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dates to know

- Oct. 22 Cooking Class
- Oct. 29 Cooking Class

- Nov. 12 Cooking Class
- Nov. 19 Cooking Class
- Nov. 23 Cooking Class

- Dec. 3 Cooking Class
- Dec. 10 Cooking Class
- Dec. 17 Cooking Class



shared use kitchen

OISHII RAMEN is one of the Mickle Center's newest licensed food businesses. They'll sell traditional Japanese Ramen during "pop-up" offerings on Saturdays starting October 24. They tested their broth packaging by driving around town to make sure it's sealed and doesn't spill! For questions about the Mickle Center Shared Use Kitchen, contact Kitchen Supervisor [Mary Kapler](#) or call her at 515.282.4715.



online video

WCI is adding more online programming in response to COVID 19. 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.

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](#)). Any updates will be provided on our [website](#) and [Facebook page](#).

NEW! online cooking classes



Chef Katie's just released a menu of 8 new online cooking classes for the fall! No matter if you need to use

up your garden produce, add something new to your meal rotation or find a new appetizer for the holidays, Katie's got you covered. Gather the ingredients & tools in your own kitchen and work alongside Chef Katie as she demonstrates via Zoom. [Register via our website.](#)

farmhouse renovation



A new sidewalk linking the farmhouse ramp to the existing sidewalk was installed a few weeks

ago. Workers are waiting for historically-accurate windows to be delivered, followed by new shingles and siding. A grant from the State Historical Society is funding the renovation, along with matching funds from private donors.

\$5k grant funds farm-to-school project



Grant funding from the Iowa Dept. of Agriculture and Land Stewardship

will be used to purchase a corer/slicer, commercial food dehydrator, cryovac machine and under counter refrigerator to process apples for schools. This year's apple crop is rather light, but the equipment will be even more useful when harvests are heavy.

new signs installed this week



Two new informational signs will be installed this week at the Country Life Center. Similar in size and style to

the existing prairie sign, the two new signs provide more information about the historic site. Next to the parking lot, one sign provides an introduction to the Wallace family and the farm. The second sign near the garden connects Henry A.'s life-long passion for gardening with the purposes of the current garden.



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!

picnic theater recap



The weather on Oct. 4 was nearly perfect for our final Picnic Theater of the season.

Tom Milligan was convincing as Iowa artist Grant Wood and presented real insight into his too-short life. Grant Wood: Prairie Rebel followed Paxton William's earlier portrayal of scientist George Washington Carver. Both men were connected to Henry A. Wallace. Picnic Theater is sure to return next year with even more shows!

pizza a tasty success



Nearly 1,500 people attended one or more of our 15 Pizza on the Prairie Friday nights and

consumed almost 1,200 pizzas! Patrons traveled from 18 Iowa counties and 5 other states besides Iowa: Nebraska, Illinois, Virginia, Florida and Nevada. Thanks to all who participated!

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