

No Cares Meeting on 11/11/2026 due to Veterans Day



Jasper County Cares Coalition Meeting Packet ONLY

Location: 315 W 3rd St N., Large Conference Room in Newton

NO MEETING DUE TO VETERANS DAY- Wednesday, November 11, 2026

Mission: To enhance awareness of health & human service resources & promote collaboration to serve Jasper County.

Vision: Safe, healthy, and connected Jasper County.

Upcoming Organizational Spotlights:

Must attend the meetings regularly and not have been a speaker in the last year.

- December 9, 2026: Annual Awards Event. See Invite.
- January 2027: no meeting
- February 10, 2027:
  - Hickory Recovery, Shawn Kinnison, s.kinnison@hickoryrecovery.com
  - Central Iowa Shelter & Services, Amber ATompkins@centraliowashelter.org
- March 10, 2027: Quakerdale Family Services, Wolfe Ranch, Whiskers & Mane, Beth Andrew, bandrew@quakerdalefamilyservices.org
- April 14, 2027: American Lung of Iowa (pig lungs) Emma Krapfl, Emmaline.Krapfl@lung.org
- May 12, 2027: FOCUSS, darnell.loatman@focussinc.org
- June 9, 2027: Optimae Life Services: Chris Clark, cclark@optimaelifeservices.com
- July 14, 2027: **Networking Event, TBD**

About Jasper County Cares Coalition:

- Website and Facebook
- Events: https://www.jasperia.org/calendar/ Check your events. Submit to the County calendar.
  - If you have questions, contact Jenn Cross at jcross@jasperia.org
- Resource Guide: https://www.jasperia.org/resources/ Please check and email corrections.
- Contact: Becky Pryor bpryor@jasperia.org or jaspercocares@jasperia.org. If your information changes, please let us know.




Jasper County Cares Coalition
2nd Wednesday Time: 10:30 AM
January 13: No Meeting
February 10
March 10
April 14
May 12
June 9
July 14: Networking TBD
August 11: No Meeting
September 8
October 13
November 10
December 8: Awards TBD
2027
Contact: jaspercocares@jasperia.org
Jasper Co. Office Building, Large Conference Room
315 W. 3rd St N., Suite 006, Newton, Iowa 50208

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Packet Information

- **Thrive Iowa:** MICA is writing for Jasper and Poweshiek Counties.
- **Jasper County Health Department:** Have your teams find their immunization records. MMR vaccine is available for free by appointment only.
- **IMOM:** Free Dental Clinic, November 13th and 14th
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- **NAMI of Central Iowa:** November calendar and links.
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- **Newton YMCA:** upcoming programs.
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- **Newton Public Library:** Santa and Mrs. Claus, December 10th
- **Wolfe Ranch at Quakerdale:** Christmas in the Stables, December 5th
- **Veterans Resources Available:** Iowa State and County Veteran Benefits Information.
- **Coloring Pages**
- **United Way of Jasper County**, Granny Basketball, November 7th

Jasper County Cares Coalition

2026 Cares Awards Nomination

Nominee:
Organization:

Choose One Award Below:

- ☐ Volunteer Individual
- ☐ Volunteer Organization
- ☐ Resource Navigator
- ☐ Rising Star
- ☐ Partnership (two or more agencies working together)
- ☐ Community Impact Individual
- ☐ Community Impact Organization
- ☐ Leadership in Action
- ☐ Legacy
- ☐ Other:

Reason for the Nomination:

Your Name:
Your Email:

Note: One sheet per nomination.
Email the form to jaspercocares@jasperia.org, fill out the QR JotForm, or drop off at the Jasper Co. Health Dept by November 18, 2026.

https://form.jotform.com/262815166427158

Jasper County Cares Coalition

2026 Cares Awards Nomination

Nominee:

Organization:

Award: Leadership Excellence

The Leadership Excellence Award recognizes an individual who leads by example and inspires others through integrity, vision, and dedication. This award celebrates those who go beyond words, demonstrating leadership through meaningful action, collaboration, and measurable results. Recipients embody the qualities of a true leader: motivating others, driving progress, and creating a positive and lasting impact within their organization or community.
Criteria: Must attend Jasper Co. Cares regularly (6+ meetings)

Reason for the Nomination:

Your Name:

Your Email:

Note: One sheet per nomination.

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Jasper County Cares Coalition

2026 Cares Awards Nomination

Nominee:

Organization:

Award: Legacy Award

The Legacy Community Impact Award recognizes an individual who has made a lasting, positive impact on the community through their long-term commitment and leadership. This award recognizes those who have dedicated years of service, innovation, and advocacy to improving the lives of others. Recipients of this award have built a legacy of compassion, integrity, and impact, leaving their community stronger, more connected, and more hopeful for generations to come.
Criteria: Must attend Jasper County Cares regularly (6+ meetings)

Reason for the Nomination:

Your Name:

Your Email:

Note: One sheet per nomination.

Email the form to jaspercocares@jasperia.org, fill out the QR JotForm, or drop off at the Jasper Co. Health Dept by November 18, 2026.

https://form.jotform.com/262815166427158

Need Help?

