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dates to know

Farm to Table Thursdays, 5:30 to 8 pm, WH
Friday Lunches 11 am - 1 pm, CLC

July 4,5 both locations closed
July 12 H & H tea, WH
July 15 Cooking Class, WH
July 27 Know Your Farmer, CLC

Aug 7 Prairie Painting, WH
Aug 9 H & H Tea, WH

WH: Wallace House
CLC: CountryLife Center



american dreamer
To celebrate Henry A. Wallace's 131st birthday, Tom Milligan will portray him during a dinner theater performance of "American Dreamer: The Life and Times of Henry A. Wallace" on Monday, October 7 at the Country Life Center. The 3-course dinner begins at 6 pm with the performance at 7 pm. \$35/person includes gratuity. Reservations: 641.337.5019 or email [Lisa](#).

NEW! cooking class added

Chef Katie's added a second **Holiday Appetizer and Decorating Tips** class on Monday, Nov. 25 at the Wallace House. The only other cooking class that still has openings is **One Pot Meals** on Monday, Oct. 7. Classes begin at 5:30 pm at the Wallace House, last 2+ hours and include dinner. \$45/person. Contact [Deborah](#).



innovative
WCI is included in the 2019 [Innovation Iowa magazine](#). Thanks to the Des Moines Business Record and writer Suzanne Behnke for this great article!



shared use kitchen

Operated by WCI, the Mickle Center Shared Use Community Kitchen in Des Moines is available to rent. Contact Kitchen Supervisor [Mary Kapler](#) or call her at 515.282.4715.

volunteer

donate

grant for pizza on the prairie



MidAmerican Energy awarded WCI \$5,000 to launch a new "Pizza on the Prairie" event at the Country Life Center. Handmade pizza with fresh veggie toppings from the garden will be served on Wednesday nights later this summer and into fall. Watch for more details soon!

\$10k arts grant for prairie art festival

IOWA ARTS COUNCIL
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS
WCI received a \$10,000 Cultural Heritage Project Grant from the Iowa Arts Council, a division of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs. Funds will support a new Prairie Art Exhibit and Festival during September and October at the Country Life Center. This community art event will feature an exhibit of prairie-themed artwork, displays, botanical classes, tours & programs. Details TBA.

know your farmer hits the road



July 27: Mosa Shayan, WCI Farm Programs Manager

Time for a road trip! Tour the gardens and orchard at the Country Life Center, then feast on a 4-course meal that you'll not soon forget: Farm Vegetable Platter, Trio of Summer Sides, Roasted Pork Loin, and Sour Cream Cheesecake with Summer Apples and Caramel. Chef Katie is teaming up with Chef Sarah for the best of both WCI locations! Email [Lisa](#) or call 641.337.5019. Welcome at 4:45 pm, tour 5 pm, seating 6 pm, dinner served 6:30 pm. \$50/person, BYOB, community seating.

volunteers + weeds = clean garden



All of the recent rain has encouraged the weeds to grow! We're looking for several volunteers to help us control the weeds in our sweet potato patch for the Food Bank of Iowa. The next scheduled weeding day is July 24, but other times can be arranged. Contact [Lisa](#) to let us know you're coming. Groups certainly welcome. If you'd like to be a "Garden for Good" sponsor, please email [Ann](#).

free for friday lunch?



Get out to the farm at least once this season for Friday Lunch. Chef Sarah Mathews is in the kitchen each week (except July 5) thru Sept. 27, turning the fresh garden produce into tasty menu items. Email [Lisa](#) for reservations or call 641.337.5019. Walk-ins are welcome too.

tasty thursday dinners



Chef Katie is taking July 4 off, but she'll be back July 11 and every Thursday until Thanksgiving for seasonal, locally-sourced [menus](#) that feature a special chef's appetizer, entree, and dessert inspired by the farm. Reservations are

available from 5:30 - 8 pm. Don't wait for a special occasion! [Reserve](#) your seat now. 515.243.7063

hearts & homes at wallace house



Bring your family or friends to one of our Hearts & Homes programs--a 3-course lunch and program. Dates include July 12, August 9 and Sept. 20, from 11:30 am to 1 pm. \$25/person. Email [Deborah](#) or call 515.243.7063. Private teas are also available; just ask.

wish list



Have you upgraded your technology? WCI is looking for a gently used **iPad** for the Country Life Center to make checkout quick and easy. We're also looking for an **indoor/outdoor speaker system** to use during special events. Please contact Lisa at 641.337.5019 if you have either one. Thank you!



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