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## FAIRGOER CONTESTS

The following pages detail the Fairgoer Contests open to persons of all ages, unless noted in the contest guidelines.

There is no cost to enter each contest. Enter as many contests as you wish.

All contests, except for the Baby Contest, are held in the Featherlite Center on the Fairgrounds. The Featherlite Center also houses the Fair's open class exhibits, such as Arts & Crafts & Flower Departments.

All these contests are sponsored by area individuals and businesses. We thank them for their involvement and encourage others to express their appreciation to all the contest sponsors.

The contests are listed in the order of their entry day, Wednesday to Saturday.

After judging of the food contests, a 'tasting party' is held, where fairgoers can sample the entries for that contest.

Other than the food contests, if you want your contest entry it must be picked up between 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Sunday of the Fair unless other arrangements have been made.

For specific contest questions please contact the Fair Office at 563-547-3400 (Fair week).

All are encouraged to take part in these contests. Enjoy and have fun!

# MIGHTY HOWARD COUNTY FAIR CRESCO IOWA



**Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Scheidel Plaza Stage**

## Contest Rules

### Basic Contest Regulations

- Two age classes: 16 years & under; 17 years and above – solo or groups welcome
- Family friendly entertainment only
- No animal acts or dangerous acts
- Acts could include any of the following types of entertainment:
  - Singing
  - Dancing
  - Magic
  - Animal Calling
  - Skits
  - Musical
  - String Instruments (banjo, guitar, etc.)
  - Keyboard (piano, organ)
- CD player and micro phone provided. Act to provide any other equipment needed for performance
- 3-minute time limit per act
- Judging Criteria shall be:
  - Entertainment value
  - Confidence of performers
  - Audience reaction

### Prizes per age class:

- First place, \$150; 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$100; 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$50.
- All persons shall receive participation ribbon.

### Entry information:

- Entry form available at [www.mhcfair.com](http://www.mhcfair.com).
- No entry fees.

Questions, please contact Kelly Bartling, 319-404-8008; E-mail [kellybartling@gmail.com](mailto:kellybartling@gmail.com)  
Dean Lickteig, 563-547-0444

# MIGHTY HOWARD COUNTY FAIR - CRESCO IOWA



Entry Form – Print clearly

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Main Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Age Group (circle one);                      Sprout                      Senior

Circle one:                      Solo Act                      Group Act (no more than 5 persons)

Briefly describe your act & list other persons if a group: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Hold Harmless Agreement:**

I agree to indemnify, hold harmless and defend the Mighty Howard County Fair, its individual members and Directors against any and all claims arising out of or resulting from my participation in the Mighty Howard County Fair's Got Talent Contest. In addition, I hereby certify that I have read and agree to follow the rules of the contest and to respect the judges' rulings.

Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Mail Entry Form to: Mighty Howard County Fair, P.O. Box 83, Cresco, IA 52136  
Or drop off at Fair Office during Fair week.*

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*Cresco Times Plain Dealer proudly presents ...*

## *“MY WORLD” PHOTO CONTEST*

### ***Featherlite Center***

***Entries accepted Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. - Judging at 5:00 p.m.***

**No Entry Fees – Limit of 2 entries per person – Open to all ages!**

**ALL ENTRIES WILL BE ON DISPLAY THROUGHOUT THE FAIR IN THE FEATHERLITE CENTER**

***All entries must be picked up between 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday. Entries not picked up will be disposed of.***

**The purpose of the contest is to promote an interest in creative, quality amateur photography; to recognize the expertise of area photographers; and to provide another cultural attraction for the Howard County Fair.**

**Creative photography is important and something that needs to be displayed!**

#### **AWARDS & CATEGORIES**

**\$50 in Cresco Chamber Dollars to overall “BEST of SHOW” (selected out of the submitted entries)**

**\$25 Cresco Chamber Dollars and 2 Cresco Theatre Movie Passes to winner in each category.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & Honorable Mention Ribbons and “People’s Choice Award” are sponsored by the Howard County Fair.**

