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PRODUCE EEKS

by: Katherine Hannigan, **Assistant Produce Manager**

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Geek /gēk/ n: 2. a person who has

excessive enthusiasm for and some expertise about a specialized subject or activity: a foreign-film geek. (from Dictionary.com)

We are geeks. Produce geeks. We sample the fruit when we get it from our distributors. Why? To insure quality, and so we can tell our customers what sort of flavors they can look forward to. When we taste something extraordinary-like the multi-layered lusciousness of a non-heat-treated mango, or the sweet and tangy sassiness of a Starkrimson pear-we get excited. Yes, and some of us make sounds-loud, wordless ones. One colleague emits a noise that's part scream, part squeal, and a whole lot of "Mmmmm." It is the most direct expression of happiness I've ever heard. It also scares coyotes and feral cats.

We like eliciting similar (but quieter) reactions from our customers. Not much makes me happier than watching the surprise and delight that transforms a customer's face the first time they try something they didn't know would be delicious. That's why I was cutting up slices of Melogold grapefruit and passing them out to anyone who would take them after I first tasted it. Until I met the Melogold, grapefruit had been a lot like homework-it might be good for me, but it was hard to swallow. I even suspected there was some cruelty involved in its creation. But Melogold tastes like angels kissed it, banishing that grapefruit bitterness, leaving pure scrumptiousness. Lots of folks felt the same. We'd be standing in the produce section, smiling and having a small-scale celebration, so happy because we live in a world where humans help grow these things, and then get to eat them. We were reveling in our connectedness.

I've said to my colleagues more than once, "There's a reason produce and party both begin with the letter 'P'." They laugh, but they don't disagree.

We are not simply enthusiasts, though. We bring our intellects to this vocation, too. One Monday, as we discussed the distinct shape and color of Romanesco broccoli, Betsy Peirce, the produce manager, shared, "And its form is a natural approximation of a fractal." So there. And after delivering the last of the Roma tomatoes for the season, Barb Kraus from Canoe Creek Produce informed me that kiwi berries are the same genus, but not species, as a regular kiwi. Why? Because I asked her. Because I'm a geek.

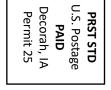
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Betsy shares the Coop Partners Produce Newsletter with us every week, and we read it - because we want to. It's informative and educational. It tells us which fruits and vegetables are on their way, how they're grown, how they taste and how to take care of them. The writing is succinct, honest, and enthusiastic-it's a pleasure to read (for a geek). Here's an example:

"The spectacular 'non-hot water treated' Kent Mangoes are here. These are from growing regions in Mexico that are determined to be free of bugs that the USDA is concerned about, so the fruit does not need to go through the hot water treatment that most import mangoes are subjected to. Truly raw fruit has always been better eating with better texture (and more consistent ripening) than the treated fruit." (8/14/17)

CPPN gives us ideas and gets us excited. In the October 9th edition of the newsletter, the CCPN authors announced, among other things, that jicama would finally be available from a regional



grower. Betsy prefaced her e-mail to us with this message: "LOCAL Jicama!!" as if we should break out the confetti and kazoos. Indeed it was time to start celebrating because it's a party.

Sometimes, the CPPN folks tell us things we don't want to hear like there will be no more Melogolds for a while or the price of avocadoes is going up. They offer explanations. We study those remarks a little more specifically partly to soothe our own sadness and to have answers for our customers when they ask, "Why?" The reasons are always matter-of-fact, involving cause and effect like, "Over the last few weeks, Maywood Farms (the premier Fig orchard in the country) has seen unprecedented heat, and then rains...and now

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Capitalism Is Not the Only Choice

We have opportunities every day to build economies that lift each other up and spread joy.

By: Penn Loh

Since the breakup of the Soviet bloc and China's turn toward free markets, many economists have pronounced an "end of history," where capitalism reigns supreme as the ultimate form of economy. Perhaps "there

people and planet are prioritized over profit, we remain skeptical that another world is really possible. We make some progress locally but then feel powerless to affect national and global forces. Too often "the economy" is equated with markets where corporations compete to make profits for the wealthiest 1 percent and the rest work for a wage or salary (or don't make money at all). Work itself is seen as legitimate only if it legally generates income. Value is measured only in money terms, based on what people are willing to pay in the market. The capitalist mindset also separates economy from society and nature, as if it exists apart from people, communities, government, and our planet. Economy is its own machine, fueled by profit and competition.

all sorts of thriving non-capitalist economies, where there may not be a profit motive or market exchange. They include tasks that we do every day. We care for our children and elderly; we cook and clean for ourselves and each other; we grow food; we provide emotional support to friends. These are all ways of meeting our material needs and caring for each other. For many, these economies, which foster solidarity and are rooted in values of democracy and justice rather than maximizing profit, are invisible or not recognized as "economic"; they are merely how we go about our lives. Capitalist thinking blinds us to these economic activities, some of which make survival possible and life meaningful. These non-capitalist ways also add up to a significant portion of all economic activity. Economist Nancy Folbre from University of Massachusetts Amherst

is no alternative" to a globalized neoliberal economy, as former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher often said. Indeed, free markets in which individuals compete to get what they can while they can are glorified in popular culture through reality shows such as Shark Tank.

But many of us in the 99 percent are not feeling so happy or secure about this economy's results. Many are working harder and longer just to maintain housing and keep food on the table. Even the collegeeducated are mired in student debt, keeping the American Dream beyond their grasp. And then there are those who have never been served well by this economy. African Americans were liberated from enslavement only to be largely shut out of "free" market opportunities. Immigrants continue to work in the shadows. Women still earn only about three-quarters of what men make for the same work.

So, are we trapped in capitalism? While many of us may want a new economy where

When everything that we label "economic" is assumed to be capitalist-transactional and market-driven-then it is no wonder that we run short on imagination.

Redefining economy beyond capitalism To escape this "capitalocentrism," we need to broaden the definition of economy beyond capitalism. What if, instead, economy is all the ways that we meet our material needs and care for each other? And what if it's not a singular thing? Then we would see that beneath the official capitalist economy are

estimates that unpaid domestic work (historically considered "women's work") was equal to 26 percent of the U.S. gross domestic product in 2010. Broadening the definition of economy also puts people

back into the system and empowers us. Economy is not just something that happens to us, a sea in which we swim or sink. Rather we are all part of multiple economies, some in which we are the main actors-such as our household economies-and others in which we are the extras-such as venture capital markets

Recognizing these diverse economies and lifting the veil of capitalocentrism allows us to see that there are choices to be made,

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by David Lester, General Manager

The onion and other ingredients in our deli/café and other foodservice locations in Decorah are having a difficult time finding their way into entrees, soups and other dishes. There is a shortage of workers in this line of work and other service jobs in the Decorah area and it is a complicated issue that the management staff and I have been trying to solve this past year.