Jasper County Resource Guide

SCAN HERE

www.jasperia.org/resources

JASPER COUNTY
HEALTH DEPARTMENT - IOWA
315 W 3rd St N • Suite 100 • Newton, IA 50208

We are updating the Jasper County Resource Guide to make it more user-friendly and easier to navigate. As part of this update, we are asking all organizations to select **keywords** that accurately describe the services they provide.

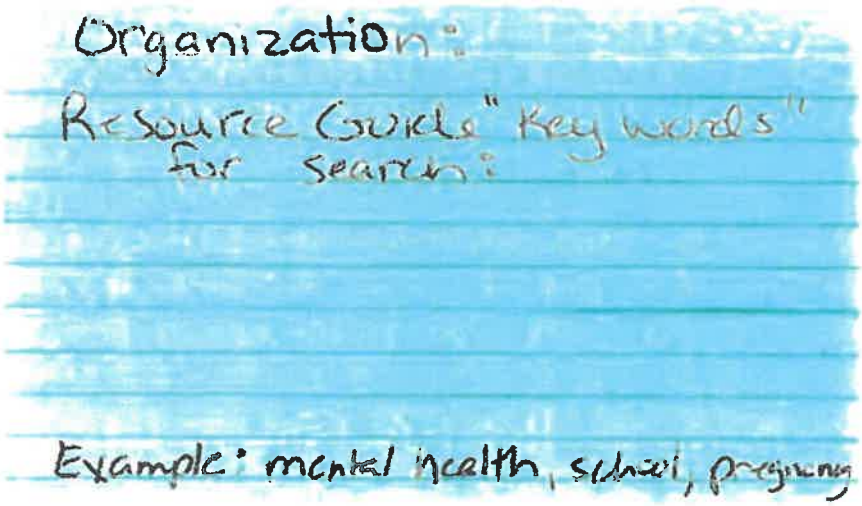
The updated Resource Guide will search **only by the selected keywords**, rather than searching your organization's description. This will help ensure that only agencies providing a specific service appear when that service is searched for in the Resource Guide.

For example, if someone searches **"mental health"** in the Resource Guide, only organizations that provide mental health services will appear. This will prevent organizations from appearing simply because the words "mental" or "health" happen to be included in their general description.

There will be **index cards on the tables** for you to use. Please write down the keywords that best describe the services your organization provides. An example is below.

If you think of additional keywords later or would like to make changes to the words you selected, please email Melissa at mgary@jasperia.org.

Thank you for helping us make the Jasper County Resource Guide more accurate, useful, and user-friendly!



FREE MMR VACCINATION AVAILABLE!

Protect Yourself, your family, and Jasper County!

By appointment

Jasper County Health Department
315 W 3rd St N
Suite 100
Newton, IA 50208



For more information call:
641-787-9224

JASPER COUNTY
HEALTH DEPARTMENT- IOWA

Rename file

IMOM

IOWA MISSION OF MERCY
NOVEMBER 13-14, 2026
DES MOINES

IOWA MISSION OF MERCY 2026

FREE DENTAL CARE. NO INSURANCE. NO COST. NO JUDGMENT.

IMOM is a two-day community dental clinic where dental professionals and general volunteers donate their time to provide free oral health care to individuals who face barriers to receiving dental care.



NEED DENTAL CARE?

We're here for you.

Do you or someone you know need dental care? Help spread the word about IMOM 2026!

LEARN MORE

Scan to learn more about the clinic.

VOLUNTEER

Make a difference.

Dental professionals and general volunteers are needed to make IMOM possible!

VOLUNTEER

Scan to register to volunteer.

DONATE

Change a life.

Your donation helps provide free dental care to Iowans who need it most.

DONATE

Scan to donate to the mission.

LEARN MORE AT IOWAMOM.ORG

IMPACT
COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP

OUR MISSION

Reducing the barriers and burdens people in poverty experience by increasing access to essential needs.

NEED ASSISTANCE WITH YOUR WINTER HEATING BILLS?

The 2026-27 Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) can help eligible households stay safe and warm in the winter by providing financial assistance with home heating bills and protection from disconnection until April 1st, 2027.

IMPACT serves Boone, Jasper, Marion, Polk & Warren Counties in Iowa.

ELIGIBILITY

Your household may be able to receive a one-time payment to your utility provider if you meet income guidelines and provide the required documentation for your household.

Household Size	Annual Gross Income
1	$31,920
2	$43,280
3	$54,640
4	$66,000
5	$77,360
Add $11,360 for each additional household member	

DOCUMENTS

1. **Social Security Cards for all household members.**
   a. We can also accept: Birth Certificates, Unexpired Iowa Driver's License/Real ID, Passports, Tax Returns, or I-94 plus a verbal of your social number.
2. **Income Documentation for all household members 18+ from either...**
   a. The most recent 30 days **OR**
   b. Previous years' Annual Income via W-2s or Tax Returns
3. **Most Recent Utility Bills for Heat AND Electric Vendors**

TO APPLY

ONLINE

Scan the QR Code and click the APPLY ONLINE button at the top of the page.

OVER THE PHONE

Scan the QR Code and click the SCHEDULE APPOINTMENT button at the top of the page to schedule online, or call 515-518-4770 to schedule over the phone.