- 1. People: Family, Children, Special People**
- 2. Scenic, Nature & Places: Still Life, Flowers, Insects, Wildlife, USA, International**
- 3. Life in Iowa: At the Fair, Farm Life, Animals**
- 4. Youth - 18 years & Under: Anything Goes**
- 5. Black & White: Anything Goes**

#### **STANDARDS OF JUDGING**

**Quality of Composition; Quality of Printed Product; Creativity; Quality of Presentation**

#### **GENERAL RULES INCLUDE ...**

- 1. Photos may be black and white or color.**
- 2. Limit of two entries per person.**
- 3. Contest is open to all amateur photographers.**
- 4. Photos must be original and no smaller than 4” x 6” or larger than 8” x 10”.**
- 5. Photos must be mounted on foam core or matted; no framed photos.**
- 6. Neatness and quality of presentation counts.**
- 7. Each entry must have 25-100 word “backgrounder” on the image, along with name, address, phone # of and short bio on photographer.**
- 8. Judges (selected by the Cresco TPD staff) reserve the right not to make any awards in any category, and have the right to accept or reject any entry.**
- 9. Please e-mail copy of photo to [tpdeditor@crescotimes.com](mailto:tpdeditor@crescotimes.com) for possible reprint.**
- 10. Winning entries may be published in the Cresco Times Plain Dealer.**

**Disclaimer: The Cresco Times Plain Dealer, the Mighty Howard County Fair and sponsors take no responsibility for any damage or theft of the photographs that are entered. Entrants submit photos at their own risk. Entrants grant the Cresco Times Plain Dealer the right to publish submitted photographs, “backgrounders,” and biographical information in the newspaper and in other printed material advertising and publicizing the contest.**

**QUAM'S AUTO SERVICE & SALVAGE, Lime Springs, proudly presents...**

# **BUCKET 'O' JUNK CONTEST**

## **Featherlite Center**

Entries accepted Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. -- No Entry Fees

**ENTRIES WILL BE ON DISPLAY THROUGHOUT THE FAIR**

A five-gallon pail of unique pieces, or junk, will be given to those entering contest. Items can be cleaned, sanded, painted, or otherwise finished; bent to conform to a shape, glued, bolted, welded or otherwise together. Create whatever you wish with the contents of the pail.

No pieces or items can be added; only use what is provided in the pail.

The goal is to use all of the items provided in the pail.

A "Bucket 'O' Junk" can be picked up at Cresco Building Service.

Call 563-547-2525 to arrange pickup of bucket.

Judging on originality, quality of workmanship, usefulness and creativity.

Judging of entries will take place on Thursday.

Prizes – 1<sup>st</sup> place \$25, 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$15, 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$10

*All entries must be picked up between 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday unless other arrangements have been made.*



**WALTON'S TREE SERVICE, Cresco proudly presents ...**

# **ROCK CREATIONS CONTEST**

## **Featherlite Center**



*Use Your Imagination – Make Your Favorite Rock Creation*

Entries accepted Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Open to all ages - No Entry Fees – Please note age on entry.

**ENTRIES WILL BE ON DISPLAY THROUGHOUT THE FAIR**

Judging will take place on Thursday

Prizes – 1<sup>st</sup> place \$25, 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$15, 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$10

*Entries must be picked up between 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Sunday unless other arrangements have been made.*



**ERICKSON PROCHASKA REAL ESTATE, Cresco, proudly presents...**

# **GUESS THE ITEMS CONTEST**

## **Featherlite Center**

*Fairgoers guess the number of Fair Buttons in a large jar.*

*Winners chosen on the three closest guesses of the number of Fair Buttons in the Jar.*

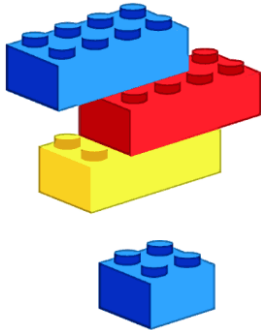
Winners Announced Saturday Evening

Prizes: 1st place \$25, 2nd place \$15, 3rd place \$10



A & J CONSTRUCTION, Cresco, proudly presents ...

