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| |  | | --- | | **DAR Conservation Award to Wallace Centers of Iowa**  Members of the Nancy McKay Harsh chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution presented the Wallace Centers of Iowa with a Conservation Award in recognition of outstanding achievement for environmental awareness.    The Wallace Centers of Iowa’s primary environmental awareness work takes place on the 40-acre Wallace Farm near Orient, the birthplace of Henry A. Wallace. As Secretary of Agriculture during the Great Depression, Wallace implemented a number of farm programs to stabilize agriculture including many conservation practices still used today. Current conservation/environmental work at the Wallace Farm includes programming and plant identification guides centered around the 9-acre restored prairie. The organization had its first Prairie/Conservation Intern in 2022 who created a prairie management plan. The organization also uses conservation practices in its vegetable garden and orchard. Under construction, a geothermal greenhouse is expected to be completed in 2023.    The Daughters of the American Revolution is a national society founded in 1890 with the mission of promoting historic preservation, education and patriotism. It has chapters worldwide including the Nancy McKay Harsh chapter in Creston.    Chapter members who presented the award to the Wallace Centers of Iowa included Janelle Morgan, Chapter Regent; Suzie Thomas and Lynne Schlaht. Lisa Swanson, Wallace Farm Site Manager and Deb Houghtaling, President/CEO accepted the award on behalf of the Wallace Centers of Iowa.  The Wallace Centers of Iowa’s two locations include the Wallace Farm in rural Orient and the Wallace House in Des Moines. Together, the two historic sites provide educational programs and community services, produce sustainably-grown fruits and vegetables, and offer locally-sourced meals. More information about the non-profit can be found at www.wallace.org.  ###  Photo – L to R, Lynne Schlaht, Suzie Thomas, Janelle Morgan, Lisa Swanson, Deb Houghtaling | |