In just the past few weeks, several restaurants and other foodservice locations have reduced their menu offerings, reduced their hours and have even closed their doors for a whole day because they do not have workers. The Co-op has not been immune to the lack of available workers either. Just recently we had to announce a reduction in menu offerings during our evening hours. This is a temporary solution and we hope to remedy it soon.

In 2014 our employee retention rate was an industry respectable 68%. In 2015 it took a dramatic drop to 48%, and in 2016 we hit our lowest retention of employees of just 45%. Through our yearly monitoring of employee satisfaction with outside help of a consultant from Cooperative Development Services (CDS), it was clear that we needed to focus on putting a plan together to raise wages, especially in our entry-level positions. By focusing our efforts on these lower paygrades we were able to raise the entry-level wage at the Co-op to \$10.00/ hour and make adjustments to other positions to ensure that they were being paid at or above similar positions in the area as well as being competitive with other co-ops our size in similar communities. As of last month our retention rate for 2017 was at 70%, the highest that we have seen since 2012.

The Co-op management staff and I have also been discussing the possibility of offering a group health insurance plan for the past two years and we are working on offering a plan mostly paid by the Co-op to our full-time (30+ hours/week) employees. We became frustrated with the confusion and uncertainty in Washington DC and the future of the Affordable Care Act and felt we needed to do something better. It is an exciting time to be an employee at the Co-op and we think this will help us attract and retain talented staff in the future.

Most departments in our Co-op are fully staffed and we are feeling a sense of stability again, except for one department, our Deli/Café. We know that we have some training and system development issues in our Deli/Café and we are working on properly training our staff in cooking techniques and customer service to better serve our members and customers. However, I think the recent rise in tourism in our area has caused some issues affecting the service industry in

Decorah and it is going to take some time and community effort to solve.

I think a large part of the solution lies in creating more affordable housing. As I write this article (November 1) the Decorah City Council will be presented the results of a housing needs assessment conducted by

Winneshiek County with assistance from Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission on Monday, November 6. This year-long study will provide data, projections and recommendations for action with a map to visually display where there is a need for affordable housing. I wish our newly elected and current city council members the best of luck to find more affordable housing solutions, and I encourage members of our Co-op to attend these meetings and be active with the problem solving process.

We have been able to attract cooks and other foodservice personnel over the years, but when many of these workers have to drive from smaller, surrounding communities, the commute becomes time consuming and expensive. These interested and talented workers want to work for us, but they can't afford to live in Decorah because there are very few options to rent. The average cost of a 2-3 bedroom house is now approaching \$175,000+. This just isn't affordable for someone making \$10-\$16/hour in the service industry line of work. Many existing, lower-priced homes are being purchased and turned into rentals available through VRBO, AirBnB and other online sites. While this is a lucrative and smart investment for the owner, it does further damage to the housing market in our area. The solution most likely rests in creating affordable, new housing units, but this will take some creative thinking with our city officials, private investors and potentially government funded programs.

Decorah is one of those special places in the Midwest that has a vibrant, independentlyowned downtown business district and we value our cultural heritage, diversity and raising healthy children. I hope we can find some solutions to these issues facing our foodservice and service industry so that onions, local meats, vegetables and other ingredients will once again find their way back into the dishes offered by our restaurants and bring more spice to this great community of ours.

goodness giveaway

Win Groceries, Give Groceries

Generosity is its own reward, but if you'd like the opportunity to give to others and get great groceries yourself, stop by the Oneota Co-op from Wednesday, November 29th through Friday, December 15th to participate in the "Goodness Giveaway," featuring great Co+op Basics groceries. Oneota Co-op will be giving away an assortment of Co+op Basics items valued at over \$100 to one lucky winner and making a financial contribution in the winner's name to a local food pantry. Win the gift of healthy food and support an organization in our community that provides healthy foods to many of our neighbors. To register to win, simply stop in the Co-op and fill out an entry form. Plus, during the same time, everyone will have the opportunity to "round up at the register". Our cashiers will be asking everyone if they would like to round up their purchase at the registers, meaning round up to the nearest whole dollar figure. These extra nickels, dimes and quarters will add up during the roughly two weeks of the campaign and will be donated to local food pantries to help stock the shelves of those in need. One of the seven cooperative principles is "Concern for the Community." Providing healthy foods for the whole community has long been a priority for food co-ops because we believe access to good food is a right, not a privilege. For decades now, co-ops have been working to provide more affordable products while maintaining high standards of nutrition and quality.

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they are getting some strong winds. The wind has effectively done in the Kadota harvest." (10/9/17)

Here are some other notices:

"As you've likely heard, there was a huge storm in western Wisconsin last Wednesday night that caused damage to a number of farms...One farm lost a greenhouse and many are reporting damage to fields flattened by rain and wind. The weekend wasn't much better with another round of storms blowing in Friday night and dumping lots of rain on already soaked fields. Some of the local veggies that were negatively affected and will be short this week include Cilantro, Green Top Radishes, and Dill." (7/24/17)

"We have a few Sweet Dream Peaches from Washington, but this is probably the last of them. We only got a portion of what we were hoping...they could not pick more as the hot weather and all the smoke from the terrible fires burning nearby made it too hazardous for their crew to get back out in the orchard. Similarly, because of continued rain events in Mexico, very few Avocados were harvested last week... it is very likely that we will run out of everything...before the next harvest comes in... Prices are likely to remain high for the foreseeable future." (9/11/17)

"The Northwest Blueberry harvest did not produce enough fruit to pack last week, so we are out. There are Blueberries on the vine in California, but the grower could not find enough workers to pick them! So far, we are only seeing sporadic issues like this with labor shortages in the ag world. However, if immigration policies continue in the direction that they are trending towards, the situation is likely to get much worse. This is not just a California farm issue...farms all over the continental US—including many local-- are very much dependent on immigrant labor to tend and harvest their crops." (9/4/17) And here's another word that starts with P: Politics.