# LEGO CONTEST



## Featherlite Center

Entries accepted Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

No Entry Fees – One entry per exhibitor

Use Your Imagination – Make Your Favorite Lego Creation

**NO KITS ALLOWED!** Kits will be disqualified!

Entries must be different than those entered and judged as a 4-H project.

Entries on Display throughout the Fair

Judging will take place on Thursday

2 Age Groups: 7 years and younger; 8 years and older

Prizes for each age group: 1st place \$25, 2nd place \$15, 3rd place \$10

All entries must be picked up between 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday  
unless other arrangements have been made.

MiEnergy COOPERATIVE, Cresco, proudly presents...

# LIGHT BULB DECORATING CONTEST

## Featherlite Center

Open to Kids ages 12 and under

Entries accepted Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

No Entry Fees - Judging will take place on Thursday

Each child entering will receive a new LED light bulb.

Entries on Display throughout the Fair

Prizes: 1st place \$25, 2nd place \$15, 3rd place \$10

All entries must be picked up between 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday  
unless other arrangements have been made.



HOWARD COUNTY MUTUAL INSURANCE proudly presents ...

# MY FAVORITE CASSEROLE CONTEST

## Featherlite Center

Entries accepted Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. - No Entry Fee

Limit of 2 Entries per Individual

Judging at 12:00 p.m. (Noon) Wednesday

Homemade casseroles only.

Entries judged on appearance, taste, texture.

Recipes appreciated with each entry.

Judge's decision will be final.

Prizes: 1st -- \$25 cash, 2nd – \$15 cash, 3rd – \$10 cash

Fairgoers invited to a tasting party after judging



MUDSLINGER'S CONSTRUCTION, Cresco proudly presents ...

# REPURPOSED/RECYCLED PROJECT CONTEST

Open To All Ages

## Featherlite Center

Entries to consist of items made from recycled products.  
Items used could be plastic bottles, clothing, tin cans, clay pots and more...

Entries accepted Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

No Entry Fees – Please note age of youth on entry.

ENTRIES WILL BE ON DISPLAY THROUGHOUT THE FAIR

Judging will take place on Thursday

Prizes – 1<sup>st</sup> place \$25, 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$15, 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$10

All entries must be picked up between 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday unless other arrangements have been made.



This contest courtesy of MUDSLINGER'S CONSTRUCTION, Cresco

CRESKO BUILDING SERVICE & HARVEY'S USED AUTOS, CRESKO proudly presents ...

# CREATE A GNOME CONTEST

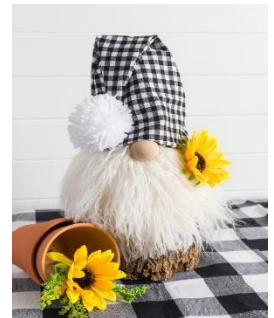
Two Age Groups: 12 years old and under; 13 years and older

## Featherlite Center

Imagination is key – All seasons, holidays and special events can be featured

Entries accepted Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

No Entry Fees – Please note age of youth on entry.



ENTRIES WILL BE ON DISPLAY THROUGHOUT THE FAIR

Judging will take place on Thursday

Prizes for each age group...

1<sup>st</sup> place \$25, 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$15, 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$10

All entries must be picked up between 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, unless other arrangements have been made.

