



Big As a Barn News

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dates to know

Indoor programs thru Aug. 31 are canceled including Farm to Table Thursday dinners and Hearts and Homes Teas.

now - August 29 Prairie Art Exhibit, CLC

July 10 Pizza on the Prairie (POTP), CLC

July 13 Cooking Class (full)

July 17 POTP, CLC

July 24 POTP, CLC

July 31 POTP, CLC

Aug 7 POTP, CLC

Aug 14 POTP, CLC

Aug 21 POTP, CLC

Aug 28 POTP, CLC

WH: Wallace House

CLC: Country Life Center



shared use kitchen

The Mickle Center Shared Use Kitchen in Des Moines supports several local food businesses owned by immigrants and people of color. If you're in the DSM area, consider supporting Palm's Caribbean Cuisine, 5 Spice, and Lumpia & Co. For questions about the kitchen, contact Kitchen Supervisor [Mary Kapler](#) or

COVID 19 response

WCI has canceled all **indoor** public events through **August 31**. Staff are available by phone and email (here is our [staff directory](#)). Updates will be provided on our [website](#) and [Facebook page](#).

welcome, Julia!



Julia Weishaar-Mullin is now our first-ever dedicated Program Coordinator. Based at the Country Life Center, she's tasked with managing and expanding existing programs and building new programming, especially online learning during this unprecedented time. "I'm looking forward to joining

the team at WCI and explore the many opportunities for programming that will interest and engage everyone who comes to a historic site or visits us online." Julia is an experienced teacher in the Creston area and she and her family have participated in WCI programs for years. "We're excited to have Julia bring her education, community and arts experience as our first dedicated program coordinator," noted Deb Houghtaling, President & CEO. "WCI is committed to increasing our educational and experiential offerings and look forward to bringing additional programming to the community."

pizza on the prairie



"This experience sums up what it means to live in Iowa..." Online reservations are now available for all our Pizza on the Prairie Friday night events! Brick oven pizza made with toppings

from our garden, live music, outdoor art & the Iowa prairie--what more can you ask for? Sides, desserts, beer, wine and soft drinks available. **Reservations are required** and a small deposit holds your space. [More details](#). Sponsored by MidAmerican, Travel Iowa, EAC Foundation & Farmers Electric Cooperative.

pizza t-shirts

call her at 515.282.4715.



recurring gifts

You can now choose to give automatically on a monthly or annual basis by using our easy and secure [Donate](#) page. One-time gifts are also accepted through this page for the **Garden for Good** or **on-going operations**. Thanks for your support!

volunteer

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Don't forget to get your own Pizza on the Prairie t-shirt and help us celebrate this fun new event! Find them in the Gathering Barn on Friday night and they'll soon be online as well. Comes in adult and youth sizes. [Lisa](#) can hold one back for you.

prairie art exhibit on display



75+ paintings featuring all kinds of pollinators are on display right now at the Country Life Center. View it on your own anytime from dawn to dusk thru August 29. (Buildings are open M-F 9-3.) Make a reservation

to enjoy during Pizza on the Prairie on a Friday night or bring a picnic any other time. Sponsored by the Knock Family Charitable Fund. Free.

at-home recipes from Chef Katie



Chef Katie is sharing her tasty recipes to help with your at-home meal preparation. Find all her recipes on our [Farm to Table page](#). Follow Katie's posts on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#).



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