That's where Co+op Basics comes in. Co+op Basics is a program which provides shoppers with low prices every day on hundreds of products throughout the store. You'll see great pricing on many of your favorite household brands like Thousand Hills, Greek Gods, Field Day, Seventh Generation, Organic Valley, Equal Exchange and CLIF. Enter the sweepstakes at the Oneota Co-op the next time you stop in. It's another chance to do good and get good groceries!

Produce isn't political. Fruits and vegetables don't care about NAFTA, or whether we believe in climate change. They don't care if you voted red, blue, or orange. But politics affects produce because everything's connected. So, whatever your beliefs are about climate change, we're seeing growing seasons start late, end early, and crops obliterated by extraordinary climate events like droughts and extreme rains and winds. If relationships

between nations get tense or shut down, that affects prices. This P word is not anywhere near as fun as Party; in fact, it kind of puts a damper on it, like Parents and Police. But it's reality. Sometimes connectedness provides pleasure and even joy. Sometimes connectedness is hard. It requires something of us, like awareness and responsibility. That doesn't mean we can't have a party; it just means we ought to do it respectfully with compassion for everything and everybody we're connected to.

So, you're invited to a party. You won't find a mirror ball or confetti. But we've got the music playing, and our paring knives are ready to cut you a sample of some amazing fruits and vegetables. You can have a taste, talk about fractals, and celebrate connectedness with the produce geeks.

> photo of Katherine Hannigan Produce Department Assistant Manager



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ethics and values to be considered. For example, I might pay more for lettuce from a local farmer who grows sustainably rather than from a distant supplier that exploits farm workers and uses pesticides. These choices are not only made as consumers, but also as workers, producers, and neighbors, and through policies that set the rules necessary for any economy to function. Do I work for a for-profit owned by shareholders or for a worker-owned cooperative, nonprofit, or B corporation? Should public land be used for luxury condos or for affordable housing? These questions open space for all of us to participate in shaping our world and the economic futures of the 99 percent.

Solidarity is rising

Across the U.S., from Jackson, Mississippi, to Oakland, California; in rural Kentucky and on Navajo-Hopi lands; and throughout Massachusetts' biggest cities, it is often poor communities and communities of color that are building solidarity economies around these questions. This is not new. In fact, this is where solidarity economicscollective strategies for survival-have been innovated out of necessity. Think mutual aid, community organizing, self-help, and cooperatives of all kinds. These practices have been embedded in Black liberation movements, the early labor movement, and many other progressive movements in the U.S.

The desire for deep, transformational change—for the multitude of solidarity economies to add up to something—comes not just from those who are dissatisfied, but even more so from communities that are simply struggling to survive. Dreams of a decent life and a fair shake come from those making Black Lives Matter, from immigrant workers making poverty wages, from exprisoners locked out of the mainstream economy, from tenants barely able to make rent, and from communities being displaced to make way for the 1 percent.

Springfield is Massachusetts' thirdlargest city, and here the Wellspring initiative is building a network of worker-owned cooperatives to create local jobs and build wealth for low-income and unemployed residents. Inspired by the Cleveland Evergreen Cooperatives, which has built a network of worker-owned businesses to provide goods and services to the region's anchor institutions, Wellspring was founded in 2011 to try to capture some of the \$1.5 billion spent by its own anchor institutions, such as Baystate Health and University of Massachusetts Amherst. One study showed anchors procure less than 10 percent from local businesses.

Its first cooperative, Wellspring Upholstery, was launched in 2013 and now has seven workers. Wellspring Upholstery was the first business to be developed, in part because a successful 25-year-old upholstery training program run by the county prison could provide trained workers. Wellspring's second cooperative is Old Windows Workshop, a women-owned window restoration business. A main goal of this business, according to production manager Nannette Bowie, is to allow "the flexibility of a working mom to take care of your family responsibilities and keep a full-time job."

Wellspring raised almost \$1 million to start its third business, a commercial greenhouse, which will produce lettuce, greens, and herbs for the local schools and anchor institutions. Construction began during the summer. With several businesses underway, Wellspring is demonstrating viable models they hope will inspire others and grow the job base and wealth-building opportunities for low-income and unemployed residents.

Wellspring is just one example of solidarity economies that are emerging in Massachusetts. In Worcester, the state's second-largest city, the Solidarity and Green Economy Alliance is cultivating their own ecology of more than a dozen cooperatives. Some are matching resident skills to meet community needs, such as landscaping, soil remediation, honey production, and urban agriculture. Others are providing services to movement organizations, such as translation, video production, and bookkeeping. In Boston's Roxbury and Dorchester neighborhoods, a food solidarity economy is emerging, which includes a community land trust, urban farms and a greenhouse, a kitchen incubator, a consumer food co-op, and a worker-owned organics recycling company. And Latinx residents of East Boston have formed the Center for Cooperative Development and Solidarity. Concerned about rapid gentrification, the group began exploring how economic alternatives could help them stay in East Boston. They are supporting startup cooperatives in child care, sewing, and cleaning. The Boston Ujima Project was just officially launched in September to build a community capital fund where a participatory budgeting process is used to make investments in local businesses.

Consciousness, power, and economy

Yet solidarity economics is more than just cooperatives. It is a social justice movement. It is shifting our consciousness not only to uncover root causes, but also to expand our vision of what is possible, and to inspire dreams of the world as it could be. It is building power, not just to resist and reform the injustices and unsustainabilities produced by current systems, but ultimately to control democratically and govern political and economic resources to sustain people and the planet. And it is creating economic alternatives and prototypes for producing, exchanging, consuming, and investing in ways that are more just, sustainable, and democratic.

If we want to transform and go beyond capitalism, then we must confront it in all three of these dimensions: consciousness, power, and economy.

We do not have the luxury of creating solidarity economies in a vacuum. That means that we have to put them into practice now at home and in our own communities, no matter how small the scale. At the same

time, we can work with others to build larger solidarity alternatives and do the hard work of reforming the political,

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economic, and ideological systems that are making life so difficult for so many.

Everyone can put solidarity values into practice—to live in solidarity—starting in whatever ways we can. And that is the transformative power of solidarity economics, that it doesn't have to scale up only by building larger and larger organizations and systems. It can scale up by many people in many places pursuing economics of social justice. It will require taking back government to dismantle the systems that privilege capitalism and to redirect public resources toward solidarity economies. We can all begin by spreading the word, sharing our radical imagination of the world that we want to live in.