IN PERSON

For Boone, Polk, & Warren Counties:
Scan the QR Code and click the SCHEDULE APPOINTMENT button at the top of the page to schedule online, or call 515-518-4770 to schedule over the phone.
For Jasper & Marion Counties:
Call 515-518-4770 to schedule over the phone.

BY MAIL

Scan the QR Code to visit our website. On this page, you can download a paper application. To request one be mailed to you, call 515-518-4770 or email info@impactcap.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN JASPER COUNTY

Throughout the 2026-27 Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) season, the IMPACT team will be available at various partner locations in Jasper County to accept applications from households that would like to apply in person*.



Call 515-518-4770 or email info@impactcap.org to schedule your appointment.

NEWTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH, 2026

100 N 3rd Ave W, Newton, IA 50208
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Appointments Available 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Open to walk-in applications starting at 1:00 PM

COLFAX PUBLIC LIBRARY

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH, 2026

25 W. Division St., Colfax, IA 50054
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Appointments Available 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Open to walk-in applications starting at 2:00 PM

NEWTON SALVATION ARMY

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH, 2026

301 N 2nd Ave, Newton, IA 50208
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Appointments Available 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Open to walk-in applications starting at 1:00 PM

DISCOVER HOPE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH, 2026

733 1st Ave E, Newton, IA 50128
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Appointments Available 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Open to walk-in applications starting at 1:00 PM

- **Home visits are also available for those that qualify. Call us to schedule an appointment!**
- **In need of transportation to one of these events? Call HIRTA: 877-686-0029**

PURPLE STAR SCHOOLS
IOWA



Purple Star School Designation

The State of Iowa awards the Purple Star School designation to schools that show a strong commitment to supporting military-connected students. This recognition encourages schools to implement best practices that address the unique challenges these students face—especially when relocating due to a parent's military service.

By recognizing Purple Star Schools, Iowa aims to promote effective strategies that foster success and stability for military families.

Learn More and Apply

https://educate.iowa.gov/pk-12/award-exchange-programs/purple-star-school-program

IOWA | Department of Education

Jathan Chicoine
Education Consultant, Iowa Department of Education
purple.star@iowa.gov

Requirements

To earn the Purple Star designation, high schools must meet the following requirements:

- Designate a staff member, such as a counselor, teacher or administrator, to serve as a **military liaison** for students and families.
- Maintain a **dedicated webpage** with resources tailored to military-connected families.
- Host **programs and events** that raise awareness and provide support for military-connected students.
- Offer **staff training** focused on the unique challenges military-connected students face.

Iowa Purple Star School Timeline

- **October–December** — Application window open
- **January–February** — Application review
- **March** - Designee notifications and press release
- **April** - State and local recognition ceremonies (Month of the Military Child)

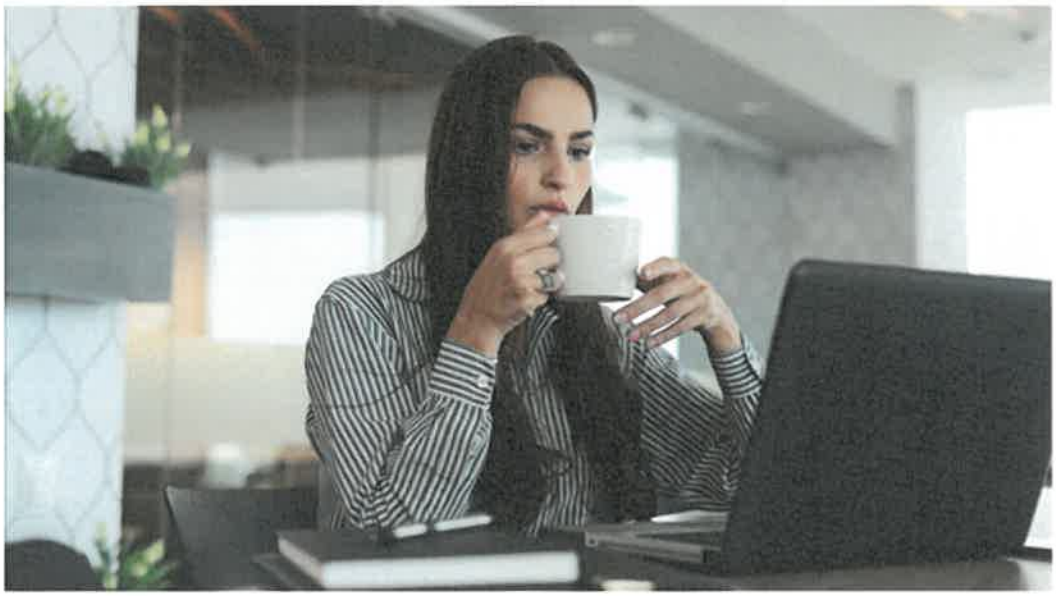
mindspring
MENTAL HEALTH ALLIANCE

NOVEMBER

MENTAL HEALTH WEBINARS

Local experts, trusted sources: Our 60-minute mental health education webinars are free to attend & everyone is welcome!
Attendance certificates and webinar recordings are provided.

