Calendar Overview

November

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Event Schedule

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Special Events

Native American Heritage Month

11/17

Arvel Bird Concert Screening

Experience the music and artistry of award-winning Native American violinist Arvel Bird in a special screening of his 2018 concert hosted by the Native American Society of Southeast Minnesota.

7 PM - 8:30 PM ($5, members free)

11/21

Historic Junk Journaling Workshop

Explore historic junk journaling with an introductory class and an extended open workshop! Learn basic techniques, use historic magazines and provided materials to create your own journal pages. Register for both sessions or sign up for individual sessions.

10 AM - 1:30 PM (pricing: See website for details)

Family Events

11/14

Storytime: “The Gratitude Jar”

Join us for Saturday morning storytime! Enjoy an engaging story and a fun hands-on craft. Barb Meyer will be reading The Gratitude Jar, and afterward, kids will get to create their very own gratitude jar to take home!

10 AM - 11 AM (free event)

Thanks to a generous donation from Minnwest Bank we're offering free Admission in November 2026.

Lectures

11/05

Mayo Clinic Lecture Series

The Real Moonlight Graham: A Life Well Lived

Join us for a special screening, celebrating Dr. Archibald “Moonlight” Graham’s legacy from baseball legend to beloved doctor and community pillar. Guest speakers Jeanne Klein and Mark Flaherty will share historical insights into his remarkable life and lasting impact.

7 PM - 8:30 PM ($5, members free)

11/19

Native American Heritage Month

Lecture with Betty Smith & Shirley Greising

Join sisters Betty Smith and Shirley Greising, Dakota elders and community advocates, as they share stories of their family, history, and culture. Born and raised in Rochester, Betty and Shirley are dedicated to preserving Indigenous history, raising awareness of Dakota heritage, and protecting sacred Dakota sites throughout southeastern Minnesota.

7 PM - 8:30 PM ($5, members free)

Senior Programming

11/04

Heritage, Heroes and History!

SE MN in the Vietnam Era

Join us for “Heritage, Heroes, and History!” designed for our 55+ community. This is a special program focusing on Southeast Minnesota during the Vietnam Era, offering a welcoming space for meaningful conversation and direct connection.

10 AM - 11 AM (free event / free-will donation)