Penn Loh wrote this article for The Solidarity Economies Issue, the Winter 2017 issue of YES! Magazine. Penn is a senior lecturer and director of community practice at Tufts University's Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning. With Sarah Jimenez, he wrote the 2018 report "Solidarity Rising in Massachusetts: How a Solidarity Economy Movement is Emerging in Lower-Income Communities of Color." Reprinted with permission.

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The Board of Directors is seeking interested member/ owners to serve on the Board, to help ensure a continued bright future for the Oneota Community Food Co-op. In April 2018, there will be two full-term positions open for candidates to fill, as Maren

Beard and Alicia Trout (finishing term for Carl Peterson) complete their terms. Full-term positions require a commitment of three years.

COME JOIN US ON THE

Wondering if you have what it takes to be on the Board? Our Board is best served by having members with skills and personalities as diverse as the Co-op itself. Do you have a passion for the Co-op mission or commitment to cooperative values? Are you a grower, a producer, or a food buyer? Are you open-minded or community-minded? Do you like policy formation, critical thinking, financial oversight or simply, your neighbors? If being on the board is calling to you for any of the reasons above - or others, we want to hear from you.

Application packets, available at the Customer Service Desk as well as online at oneotacoop.com, contain considerable information regarding application and service as a Board member. Any questions you might have regarding the upcoming election can be directed to Scott Hawthorn, Board Vice President and chair of the Board Nominating Committee, or to any board members. Scott's contact information includes: oneotahawthorn@gmail.com and/or 563-277-0036.

Serving on the Board is a wonderful way to make a positive impact, not only at the Co-op, but also in our community, region, state, and beyond. The application deadline is right around the corner - January 5th. We hope to hear from you!

BOARD ELECTION CALENDAR 2018

Activity Deadline Candidate recruitment/self nomination Ongoing Candidate applications and statements due for all candidates. Board interviews candidates as necessary. Board Nomination January 8-24 Board Nomination January Board Meeting Final deadline for all candidates for name inclusion on ballot. February 7 Candidate forum. Ballots and candidate statements with announcement of annual meeting presented to members in good standding. Early March Voting ends at end of business day. Administration of ballot counting Election results announced. New board members start service. April Board Meeting



HO Hands-on and Let's Eat

DM Demonstration and Let's Eat

SCO-OP EVENTS & CLASSES



Please call ahead to register for classes. Classes without a minimum number of attendees may be cancelled. Events held in the Co-op Kitchen Classroom at 308 W. Water St. unless otherwise noted. The Co-op Kitchen Classroom's programming is continually growing & expanding. We encourage you to check out our online education list & online registration options!



SUSTAINABLE KIDS: HOLIDAY EDITION! Mondays, December 4th, 11th, and 18th, 3:15pm-4:15pm

3rd and 4th grade students are invited to learn about living sustainably through the holidays and beyond. During this 3 week program, kids will engage in fun, hands-on activities to learn about sustainable living, all tied together with a holiday theme. Kids will be picked up via walking school bus from Carrie Lee Elementary at 3:05pm. This program is a partnership between The **Oneota Community Co-op and Green Iowa** AmeriCorps.

Concepts taught in each class are as follows: December 4: Up-cycling - making holiday ornaments from recycled materials December 11: Reusing - creating an edible homemade gift in a reusable container December 18: Eating Sustainably - making a holiday treat from sustainably sourced food *Class concepts and activities are subject to change without notice **Class Codes: HO** Max participants: 12 Instructor: Ashley Lookenhouse and Hannah Haugen Cost: FREE

GIFTS MADE WITH LOVE

Saturday, December 16th, 2pm-4pm This year, forgo the conventional plastic singing fish, and the electronic wine breather, in favor of a gift that will fill the belly rather than the landfill. In this class we will demonstrate a variety of homemade (and edible!) gift options using a minimum of disposable materials. We will also touch on Furoshiki, the Japanese art of wrapping with reusable cloth. Participants will each leave with a gift jar of homemade deliciousness. Class Code: DM, HO, VG Max participants: 16 Instructor: Andrea Springmeier Cost: \$15 member/owners, \$18 community members

FOOD TRADITIONS OF UKRAINE: CABBAGE ROLLS

Thursday, December 21st, 5:30-7:30pm Try your hand at making the Ukrainian version of stuffed cabbage. Stuffed with a mixture of rice, meat, and vegetables and served warm, these may be the perfect dish to warm up those cold winter evenings. Class Code: DM/HO, GF Max participants: 20

JANUARY

LEFSE MAKING

Sunday, January 7th, 1:00-3:00pm You asked for it, Decorah! Austin Bauer is here to deliver on your requests. Let your inner Norse shine by learning to make this traditional pastry. Lefse is a Norwegian flatbread made from potatoes, flour, butter and milk. In this demonstration-style class, we will cover the basics of lefse making, with an opportunity for participants to work on their lefse-flipping prowess, and of course, taste the results.

Class Code: DM Max participants: 12 **Instructor:** Austin Bauer Cost: \$12 member/owners, \$15 community members

TESTING FOR WELLNESS & TRAUMA

Wednesday, January 17th, 6:00-8:00pm Have you ever dowsed or been muscle tested? In this class we will learn how to tap into what our body is telling us we need for essential oils, homeopathy, and supplements. A lecture on what Quantum Neuro Reset Therapy and how muscle testing is used for the session. QNRT is a protocol designed for the recipient to have a quantum shift in the nervous system by resetting the brain's response to emotional triggers from the past and present. Further information on QNRT.com

Class Code: L Max participants: 14 **Instructor: Carol Whittle** Cost: \$5 member/owners, **\$7 community members**

PLANNING TO EAT WITH THE SEASONS

Thursday, January 18th, 6:00-7:30pm We live in Iowa, one of the agriculturally richest places in the world. Let's eat abundantly from this place we call home! Your favorite local veggie farmers have come together to whet your appetite for the 2018 season by discussing topics on seasonal produce: when different crops are planted and come to maturity, how to plant successions of crops for a continuous supply, and favorite ways to decide what to eat based on what's coming out of the garden. We'll talk through ways of preserving local produce to enjoy all year long ... and we'll also give everyone the opportunity to start thinking about their seasonal eating plan, with vegetables from the garden and from local farmers, along with discussion of meat, dairy,

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CLASS KEY

ENERGY SAVERS Thursdays, February 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 3:15pm-4:30pm