Questions? Find webinar FAQs at https://www.mindspringhealth.org/get-involved/webinars-and-events



NAMI Central Iowa
Deputy Director | Jensyn Hall
515-292-9400 | jhall@namicentraliowa.org
424 5th Street Ames, IA 50010

November 2026

MONDAY 10AM-4PM	TUESDAY 10AM-4PM	WEDNESDAY 10AM-2PM
Thankful Turkey 2 1PM - Recovery & Wellness Workshop: Increasing Self Awareness	11AM - Recovery & Wellness Workshop: Preparing for the Change 3 Government Application, Housing, Employment and Job Coaching Assistance 1-4PM	11AM - Recovery & Wellness Workshop: Coping with Depression 4 Group Activity Gratitude Tree
Letting Go of Leaves 9 1PM - Recovery & Wellness Workshop: Managing Expectations	11AM - Recovery & Wellness Workshop: Recognizing Anxiety 10 Government Application, Housing, Employment and Job Coaching Assistance 1-2PM	11AM - Recovery & Wellness Workshop: Coping with thoughts and hearing voices 11
10:30AM - Wellness Writing: Self growth 16 1:00 PM – Wellness Movie Hour: Big Mood followed by Reflection 	11AM - Recovery & Wellness Workshop: Stress Management 17 Government Application, Housing, Employment and Job Coaching Assistance 1-4PM	1PM - Recovery & Wellness Workshop: Setting Boundaries 18 Fall Paper Wreaths
10:30AM - Wellness Writing: Understanding emotions 23 1PM - Recovery & Wellness Workshop: Creating Recovery Plan	1PM - Recovery & Wellness Workshop: Self Care 24 Government Application, Housing, Employment and Job Coaching Assistance 1-2PM	 Wellness & Recovery Drop-in Center Thanksgiving Gathering 25
30 Individual Fall Canvas Painting		

Announcements

Nov. 5th

Free Haircuts to the Community

10am-4pm

Nov. 25th

Thanksgiving Meal

12PM-2PM

Support Groups

(Hybrid Available)

Nov 4.

Connection @Wellness Center 11 AM

Nov 18.

Connection @Wellness Center 11 AM

Nov 24.

FSG @Wellness Center 11AM

NAMI Central Iowa

National Alliance on Mental Illness

November 2026

Support Group Links

FSG @ 11 AM
November 24th

Meeting ID
897 4439 1367
Password
510983

Connection @ 11AM
November 4th & 18th

Meeting ID
883 8103 0824
Password
869754

Deputy Director | Jensyn Hall
515-292-9400 | jhall@namicentraliowa.org

AGING RESOURCES of Central Iowa
The Experts on Aging

JASPER COUNTY

Caregiver Support Group

Open to all caregivers

A place to connect, share, and support one another.

WHEN WE MEET

3rd Wednesday of each month

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

FIRST SESSION | November 18, 2026

WHERE WE MEET

Newton Public Library

100 N 3rd Ave W.
Newton, IA

YOUR CAREGIVER SPECIALIST

Josalyn

Connect with others who understand caregiving.

AGING RESOURCES of Central Iowa
The Experts on Aging

Caregiver Support Groups

Open to all caregivers

Monthly meetings beginning November 2026

Dallas County

1st Tuesday of each month
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Perry Public Library
1101 Willis Ave. Perry, IA

First session: November 3, 2026

Caregiver Specialist: Deb

Jasper County

3rd Wednesday of each month
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Newton Public Library
100 N 3rd Ave W. Newton, IA

First session: November 18, 2026

Caregiver Specialist: Josalyn

Madison County

2nd Thursday of each month
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Winterset Public Library
123 N. 2nd St. Winterset, IA

First session: November 12, 2026

Caregiver Specialist: Deb

Marion County

2nd Tuesday of each month
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Knoxville Public Library
213 E Montgomery St. Knoxville, IA

First session: November 10, 2026

Caregiver Specialist: Josalyn

Story County

3rd Thursday of each month
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Sixty Forward: Hobby Hub Room
205 S Walnut Ave. Ames, IA

First session: November 19, 2026

Caregiver Specialist: Sheila

Warren County

2nd Tuesday of each month
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Indianola Public Library
207 N B St. Indianola, IA

First session: November 10, 2026

Caregiver Specialist: Sheila

Connect with others who understand caregiving.