This contest courtesy of

Cresco Building Service & Harvey's Used Autos, Cresco

*MiEnergy COOPERATIVE, Cresco, proudly presents ...*

## **HOMEMADE SALSA MAKER CONTEST**

### **Featherlite Center**

*Entries accepted Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.*

**No Entry Fee -- Open to All Persons**

**Judging at 1:00 p.m.**



**One pint per Entry**

**Limit of 2 Entries per Individual**

**Entries judged on appearance, taste, texture.**

**Recipes appreciated with each entry.**

**Chips will be furnished.**

**Judge's decision will be final.**

**Prizes: 1st -- \$25 cash, 2nd -- \$15 cash, 3rd -- \$10 cash**

*Fairgoers invited to a tasting party after judging*

*MiEnergy COOPERATIVE, Cresco, proudly presents...*

## **STRAWBERRY DESSERT CONTEST**

### **Featherlite Center**

*Entries accepted Wednesday from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.*

**No Entry Fee -- Limit of 2 Entries per Individual**

**Open to all persons 12 years of age and older**

**Judging at 2:00 p.m.**

**Homemade desserts only, must be in  
a disposable container.**

**Entries judged on appearance, taste, texture.**

**Recipes appreciated with each entry.**

**Judge's decision will be final.**

**Prizes: 1st -- \$25 cash, 2nd -- \$15 cash, 3rd -- \$10 cash**



*Fairgoers invited to a tasting party after judging*



*CRESCO MOTOR COMPANY proudly presents...*

# *CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE CONTEST*

## **Featherlite Center**

*Entries accepted Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.*



**Judging at 1:00 p.m. - No Entry Fees**

**Limit of 2 Entries per Individual**

**Any type chocolate chip cookie allowed.**

**4 cookies on paper plate per entry**

**Entries judged on appearance, taste, texture**



**Prizes: 1st -- \$25 cash and Collector Cookie Plate 2nd -- \$15 cash; 3rd -- \$10 cash**

*Fairgoers invited to tasting party after judging.*

*MANLY & LINDA BIGALK & GOLDEN RIDGE HONEY, Granger, proudly presents their ...*



# **TASTE OF HONEY CONTEST**

## **Featherlite Center**

*Entries accepted Thursday, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. -- No Entry Fees*

**Judging at 2:00 p.m. – 12 oz. Honey Bear given to each entry.**

**Limit of 2 Entries per Individual**

**Entry must include honey, no sugar.**

**Recipe required as a part of the entry.**

**Open to any item made with honey.**

**Prizes: 1st place \$25, 2nd place \$15, 3rd place \$10**



LYNCH LIVESTOCK, Cresco, proudly presents ...

# TASTE OF BACON CONTEST

## Featherlite Center

Entries accepted Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Judging at 12:00 p.m. (Noon) -- No Entry Fee

Limit of 2 Entries per Individual



Any home-made food item that contains bacon.

Recipe to be included with each entry.

Judge's decision will be final.

Prizes: 1st -- \$25 cash

2nd -- \$15 cash

3rd -- \$10 cash



HOLSTROM'S GIFT & JEWELRY, Cresco, proudly presents its ...

# HOMEMADE WINE CONTEST

## Featherlite Center

Entries accepted on Thursday from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Judging at 5:45 p.m. -- No Entry Fees -- Open to amateurs only

### Home-made Wine Entry Guidelines

- Exhibitor must be 21 years of age or older to enter.
- One bottle per entry.
- No limit to the number of entries per exhibitor, but each entry must be a different type of wine.
- Exhibitor can submit entries in both categories.
- The exhibitor must give a description of each wine by the main ingredient (i.e. rhubarb, grape, etc.).
- Wine shall be in standard wine bottles, 23 to 30 ounces, with labels removed and be properly sealed.
- Bottles shall contain at least 20 ounces of wine.



### Two Categories ...

Wine Made From Scratch & Wine Made From Kits

### Judging Criteria...

(1) Aroma, (2) Appearance, (3) Taste, and (4) Overall Impression.

-- Prizes for Each Category --

1<sup>st</sup> place, 4 Wine Goblets, custom engraved

2<sup>nd</sup> place & 3<sup>rd</sup> place, 2 Wine Goblets, custom engraved

*REINHART MACHINE & REPAIR – CHAD, VICKI & FAMILY of Cresco proudly presents ...*

# **MY FAVORITE APPETIZER CONTEST**

## **Featherlite Center**

*Entries accepted Friday from 10:30 p.m. to 11:30 a.m. - No Entry Fee*



Judging at 12:00 p.m. (Noon) Friday

Limit of 2 Entries per Individual

Homemade appetizers only.