GF Gluten Free

VG Vegetarian

Lecture

VN Vegan

3rd and 4th grade students are invited to join us as we learn fun ways to help to save energy. During this 4 week program, kids will engage in hands-on activities while learning to be successful energy savers. We will experiment with building model windmills, water wheels, and more! Kids will be picked up via Walking School Bus from Carrie Lee Elementary at 3:05pm. This program is a partnership between The Oneota Community Co-op and Green Iowa AmeriCorps. Class Codes: HO Max participants: 12 **Instructor: Ashley Lookenhouse and** Hannah Haugen Cost: FREE

VEGAN-FRIENDLY ETHIOPIAN

Thursday, February 1st, 5:30-7:30pm Participants will make and take home a spice blend as well as a spice-infused olive oil to use as the foundation for Ethiopian cooking. In addition, we'll make two stews to eat, and experiment with making injera, the Ethiopian flatbread, to give your lefse griddle something else to do in life. While we'll be forgoing some traditional ingredients. such as butter and goat, we'll still enjoy the distinctive smells and flavors of Ethiopian cuisine.

Class Code: HO, VN Max participants: 16 **Instructor: Eric Baack** Cost: \$ 12 member/owners, \$15 community members

EXPLORING REGIONAL CUISINES & THE LANGUAGE OF MEXICO: GUANAJUATO & YUCATAN

Saturday, February 10th, 2:00-4:00pm The Co-op's own David Lester and Monica Vazquez will lead participants in an exploration of the cuisines of two distinct regions of Mexico. Monica presents dishes from her home state of Guanajuato, just North of Mexico City. She loves creating variations on traditional dishes like tamales and carnitas, including a variety of salsas. David spent a month of his recent sabbatical traveling the Yucatan and attended courses at Los Dos Cooking School in Merida, started by chef David Sterling. David's focus is Yucatecan botanas, the traditional snacks served in the region's cantinas. To round out the evening, Jim Tripp leads the class in a brief study of some basic Spanish words and phrases used in the kitchen, as well as some key phrases for ordering in restaurants. Wine a beer sampling will be offered to complement the menu. *Must be 21 or older to sample alcohol. Class Code: DM/HO, GF Max participants:14 Instructors: David Lester, Monica Vazquez, and Jim Tripp Cost: \$25 member/owners, \$28 community members

CLASS INSTRUCTOR BIOS:

ASHLEY LOOKENHOUSE

is a member of Green Iowa AmeriCorps and a recent graduate of Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, PA. She received her degree in Political Science and Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. During her time at Gettysburg she found that she was passionate about serving her community, National Parks, and social and environmental justice. All of which she participated in by volunteering with multiple programs, many of them focusing on education.

AUSTIN BAUER

Recently completed his MS in entomology from UW - Madison and is currently an AmeriCorps Promise Fellow at Northfield High School in Northfield, MN. Growing up in Northern Minnesota, making lefse was a staple for his family around the holidays. Lefse making is an art that he eagerly looks forward to sharing with the Decorah community.

CAROL WHITTLE LPN, BSW, BS, HHP

Has a professional certificate in Quantum Neurological Reset Therapy and working on her doctor of Natural Medicine with over 30 yrs in private health care. Carol was diagnosed with Systemic Lupus in 2004 which was a manifestation of Lymes disease, PTSD, and heavy metal poisoning. Carol is the owner-practitioner of Bluff View Wellness.

DAVID LESTER

was hired as the General Manager of the Oneota Community Co-op in 2010 and has been in the foodservice industry for 22 years. He and his spouse, Amalia, live in Decorah and have traveled to the Yucatan state of Mexico extensively the last three years. One of David's passions is cooking, and learning different cooking styles to replicate and put a new twist in his home kitchen. One of his favorite things to do at home is to entertain and cook beside his son, Finn

ERIC BAACK

has been enthusiastically cooking and eating mostly vegetarian food for 25 years. He enjoys sharing his love of food and cooking through dinners for his students at Luther College and through classes offered for the Decorah community.

HANNAH BRECKBILL, EMILY FAGAN, **BARB KRAUS, & ERIK SESSIONS**

Your local farmers! These four contribute so much to our local food system through their many combined years of small farming experience. Now they are coming together to share their knowledge on all your veggie questions, from planting to preserving. Who's your farmer?

HANNAH HAUGEN

is a member of Green Iowa AmeriCorps and a recent graduate of Luther College where she studied Biology and Environmental Studies. She enjoys running, snowboarding, and exploring natural spaces. She is still discovering her interests that are concentrated in natural healthcare. Botany and general environmental issues. She is excited to have the opportunity to share these interests with children and community members.

Instructor: Maryna Bazylevych Cost: \$12 member/owners, \$15 community members

FULL CLASS LINEUP ONLINE AT ONEOTACOOP.COM /EDUCATION-EVENTS/

egg, and grain options. **Class Code: L** Max participants: 24 Instructors: Hannah Breckbill, Emily Fagan, Barb Kraus, and Erik Sessions Cost: \$5 member/owners, **\$7 community members**

> CLASS REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Co-op Member/Owners: Pay at the time of registration, either by phone and charge class fees to your Co-op account which you pay when you come in to shop, in person at the Customer Service Desk or online at www.oneotacoop.com/education-events.

Non-Members: To register you will need to either pay at the store when you register or give us a credit card number when you call in your registration or pay when you register online at www.oneotacoop.com/education-events.

Classes will be fully refunded if called in 24 hours prior to the class. In cases where minimum class size is not reached three days prior to class, the class may be cancelled. To register or cancel, please call 563-382-4666 during store hours and speak to Customer Service.

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST SIGN IN AT CUSTOMER SERVICE BEFORE ATTENDING CLASS.

(The classes offered by the Co-op do not necessarily reflect the views of the Co-op and its members.)

JIM TRIPP

Lives in Decorah, IA and specializes in Spanish Language Studies, teaching in Postville, IA. He frequently shares his talents with the Decorah community by offering Spanish language classes through Art Haus.

MARYNA BAZYLEVYCH

is an Associate Professor of Anthropology at Luther College. Born and raised in Ukraine, she moved to the US for graduate studies. Maryna returns to Ukraine every chance she gets to visit family and friends. Maryna lives in Decorah with her partner, children, and pets. You can see her at Preus library study desk or Koren building every morning.