The Gathering Place

November 2026 Events Calendar

113 S Monroe St, Monroe Iowa

11/02	Monday	Video Exercise Class @ 10:00 am
11/03	Tuesday	Coffee and Prayer @ 8:00 am
11/04	Wednesday	Get Fit, Don't Fall @ 4:00 pm
11/09	Monday	Video Exercise Class @ 10:00 am
11/10	Tuesday	Coffee and Prayer @ 8:00 am
11/10	Tuesday	**Medicare Education Event, hosted by Jason Boggs, agent with Farm Bureau Financial Services. For questions, please call 515-497-1056 @ 6:00 pm**
11/11	Wednesday	Get Fit, Don't Fall @ 4:00 pm
11/12	Thursday	**Conversations with a Funeral Director with Noah Henkenius from Coburn Funeral Homes @ 2:00 pm**
11/13	Friday	Piano with Jacque Robinson @ 2:00 pm
11/13	Friday	***Orders for Dutch Almond Logs Due - Reach out to a Focus Group gal or order at The Gathering Place M-F 9 am - 3 pm***
11/16	Monday	Video Exercise Class @ 10:00 am
11/17	Tuesday	Coffee and Prayer @ 8:00 am
11/18	Wednesday	Get Fit, Don't Fall @ 4:00 pm
11/19	Thursday	Focus Group Meeting @ 9:00 am - All are welcome!
11/20 11/21	Friday Saturday	***Dutch Almont Log Pick Up at the Monroe Methodist Church (Use the North Door!). Friday 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm and Saturday 9:00 am - 11:00 am***
11/23	Monday	Video Exercise Class @ 10:00 am
11/23	Monday	**This and That with Pam Herrema - Holiday Treats and Snacks! @ 6:30 pm**
11/24	Tuesday	Coffee and Prayer @ 8:00 am
11/26	Thursday	**CLOSED - Happy Thanksgiving! - No Congregate Meals**
11/27	Friday	**CLOSED - No Congregate Meals**
11/30	Monday	Video Exercise Class @ 10:00am

Every Monday - Friday Congregate Meals at 11:30 am - Call 641-792-7102 to sign up

Playgroup in the Lower Level Monday and Thursday from 8:00 am - 11:00 am (bad weather)

Web: monroegatheringplace.org - Email: monroegatheringplace@gmail.com
Phone: 641-259-2023 Facebook: The Gathering Place of Monroe


This Thanksgiving, we're grateful for you.
THANKSGIVING
Dinner
Celebrate the season with warmth,
family, and great food.
November 24th 2026
5:30-7:30pm
DISCOVER HOPE
733 1ST AVE E NEWTON

CLOTHING GIVEAWAY & FREE THANKSGIVING *SIT-DOWN* MEAL

NO CLOTHING DONATIONS NEEDED





DATE:

November 14th

TIME:

CLOTHING GIVEAWAY: @12-3pm

SIT-DOWN THANKSGIVING LUNCH: @12-3pm

LOCATION:

CORNERSTONE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP
1000 E 12th St S, Newton Iowa 50208

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS SEE STACY GRAMS
(641)-781-0149

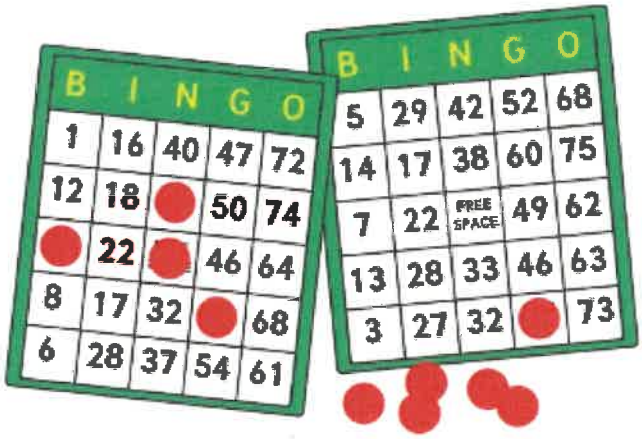




Jasper County
- IOWA -

Jasper County Senior Nutrition
2401 First Ave E. Newton, Iowa

www.jasperia.org>Departments>Senior Nutrition
E-Mail: kvanmanen@jasperia.org



12:15-1:15 PM

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

LOCATION: 2401 1st Ave. E. Newton

Sponsored by Newton Village

Call 641-792-7102 for more information

parents as teachers®

Parents As Teachers provides home visits and support to families with children ages prenatal to three. Scan to learn more.

برنامج الآباء كمعلمين (Parents As Teachers) يقدّم زيارات منزلية ودعمًا للأسر التي لديها أطفال من مرحلة ما قبل الولادة وحتى عمر ثلاث سنوات.
امسح الرمز لمعرفة المزيد

Padres como Maestros ofrece visitas domiciliarias y apoyo a familias con niños desde la etapa prenatal hasta los tres años. Escanee para obtener más información.

LIL PRO BASKETBALL

JANUARY 13TH – FEBRUARY 3RD

WEDNESDAYS 6:00 PM–6:45 PM
AGES 3–5

MAKE NEW FRIENDS

DEVELOP TEAMWORK AND SPORTSMANSHIP

HAVE FUN

PLAY, LEARN, AND GROW TOGETHER

LEARN BASIC SKILLS

HOOPS, DRIBBLING, PASSING, AND MORE!

BUILD CONFIDENCE

THROUGH POSITIVE ENCOURAGEMENT AND PROGRESS



the YMCA

MEMBER: $30
NON MEMBER: $50

QUESTIONS? SCOTT.TAYLOR@NEWTONYMCA.ORG



ST. NICK'S CHRISTMAS CLUB

ST. NICK'S CHRISTMAS CLUB
JASPER COUNTY, IOWA
SINCE 1988

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Wednesday, Oct. 21
at 10 a.m.

PICK UP AT

Newton YMCA
1701 S. 8th Ave. E.
Newton

ONE APPLICATION PER FAMILY

Multiple applications will not be given to individuals.

RETURN BY

All applications must be returned to the Newton YMCA by **Nov. 6.**

ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS

Children infant – 18 years old
Jasper County residents.