Recipe included with each entry.

Judge's decision will be final.

Prizes: 1st -- \$25 cash, 2nd – \$15 cash, 3rd – \$10 cash

*Fairgoers invited to a tasting party after judging.*

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*DR. PAUL & JAYNE JENSEN, Cresco, proudly presents ...*

# **BLUEBERRY DESSERT CONTEST**

## **Featherlite Center**

*Entries accepted on Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - No Entry Fees*



Judging at 1:00 p.m.

Each entry to consist of 4 pieces of dessert per plate.  
(Disposable plates only)

Limit of 2 Entries per Individual

Recipes appreciated with each entry.

Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> place, \$25, 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$15, 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$10

*Fairgoers invited to tasting party after judging.*

*JEFF BOEKE AND SONS proudly presents their annual ...*

## **BEST KOLACHE MAKER CONTEST**

### **Featherlite Center**

*Entries accepted Friday from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. -- No Entry Fees*

Judging at 2:00 p.m.

Four Kolaches of same filling per entry

Limit of 2 Entries per Individual

Any fillings may be used

Entries Judged on Appearance, Taste, and Texture

\$50 and a special plaque awarded to the ' BEST KOLACHE BAKER'

Runner-up to receive \$25



*Fairgoers invited to tasting party after judging*

*JOE & ROCHELLE BRAUN of Cresco proudly present their ...*

## **MY FAVORITE HOMEMADE BARS CONTEST**

### **Featherlite Center**

Entries accepted Friday from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. - No Entry Fees

Judging at 3:00 p.m. Friday

Each entry to consist of 4 bars per plate

Limit of 2 Entries per Individual

Any kind of bar acceptable. Recipe appreciated with each entry

Prizes: 1st place \$25.00, 2nd place \$15.00, 3rd place \$10.00

*Fairgoers invited to tasting party after judging*



*CUSB Bank, The Cresco Shopper, Holstrom's Gift & Jewelry*

*and Dawson Rasmusson Photography of Cresco proudly present their ...*

## **33<sup>rd</sup> Annual BABY CONTEST**

**Saturday – 10:00 a.m. – Scheidel Plaza Stage**

Open to all Babies up to 12 months of Age

*Awards will be given to each baby who is judged to have the best in each of the following categories:*

*Chubbiest Cheeks*

*Least Hair*

*Most Hair*

*Youngest Child*

*Oldest Child*

*Twins - Most Alike*

*Twins - Least Alike*

*Sweetest Smile*

*Prettiest Eyes*

*Also named will be the Mighty Howard County Fair's*

***"Prince" (overall cutest boy) and "Princess" (overall cutest girl)***

- Registration will be from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the Scheidel Plaza Stage.
- Early Bird Drawing – register by 9:00 a.m. for chance to win \$50 Cresco Chamber Bucks
- Judging starts at 10:00 a.m. on the Scheidel Plaza stage.
- Baby is to be registered in ONLY one of the judging categories.
- Overall Cutest will be chosen from all contestants.
- This contest is open to all babies in our Fair trade area.
- Each contestant will receive a special ribbon.
- Age of contestants is up to 12 months of age.
- A member of the immediate family must accompany each contestant.
- Entry is free of charge to contestants and spectators
- Current photo of baby is required. Photo will not be returned.

Dawson Rasmusson Photography of Cresco will give a mini session to the overall cutest girl and overall cutest boy.

*Overall Cutest trophies sponsored by Holstrom's Gift & Jewelry, Cresco*

*Other prizes courtesy of CUSB Bank, The Cresco Shopper and participating area merchants.*

This contest courtesy of CUSB Bank, The Cresco Shopper, Holstrom's Gift & Jewelry and Dawson Rasmusson Photography of Cresco