MONICA VAZQUEZ

joined the Co-op as a cook in the Water Street Cafe in 2016. Monica grew up in Cueramaro, Mexico in the state of Guanajuato. She has made her home in Postville, Iowa for the past 26 years and shares it with her 5 children. She enjoys time with family, cooking big family meals, painting, and admiring art.

UP-TO-DATF? with classes, events, sales, menus, and other things happening at the Co-op?



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SKIN CARE by: Gretchen Fox Schempp, Wellness Buyer

When I began my career with the Oneota Co-op a

dozen years ago, I was introduced to the divine facial care products by Evan Healy. I've been using them ever since and have had the pleasure and privilege to train with Evan on various occasions. Most recently I was treated to a facial and massage with one of her own trained aestheticians while I was in Anaheim at Expo West last spring. Even in this indulgent special treatment I was able to learn more about my own skin, general skin care and how managing stress may be one vital component to skin health.

Evan spent 6 years in the fashion industry before she decided that she needed a change and moved to San Diego to pursue a new career in personal care. Her focus right out of the gate was ingredients, valuing organic over chemicals and synthetics, and including in her formulations flower essences to enhance the emotional state of the skin. In 1986 she trained as an aesthetician and has continued post graduate studies in alternative healing modalities in France, Germany, England and India. Learning to trust her intuition and respecting the rhythms of nature, Evan grew in her private practice. More and more she discovered how little the skin actually needed to maintain health and how amazingly it responded to simple care. Hence one of her branded statements "less is more".

Evan's skin care protocol is simple and gears towards nurturing the skin rather than fighting it. One of the first items in her protocol seemed counterintuitive to even myself when I heard it. Oil. Put oil on your face. What? This goes against everything we learned as teenagers when acne and oily skin were something to assuage with all vengeance. Our skin contains oil and water glands that are a key component to our immune system: the acid mantle or pH balance. Our skin is home to an immune-enhancing

Managing the health of our skin, our largest organ, is a first line of defense for our immune systems. It doesn't have to be complicated. Cleanse, tone, moisturize, and an occasional special

treatment for specific conditions or just for fun. CLEANSING

Gentle is best. Evan offers three cleansers in her line: Blue Lavender Cleansing Milk, Rose Cleansing Milk and Tea Tree Cleanser. I am mostly a fan of the cleansing milks as they are a gentle approach to cleansing with kaolin clay in the formulation for purifying the skin. If you must have a slightly foamy, more traditional soap-like cleanser, or have troubled acne-prone skin, the Tea Tree Gel **Cleanser** is a gentle alternative to some of the harsher tea tree cleansers on the market. We don't carry this one on our shelf but we are always happy to special order it for interested parties. With that being said, I feel like the Blue Lavender Milk is a great choice for troubled skin too, as it has calming chamomile and lavender in its formulation to combat redness and irritation.

Cleanse in the morning, always. Your skin detoxifies while you are sleeping.



What kind of oil though? Not just any oil is good for the face. Cold pressed and organic

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Give it what it wants.

are key. Argan and Rosehip oils have been gaining popularity as wonderful skin care oils for the past 10 years or so. Evan's been using these all along. Not only sourcing organic and high quality, but also working with women's cooperatives in Morocco and Ghana supporting sandalwood reforestation. In addition, she's supporting small family farms deeply connected to the land in Washington State, France and South Africa.

Oil and water. Don't be afraid. Like I said

earlier, your skin is made up of oil and water.

- Rosehip oil is rich in natural pro-Vitamin A and EFA's (essential fatty acids). This is used by indigenous people in the Chilean Andes to treat burned and damaged skin.
- Argan oil is rich in tocopherols, squalene and saponins. It works to soften the skin and to reduce the appearance of fine lines and wrinkles. Evan's Argan formulation, Argan Intensive Serum, includes sandalwood and frankincense oils to additionally support the minimization of brown spots.

The combination of oil and water is the second step in Evan's skin care line. The oil and water toning step comes in the form of your oil of choice and a hydrosol. Hydrosol or Hydrosoul, as Evan has coined hers, are highly therapeutic waters that are normally a by-product of essential oil distillation. Evan's are never distilled for the essential oil but for the sole (soul) purpose of becoming a handcrafted HydroSoul

MOISTURE

There are two main moisturizers in the line Blue Chamomile and Rose Vetiver. Blue Chamomile is geared towards sensitive or inflamed, irritated skin. The Rose Vetiver is designed for mature, sun damaged skin. Fortified with carrot seed, rose geranium, clary sage and vetiver oils, it is both nourishing and balancing. That being said, if you despise the scent of rose geranium or blue chamomile, go with your nose. As with all components of this line, if it doesn't smell good to you it's not going to make you feel good. If you emotionally don't feel good about it, your skin will know!

There is also the Whipped Shea Butter that can be used for deep moisturizing and/ or a barrier moisturizer for extreme weather conditions. I like to use this one in winter when I am out in the elements to protect my face from the cold and wind. Another of my favorite uses of the the Whipped Shea is to mix with Green Clay and apply before a shower for a deeply moisturizing and detoxifying experience. Just rinse after letting soak in while you shower.



SPECIAL TREATMENTS

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Clay masks are one of the special treatments in the Evan Healy line. Special treatments should not necessarily be done on a daily basis, but on a weekly or as needed basis. Evan's Green Tea Clay is a deeply detoxifying clay mask. This is a good mask to use for disrupted skin, breakouts or prior to toxic exposure. The French Rose Clay is a gentler and smoothing clay mask. They both come as a powder that you mix yourself with a bit of water. You may add a few pumps of facial oil to smooth out the clay mask as an added treat. Apply with fingertips or a mask brush and let dry. To lengthen process and treat the skin more deeply, spritz Hydrosoul of your choice on the mask and let dry again. Rinse with warm water and tone, using extra Hydrosoul to restore moisture and balance. Don't be alarmed if you find yourself with an extra rosy glow after a mask. The clay is highly detoxifying and will bring blood to the surface briefly, thereby increasing circulation.

There are many other delightful and delicious items in the Evan Healy line.