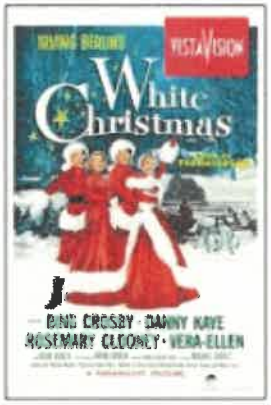
St. Nick's Christmas Club is a volunteer-run non-profit program serving kids in Jasper County, Iowa.

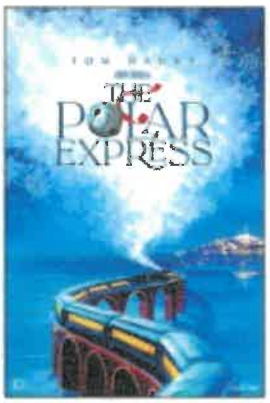
For more information, visit our Facebook page:
StNicksChristmasClub

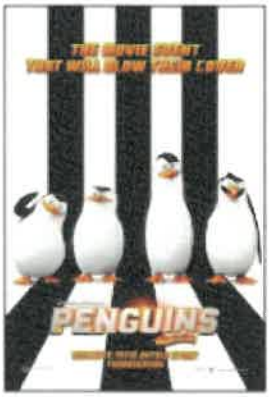
Upcoming FREE Movies











Sun, Nov 8th - 4:00 pm
The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

Food Pantry Drive - A free pop & popcorn to persons who donate food item.
sponsored by: Hope Local Newton on behalf of the Mission Coalition of Newton, Iowa

Fri/Sat, Nov 27th & 28th - 10:00 am
Elf

sponsored by: Newton Chamber of Commerce & Newton Main Street

Sat, Dec 5th - 10:00 am
White Christmas

sponsored by: United Way of Jasper County & Iowa Realty Newton/Grinnell

Sat, Dec 12th - 10:00 am
The Polar Express

sponsored by: YMCA, Lauterbach Buick GMC, MercyOne Newton Medical Center

Mon/Wed, Dec 28th & 30th - 10:00 am
Penguins of Madagascar

A free pop & popcorn to first 100 people.
sponsored by: Discover Hope 517 Ministry & New Creation Church



FREE!

SANTA & MRS. CLAUS

Thursday, December 10th 5 to 7 pm

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at the Library on December 10th from 5 to 7 pm to take pictures with children in the Library's photo drop setup.
Stop by anytime between 5 and 7 pm to visit Santa and Mrs. Claus, and take your own pictures with your phone or camera.

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY!

EVENT WILL BE HELD IN THE MAIN LIBRARY AT OUR HOLIDAY PHOTO BOOTH SETUP

GET TO KNOW Newton PUBLIC LIBRARY

Newton Public Library
100 N 3rd Ave W.
Newton, Iowa 50208 | 641-792-4108
www.newtongov.org/1149/Library

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL

WOLFE RANCH

CHRISTMAS IN THE STABLES

SATURDAY DECEMBER 5TH | 10AM-2PM

ENJOY

- VENDORS & HOLIDAY SHOPPING
- COOKIE DECORATING, HORSES & CRAFTS
- PHOTOS WITH MATT THE CLYESDALE
- GRATITUDE TREE MESSAGES
- VISIT WHISKERS & MANES ADOPTABLE CATS
- FOOD TRUCK BY BACKROADS EATS & SWEETS

2932 240TH ST. MARSHALLTOWN, IA

IOWA | Department of Veterans Affairs

The State of Iowa is dedicated to ensuring that ALL veterans and their dependents receive the full measure of county, state, and federal benefits to which they are rightfully entitled. Iowa has 99 County Veterans Affairs offices, 2 Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs offices, and partnerships with the Iowa Veterans Home, Iowa Veterans Service Organizations, the Federal VA Benefits Administration, the Veteran Healthcare Administration, three Vet Centers, and 13 Community- based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs). The mission of each of these entities is to provide benefits and care to our veterans.

County Benefits

Get to know your local county veterans affairs officials by finding them in your local phone book or by going to the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs website: https://dva.iowa.gov/county-veteran-service-offices.

Each county VA office has an accredited service officer trained to assist veterans and their families with:

- Application for compensation & pension
  - Service-connected disability/compensation
  - Non-service-connected disability pension
  - Dependency & Indemnity Compensation (DIC)
  - Death pension for surviving spouse & dependent children
  - Aid & Attendance/housebound benefits
- Application for Iowa Veterans Home
- Certificates of eligibility for home loans
- Obtaining military records & medals/ribbons
- Grave markers
- Headstones

Some counties have dedicated funds to assist veterans with emergency services. These may include:

- Temporary shelter & utilities
- Food & health supplies
- Transportation assistance
- Funeral expenses

Always keep your DD214 in a safe place – such as a safety-deposit box or safe – and be sure to file your DD214 with your respective county recorder.

IDVA State Benefits

The Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs serves as a source of information on veterans' benefits. IDVA's benefit specialists are accredited by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and specialize in federal as well as state VA benefits. They can be reached at: 800.838.4692 or 515.252.4698. Also visit IDVA's website for information: https://dva.iowa.gov.

