community Education and Resources













Reading in November 2026

Cozy Readers (4th Weds. at 2pm)

Have you seen Louis Valez by Katherine Ryan Hyde

Page Turners (3rd Tues at 6 pm)

Whistler by Ann Patchett

Arts, Entertainment and Community!

Community Crafts

with Jackie & Pam

Tuesday
November 3rd
1 - 3 pm

Craft Project:
Fall Gnomes

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

Cost: $5 per person

All supplies provided.
Class size limited, registration encouraged.



Music with GREG GROKOWSKY



Friday, November 6th
11 am - 12 pm

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600 N. HOLMEN DRIVE, HOLMEN, WI
608-399-1870 WWW.HOLMENCC.ORG

SCANDINAVIAN HOLIDAY COOKIE MAGIC

Rosettes & Krumkake

Wednesday, November 4th 1:30 to 4:30 pm

Step into the cozy world of traditional Scandinavian baking! In this hands-on workshop, you'll master the art of crafting two of Norway and Sweden's most beloved, delicate holiday treats: paper-thin, rolled Krumkake and light-as-air, deep-fried Rosettes.



Guided step-by-step, you'll learn the secrets to mixing classic cardamom-spiced batters, heating and dipping rosette irons, pressing and rolling hot krumkake cones, and troubleshooting common baking mishaps.

$45 Members | $50 Non-members



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Holmen High School Tri-M Music Performance

Tuesday, November 10th
4 - 4:30 pm

FREE and open to the public!

Join us at the Center for performances by the Holmen HS Tri-M® Music!

Tri-M Music Honor Society recognize students for their academic and musical achievements, reward them for their accomplishments and service activities, and to inspire other students to excel at music and leadership.

"One"derful 1 Wednesday

Join us

Third Wednesday of the month
1 - 2 pm

The Possibilities are Endless!

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

Member Gathering

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Wood Carvers Group

Each Thursday
1 to 4 pm

Are you a wood carver? Do you want to learn about wood carving? Join this social group to connect with other wood carvers, do some carving and to learn more about this art form!

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Where Our Community Gets Creative!

Family Friendly Programming

Holmen FAMILY FUN NIGHT

HOLMEN AREA COMMUNITY CENTER

Second Tuesdays this Fall from 5:00 – 6:30 Pm

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

November 10th - Gather with Gratitude

Turkey hunt, pumpkin treats, holiday trivia,
gratitude crafts + more!

Spring Series 2027: Feb 9th, March 9th & April 13th

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Caretta

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



the parenting PLACE

Get Your Tickets Today!



Brunch with Santa and Mrs. Claus



Bring the Family for Joy & Wonder
Take a Photo and visit Santa and Mrs. Claus

JINGLEFEST WEEKEND

Tickets
$12.00 Adults
$ 6.00 Children 4-16
FREE Age 3 and under

Sunday, December 6th 10 am - 1 pm

Get your ticket for brunch with pancakes, eggs, sausage, muffins, beverages + hot cocoa bar! Enjoy music, crafts, storytime, Santa fun, and a gift for each child.

PARK BANK

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Rotary
Holmen Area Rotary Club

LOWMAN FAMILY DENTAL

Upcoming Holiday Programs!

Christmas Ornaments
Beading Workshop

Friday, December 11th 12 to 2 pm

Bring a little extra magic to your holiday decor this season! Join us for a relaxed, beginner-friendly 2-hour workshop where you'll craft your own shimmering Christmas ornaments to take home or gift to someone special.

No experience? No problem! All materials, tools, and beads are provided. You'll leave with completed ornaments ready to hang or wrap!



$25 Members / $30 Non-Members

SCANDINAVIAN CELEBRATION CAKE: THE MODERN KRANSEKAKE HANDS ON CLASS

Wednesday, December 9th 1:30 to 4:30 pm

Discover the secret to crafting Norway's most iconic centerpiece—the towering Kransekake—using modern tools for foolproof results!

In this intimate, hands-on workshop, you'll learn how to build the magnificent 9-ring almond wreath cake without the traditional hours of grinding and hand-rolling.

Every participant will build and take home a complete, show-stopping Kransekake!



$45 Members | $50 Non-members

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Grumpy Old Men Big Band Concert

Thursday, December 17th
10 - 11 am

Join us for festive music and holiday cheer at the Holmen Area Community Center!
Presented by Phillip Wall Family

OPEN AA SPEAKER MEETING

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3RD
6 TO 7 PM

Open speaker meetings are available to anyone interested in Alcoholics Anonymous' program of recovery from alcoholism. Non-alcoholics may attend open meetings as observers. Speaker begins at 6 pm. Potluck meal served during meeting. Open to the public!



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CALL TO ARTISTS

Gifts of the Season

November 15th - December 31st!

HOLMEN AREA COMMUNITY CENTER

Board

Dean McHugh
Betsy Midthun
Tonya Berget
Patty Shepard
Haley Hesselberg
Tricia Johnson
Todd Trautmann
Laurie Kessler
Patty Bagniewski
Shawn Hauser
Dave Justus
Lisa Kind
Peg Knobloch
Karen McCathie
Brian Weber

Staff

Robin Mose
Amy Brezinka
Kari Siverhus

Dear Members,

We are incredibly grateful for your continued support, trust, and commitment to the Holmen Area Community Center (HACC). In just six years, HACC has dramatically expanded programming and events, as well as the number of volunteers and members. Anytime I walk into the building, I smile as I see all of the great things happening here to serve our diverse stakeholders. Just a few of the examples that stand out to me are:

-The group of retired educators and friends who walk the track early mornings and enjoy coffee together each day.

-The groups who get together for organized card games, exercise classes, art and even learning the ukulele.

-The young families who enjoy our monthly Family Fun Nights, as well as residents of all ages attending the Holmen Community Table.

As we launch our Annual Campaign, we invite you to join us in making a lasting difference in the lives of those we serve. Our goal this year is to raise $50,000 to support innovative new programs, enhance existing services, and expand our reach throughout the community.

Your generosity, whether through a one-time gift or a monthly or annual contribution, helps ensure HACC can continue building a stronger, more connected community where people of all ages feel welcome, supported, and inspired to learn, grow, and connect.

YES! I would like to support the efforts of the Holmen Area Community Center

☐ Enclosed is a check in the amount of $_____

☐ Donate online at: WWW.HOLMENCC.ORG or scan the QR code

☐ Please call 608-399-1870 to make your donation over the phone

☐ Mentor- $2500 ☐ Patron - $1000 ☐ Advocate - $500

☐ Fellow- $250 ☐ Friend- $100 ☐ Other _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

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October Happenings at the Center

Holmen Area Historical Society Human Library









Thank You, WSU Nursing Students!



Tressa, Zach, Elaina, Elizabeth, Mary, Anna, Ella, Hannah, Abby and Maryann Abendroth

Family Fun Night "Spooktacular Family Fun"







Community Crafts Scarecrow Project



Diamond Art American Flag Project



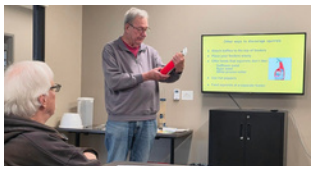
Line Dancing Class







Connect2Nature - Feed the Birds!





Pumpkin Fest 2026







Hello Holmen!

Women's Panel

Lynn Valiquette, Alene Keenan, Pat Boge