- The Wild Carrot Nourishing Eye Balm is packaged in a tube for easy application. Daily application tones, nourishes, brightens, smooths and protects the delicate skin around the eyes.
- The Sea Algae Serum is a silky sheer antioxidant firming treatment that can help visibly revitalize skin damage caused by sun, pollutants and aging.
- The Sheer Tint Sun Stick SPF 30 is Evan's long awaited supreme solar protection for all





The combination of one pump of your choice oil and about 6 pumps of your choice hydrosoul in the palm of your hand is the perfect combination for toning, nurturing and moisturizing your skin. I first pump the oil in my hand, prime my face with a mist of the hydrosoul, add the pumps of hydrosoul to the oil, rub my hands gently together and pat the emulsion on my face. I will gently massage my face across my nose and eye sockets with my fingertips to soothe my sinuses and increase blood flow. During my facial they took this step further and used a warm damp cloth on my face letting it sit so the oil could really soak in. This was highly relaxing and a nice way to relieve stress. Afterwards spritz a few more pumps of hydrosol on the face and you are toned!

Many days this is enough for my skin and I skip the moisturizing step altogether. If you need extra moisture or want to protect your skin from the elements I would suggest a moisturizer.



skin.

The Whipped Shea Butter for Lips has got to be my favorite lip balm EVER. This gourmet lip balm is the ultimate protection for lips. I find that it lasts long, doesn't need to be reapplied too often and doesn't even melt in my car during the summer!

And lastly, the Blue Cactus Beauty Elixir is a cooling and nourishing antioxidant rich desert inspired oil for soothing, calming, moisturizing and illuminating the skin, rich in EFA's and Vitamin E.

You will find more information on other Evan Healy items in her pamphlet (pick one up in the store) or on her website www. evanhealy.com. We are always happy to special order items you can't find on our shelves.

Stop by, I'm always happy to chat skin care in the aisles!







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Waving Grains COOPER, ATIVE Bakery

About 25 years ago Waving Grains Bakery began serving up delicious breads, rolls, cookies and fudgy oat bars that have become a staple for many of us here in Northeast Iowa. Using primarily organic and whole grain ingredients, the bakery maintained a commitment to both healthy food and safer agriculture. Now, after two and half decades of building this community asset, Jo Iverson has exited the business in order to do something different (she recently became a grandmother for the first time) and give her wrists some rest.

In the absence of a willing buyer, it appeared the bakery might have to be closed and the equipment auctioned off – piece by piece. This would have meant no more sourdough bread or cornmeal lime cookies in our household. The prospect of having no Waving Grains Bakery in Decorah got several of us thinking. How could we purchase the business to keep it going, and enable Jo to retire without losing all that has been invested in the bakery over the years?

One workable answer to that question was to transition the bakery into a consumer cooperative using the same business model and structure as the Oneota Co-op. After several months of investigating and bouncing the idea off many people in the Decorah area, we decided to do just that. Papers were filed with the State of Iowa in early August to incorporate Waving Grains Cooperative Bakery and the new cooperative was in place by the end of September.

But the work is not over yet. This is where the community comes in. We need to capitalize this new co-op to officially buy the bakery and pay for needed capital improvements that will secure its future. The Board of Directors of the new cooperative bakery has set the common stock share price at \$250 and our goal is to raise \$100,000 in share income over the next few months. This is an ambitious target, but we think we can do it. Are you in? If you would like to learn more or want to purchase a share, please contact Steve McCargar at 382-2451 or stevemccargar@gmail.com.

Thanks for helping Decorah's newest co-op launch! For the Board of Directors Steve McCargar

Gingerbread Cookies Makes 48 3-inch cookies. Prep time: 1 hour

1/4 teaspoon ground cloves

1/4 cup light brown sugar

1/2 cup molasses

1 stick unsalted butter, softened

- 1 1/2 cups unbleached flour
- 1 cup whole wheat pastry flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon 1 large egg
- In a large bowl, mix together flours, baking soda, baking powder, salt and spices. Using a stand mixer or an electric beater, cream butter until soft, then add brown sugar and beat until well-mixed. Add molasses and beat, scrape down and add egg, beat again until combined. Stir in the flour mixture. Divide dough into four rectangular pieces, place between sheets of parchment and roll out 1/4" thick. Stack sheets of dough on a baking pan and chill for 3 hours.
- 2. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Lay sheets of dough on counter, remove top layer of parchment and use a cookie cutter to cut into shapes. Using a thin spatula, transfer cookies to parchment-lined baking sheets. Repeat process with scraps.
- 3. Bake 12 minutes, switching the pans between oven racks halfway through. When cookies are puffed and look dry, remove and cool on the pan for five minutes, then move cookies to a cooling rack.
- 4. Using a stand mixer or electric beater; mix powdered sugar with egg white or meringue powder. Mix in lemon juice and water, a tablespoon at a time, to reach desired consistency. Transfer leigt to a plaine beg with a small.

1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg **Royal Icing**

- 2 cups powdered sugar, approximately 1 large pasteurized egg white or 2 1 (2 toblespage maringue payder
- 2 1/2 tablespoons meringue powder 1/4 teaspoon lemon juice 2 tablespoons water, approximately
- Chocolate Glazed Nut Brittle

Makes 2 1/2 lbs (approx 27 servings) Prep time: 1 hour; 20 minutes active

2 cups sugar 1/2 cup water 1 stick unsalted butter 1/3 cup light corn syrup 1/2 teaspoon baking soda 2 1/2 cups roasted salted peanuts or cashews plus an optional 1/4 cup, finely chopped 8 ounces dark chocolate, melted

1. Line a large sheet pan with a rim with parchment paper.

2. In a 2-quart saucepan, combine the sugar, water, butter and corn syrup and bring to a boil to create caramel. Cook over moderately high heat, stirring occasionally, until the caramel is light brown and registers 300°F on a candy thermometer, about 10 minutes. Remove from the heat and carefully stir in the baking soda. The mixture will bubble. Stir in the nuts, then

bubble. Stir in the nuts, then immediately scrape the brittle onto the prepared baking sheet. Using the back of a large spoon (oil it lightly if it sticks), spread the brittle into a thin, even layer. Let cool completely, about 30 minutes.

3. Spread melted chocolate over the brittle, sprinkle with the finely choped nuts, if using, then chill. Break the brittle into large shards. Store in airtight containers

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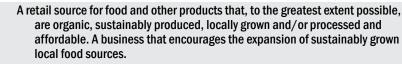
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As a member-owned consumer cooperative, the organizational goals of the Oneota Community Co-op originate from our commitment to the seven internationally recognized Principles of Cooperation and reflect our concern for our community.

The Oneota Community Co-op serves primarily members, customers, and the OCC staff, but also its service extends outward to the following:

- vendors and suppliers,
- the larger community of cooperatives,
- the wider regional comm unity.