- **Disabled Veteran's Homestead Tax Credit:** This benefit provides an exemption of property taxes for 100% service-connected disabled veterans, Individual Unemployable (IU) veterans, and family members receiving Dependency and Indemnity compensation (DIC) as certified by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. For more information and an application, visit: https://tax.iowa.gov/forms/application-disabled-veteran-homestead-tax-credit-54-049.
- **Military Tax Exemption:** This legislation exempts federal retirement pay received for military service and survivor benefits from state individual income tax https://tax.iowa.gov/military-retirement-benefits-exclusion-iowa-income-tax
- **Veterans' License Plates:** Honorably discharged veterans are eligible to purchase specialty license plates available for an additional charge through the Iowa Department of Transportation. In 2014 the Special plate issuance fees charged for the first set of plates associated with military service have been eliminated. *Note:* This is the *issuance* fee and *not* the registration fee. Visit: https://iowadot.gov/mvd/vehicleregistration/vehicleregistration/plates/plates for details.
- **Veterans Designation on Iowa Drivers Licenses and IDs:** Honorably discharged veterans may request the "Veteran" designation be placed on their driver's license or non-operator identification card. Veterans must present a copy of their DD214 or applicable discharge document to the County or State Veterans Affairs Office to have their eligibility certified and then complete an Iowa DOT Application form. The application is available here: https://iowadot.gov/mvd/driverslicense/Optional-drivers-license-or-ID-card-designations.
- **Property Tax Exemption:** This benefit reduces a veteran's assessed home value for property tax purposes up to $4000. Military veterans who (1) served on active duty and were honorably discharged or (2) members of the reserve forces or Iowa National Guard who served at least 20 years qualify for this exemption. The veteran must apply with their county assessor; once accepted, exemption is ongoing. For more information, visit: https://tax.iowa.gov/tax-credits-and-exemptions#19
- **Lifetime Hunting/Fishing License for Disabled Veterans:** Disabled veterans and/or POWs (at least 0% service-connected) can receive a lifetime hunting or fishing license for a $7.00 fee. A DNR application can be found here: https://www.iowadnr.gov/portals/idnr/uploads/forms/5421412.pdf
- **Military Service Member Home Ownership Assistance Program:** This program provides eligible service members and veterans with a $5,000 grant that may be used toward down payment and closing cost assistance on a qualifying home purchase. Eligible service members may access the Military Homeownership Program Assistance to be used with a qualifying mortgage or cash purchase transaction. Contact a participating lender to determine eligibility and begin the application process. Visit https://www.iowafinance.com/homeownership/mortgage-programs/military-homeownership-assistance-program/

- **Veterans Trust Fund:** The State of Iowa has established a multi-million dollar fund to provide certain services to veterans. Currently, funds are used for unemployment or underemployment assistance (due to service-related causes), emergency housing, car repairs, dental, and other items as funds are available. For a complete list, go to: https://dva.iowa.gov/benefits-assistance/iowa-veterans-trust-fund.
- **Injured Veterans Grant:** This grant provides assistance to veterans who were seriously injured in the Iraq or Afghanistan theatre of operation after September 11, 2001. For information on required documentation and eligibility visit the IDVA website: https://dva.iowa.gov/benefits-assistance/injured-veterans-grant or call IDVA's office: 800.838.4692.
- **Branstad-Reynolds Scholarship Fund:** This scholarship fund provides post-secondary educational scholarships for children of deceased military service members who died while in an active military status after September 11, 2001. The Scholarship is administered by IDVA and the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines. Visit: https://dva.iowa.gov/media/22/download?check_logged_in=1&inline=
- **War Orphan Tuition Assistance:** Children of Iowa veterans killed in action following September 11, 2001 are eligible for up to $11,844.00 per year in tuition assistance at an Iowa post-secondary institution. Children qualify up to the age of twenty-six (26). Dependents of those killed in action prior to September 11, 2001 are eligible for $600 per year with a maximum of $3,000. Residency is required to receive this benefit. Visit https://dva.iowa.gov/benefits-assistance/benefits

- **High School Diploma:** "Operation Recognition" furnishes an *honorary* high school diploma to qualifying honorably discharged veterans who did not complete high school due to armed service enlistment. An application form can be found on the IDVA website: https://dva.iowa.gov/benefits-assistance/benefits
- **Repository:** The Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs serves as a repository for military discharges, veterans' grave registrations, and state service compensation records. Contact the Camp Dodge office for more information.

Iowa Veterans Cemetery

The Iowa Veterans Cemetery is centrally located approximately 10 miles west of Des Moines near Van Meter. The Cemetery is available to eligible veterans and eligible spouses/dependent children for interment. Honorably discharged veterans are interred at no charge and spouses/dependents are interred for a $300 fee. For further information contact the cemetery staff: 515.996.9048, or visit their website https://dva.iowa.gov/iowa-veterans-cemetery for details and applications.

