

48th Annual Southwest Iowa

Hot Air Balloon Days

COMMUNITY CALENDAR - CRESTON, IOWA

September 17-20, 2026

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Subject to Change - Updated 8/10/26)

(Balloon Flights are subject to weather conditions)

(* Indicates the event is sponsored by the Hot Air Balloon Committee)

Thursday, September 17

Friends of the Library Used Book Sale,
503 W. Adams St. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

*Hot Air Balloon Registration 3:00 p.m.

Pork Chop Dinner, McKinley Park 4:30 - 7 p.m.

*Thursday Evening Glow at the Park Dusk

Friday, September 18

*Balloon Competition Flight 6:30 a.m. - Airport
Friends of the Library Used Book Sale,
503 W. Adams St. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

*Friday Fun Flight 5 p.m.

Creston Elks Club 125 Years Celebration - food, fun & music,
Elks Club 5 p.m.

*Night Glow. Following evening flight - Airport

Saturday, September 19

*Balloon Competition Flight 6:30 a.m. - Airport

*Food Stands. 6 a.m. - ? - Airport/and Uptown

Tethered Balloon Rides. 7:15 a.m. - Airport

*Craft Fair 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Uptown

*Flea Market 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Uptown

Balloon Days 5K 7:30 a.m. - CHS Panther Field

Caboose Open 9 a.m. - Noon - Uptown

Friends of the Library Used Book Sale

503 W. Adams St. 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Chalk the Town Mural Contest 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Uptown

Creston Arts

Creston Model Railroaders 9 a.m. - Noon - Depot

Presidential Doll Display All Day - Depot

*Parade

Marching Bands, Balloonists and more 10:30 a.m. - Uptown

Pickelball Tournament 1 p.m. - McKinley Park

Creston High School 2025 Band Field Event. 1:30 p.m. - CHS

Historical Village Open 1 to 4:30 p.m. - McKinley Park

*Pet Show 2 p.m. - Airport

Greater Regional Health Kids Time 2 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Airport

*Pedal Pull 2:30 p.m. - Airport

Spotlight School of Dance Performance 3 p.m. - Airport

*Evening Balloon Competition Flight 4:30 p.m. - Airport

Tethered Balloon Rides. 4:30 p.m. - Airport

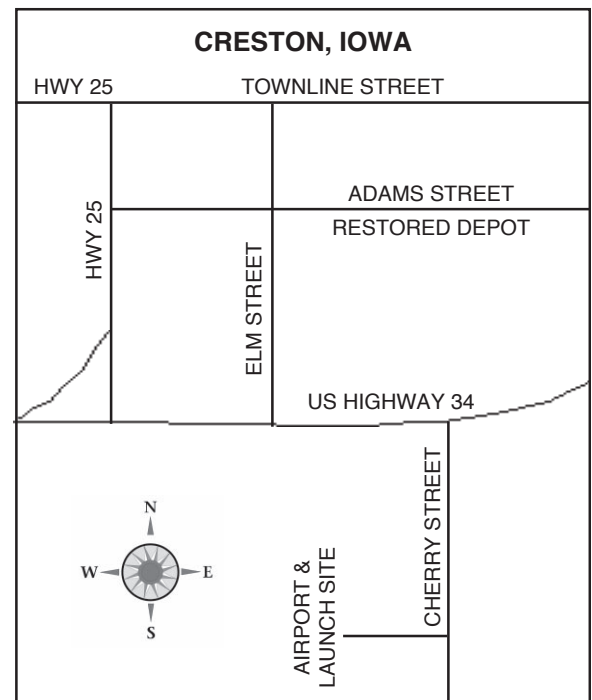
Dock of the Bay Night of Music. 6:00 p.m. - Eagles Club

*Night Glow Following Evening Flight - Airport

Sunday, September 20

*Balloon Competition Flight 6:30 a.m. - Airport

*Food Stands. 6 a.m. - 10 a.m. - Airport



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