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dates to know

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

now - Sept. 30 Prairie Art Exhibit, CLC

Sept. 4 POTP, CLC

Sept. 11 POTP, CLC

Sept. 14 Cooking Class online

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Oct. 5 Cooking Class online

WH: Wallace House

CLC: Country Life Center

COVID 19 response

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

picnic theater at the farm



Another Picnic Theater performance is coming soon! **Tom Milligan** presents **Grant Wood: Prairie Rebel** on Sunday, September 27.

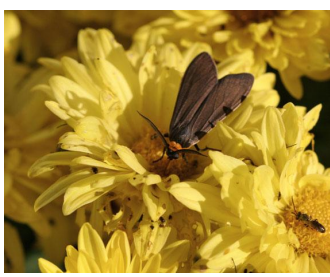
Your ticket includes gourmet brown bag picnic prepared by chefs Hans and Katie. Ticket holders will be set up in socially distant pods on the lawn. Bring your own lawn chairs or we'll have a few folding chairs available. The rain date is October 4. Seating is limited. At this time, just a handful of [tickets](#) remain.

prairie art exhibit extended to Sept. 30



Public reaction to our 2nd annual Prairie Art Exhibit has been so positive that we're extending the show thru September. When we asked our artists for their permission, this was one response: "*I am so*

excited to be part of this exhibit and very pleased that it has been a reason that people are visiting the farm. Here are my two grandsons, Jake and Garrett Wheeler [with the painting] on Pizza Friday." --Patricia Reeves
75+ paintings are displayed in 9 acres of wide-open prairie at the Country Life Center. View it anytime from



NEW! online video

WCI will be moving more of its programming online. We've kicked off this effort with [a video talk](#) on pollinators from retired state park ranger Alan Carr. Check it out and watch for more soon.



shared use kitchen

The Mickle Center Shared Use Kitchen was hopping during a recent Small Business Saturday with Magoo's Pizza, Lumpia & Co., Dinner Dispatch and Ukranian Dumplings. For questions about the kitchen, contact Kitchen Supervisor [Mary Kapler](#) or 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!

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dawn to dusk. (Buildings are open M-F 9-3.) This free exhibit is sponsored by the Knock Family Charitable Fund.

pizza on the prairie ends soon



Our Friday night Pizza on the Prairie events end Sept. 25 so get your tickets while you can! Each night includes 3 kinds of brick oven pizza made with toppings from our garden, live music,

and outdoor art. 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, Empowering Adair County Foundation & Farmers Electric Cooperative. Live music sponsors include Coon Valley Telephone, Maynes Law Office and FNB Bank.

surprise VIP visit to the farm



David Murray, great-grandson of Henry A. Wallace, stopped by the Country Life Center last Friday with his fiancée Jacqueline Bond. The two were headed back to Washington, DC from an extended road trip

across the Plains. David and Jacqueline were amazed by Pizza on the Prairie and the Prairie Art Exhibit. David expressed his appreciation during a few remarks to the crowd.

pizza t-shirts



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're online as well. Comes in adult and youth sizes. [Lisa](#) can hold one back for you.



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