Iowa Veterans Home

The Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown, Iowa is available for honorably discharged veterans, as well as their spouses or widows for long-term care needs. IVH is dedicated to providing professionally managed health care for veterans of all ages. More information can be found at https://dva.iowa.gov/iowa-veterans-home

Veteran and Military Education – Iowa Department of Education

The Iowa Department of Education has been designated by the governor of the state of Iowa as the location for the Iowa State Approving Agency. The State Approving Agency is responsible for approving all GI Bill programs in Iowa for veterans and other eligible persons. Military education staff provides educational and career assistance for veterans and other eligible persons. For more information, call the department: 515.281.3317 or visit IDVA's webpage for a link to programs approved by the Veteran and Military Education Unit for Iowa veterans and information regarding educational support for children of military personnel. Visit: https://educateiowa.gov/adult-career-and-community-college/veterans-military-education.

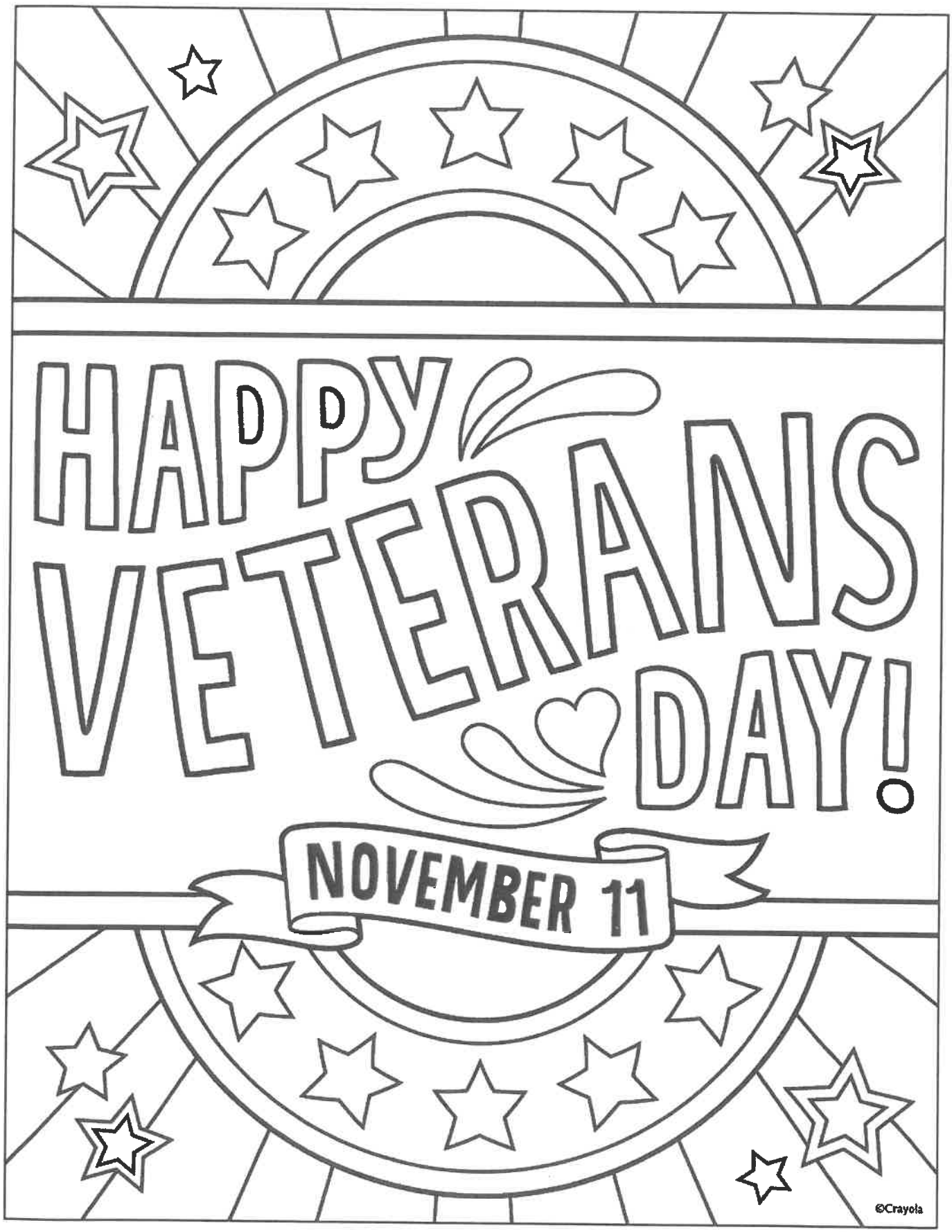
Iowa Workforce Development

Home Base Iowa Home Base Iowa connects Iowa businesses with qualified veterans and their spouses looking for career opportunities. The program also provides resources to help connect veterans and their families with education and in transitioning to a new community. https://homebaseiowa.gov/

Iowa Workforce Development Veteran Employment Services IWD has 15 regional offices located across Iowa. Each Regional Workforce Development Center has a Veteran's Employment Representative coordinating all specific services provided to veterans within the Iowa Workforce system, including working closely with clients of VA Vocational Rehabilitation. For more information or to find the closest office, go to: https://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/veteran-employment-services.

Iowa National Guard

The Iowa National Guard has a full-spectrum webpage that details National Guard benefits, including educational, medical, and employment benefits. Visit: https://www.iowanationalguard.com/SitePages/Index.aspx for additional information.



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