Because the Oneota Community Co-op exists as an institution grounded in the cooperative principles, there will be the following:



- A community that is educated about food and other products which are healthy for people and the environment.
- A business that promotes the development of cooperation and cooperative enterprise.

A business that promotes environmental and financial sustainability.

- Employment in a work place that provides the personal satisfaction of collaborative work directed toward common goals and provides extraordinary customer service.
- A diverse, local community whose fabric is strengthened through caring, and sharing gifts of time, energy and resources.

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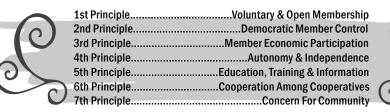
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The Statement of Cooperative Identity

A Cooperative is an autonomous association of persons united voluntarily to meet their common economic, social and cultural needs and aspirations through a jointly-owned and democratically-controlled enterprise.

Cooperatives are based on the values of self-help, self-responsibility, democracy, equality, equity and solidarity. In the Tradition of their founders, cooperative members believe in the ethical values of honesty, openness, social responsibility and caring for others.

The cooperative principles are guidelines by which Cooperatives put their values into practice.



Cooperative member/ownership benefits the business as well as its members. It provides us with equity to make major purchases (such as new equipment) or improvements (like our four expansions). Co-op owners gain many benefits as well as rights and responsibilities. Your participation and commitment enliven the Co-op and help to make it a true community organization. Patronage dividends will be given in profitable years at the discretion of the Board.

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The Co-op is owned by its members. Member/owners help decide what the store carries and have a voice in planning the Co-op's future.

It's quick and simple to become an owner. You buy a refundable share for \$140, usually paying for it over seven years, on a payment plan that suits you. We invite you to become one of the owners of this thriving local business!

As a Co-op member-owner, you can:

· Support a locally owned and operated business that is part of our community and puts money back into the local economy.

- Get additional discounts on specific "member deals" sale items.
- Receive a 5% discount on Mondays if you are 60 years of age or older.
- Place free classified ads or reduced-rate display ads in The Scoop.
- Once each month, ask for your 5% discount on an unlimited quantity of purchases. (Excludes Member Deals, Co+op Deals, milk, eggs, magazines, wine, beer, fresh breads and pastries and Café items).
- Receive discounts on Co-op sponsored classes.
- Write checks for up to \$20 over purchase for cash back.
- Enjoy a special order case discount on most Grocery, Bulk, Wellness and Produce special orders. Case quantities vary. (Excludes Co+op Deals and Member Deals sale items).
- Have access to information on the Co-op's financial status.
- Run for a seat on the Board of Directors.
- · Vote in Board elections and on referenda. (Share payment must be current).
- · Share in the success of the Co-op through your member patronage dividend in the years where there is sufficient profit. Patronage dividends are given at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
- Own the store where you shop!
- Shares in the Oneota Co-op are fully refundable, minus the administration fee, should you choose to leave the Co-op.

everyone can shop. everyone welcome. no membership required.

Welcome to these new member/owners:

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Every Monday members who qualify for senior discount (60 years of age or older) receive an extra 5% off most purchases. (excludes already marked down Co+op Deals sale items)

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Member Volunteers - Aug/Sep/Oct

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Cinnamon Apple Stuffed Squash Serves 4-6. Total Time: 60 minutes.

- 2 acorn squash, cut in half, seeds removed
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 3 cups diced yellow onion
- 2 celery stalks, diced
- 3 cups diced apple, cored and seeds removed (about 2 large apples) ½ cup dried cranberries
- 2 tablespoons maple syrup
- 1/3 cup water
- 1/3 cup water
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- Pinch each of salt and black pepper

Preheat oven to 375°F. Place acorn squash halves face down on a rimmed

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Serves 8. Prep time: 1 hour 20 minutes; 20 minutes active.

2 pounds winter squash, peeled, seeded and cut into ¼-inch thick slices
2 Granny Smith apples, cored and cut into ¼- to ½-inch thick slices
3 tablespoons maple syrup
3 tablespoons brown sugar
2 tablespoons flour
¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon
¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
¼ teaspoon ground allspice
Pinch of salt and black pepper
¼ cup cold butter, cut into small pieces
1 tablespoon butter, melted

Preheat the oven to 375° F. Grease a 9 x 13 inch casserole dish with melted butter. Evenly layer the squash

and apple slices in the casserole dish, alternating and slightly overlapping the squash slices with the apple slices, until all slices are gone. Drizzle the maple syrup over the squash and apples.

In a small bowl, mix together the brown sugar, flour, spices,



sheet pan or baking dish and add ½ inch of water to the pan. Bake squash for 40 minutes.

While the squash is baking, heat the butter in a saucepan over medium heat. Add the onion and celery and sauté for 5 to 10 minutes until soft. Add the apples, cranberries, maple syrup, water and cinnamon; stir well and cook another 5 to 10 minutes until the apples begin to soften. Season with salt and pepper. Remove from heat.

After the squash has baked for 40 minutes, remove from the oven, turn them cut side up and fill each with the apple stuffing. Place back into the oven and bake another 15 to 20 minutes until the squash is tender. Serve warm.

Slice the stuffed squash halves into wedges to serve as a side with ham, turkey or chicken, or serve each half as a vegetarian entrée.

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salt and pepper. Mix the butter into the flour/sugar mix with your fingers to make a crumbly mixture. Sprinkle the mixture evenly over the top of the squash and apples. Cover the dish with foil and bake for about 40 minutes or until the squash and apples start to become tender. Remove the foil, and let casserole brown for another 15 minutes. Serve warm.

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Definition

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Values

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Principles

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BUDGET FRIENDLY RECIPES Farmhouse Bean Soup

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I 15-ounce can Field Day Great Northern beans, rinsed and

I 15-ounce can Field Day pinto

I 15-ounce can Field Day kidney

beans, rinsed and drained

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5 cups fresh spinach, chopped

Salt and black pepper to taste

Serves 6. Prep time: 15 minutes active; 30 minutes total.

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- 2 tablespoons Field Day olive oil
- I vellow onion, diced
- I large carrot, peeled and diced
- 3 parsnips, peeled and diced
- 3 cloves garlic, peeled and minced
- I 15-ounce can Field Day diced tomatoes
- 4 cups Field Day vegetable broth
- 2 teaspoons dried rosemary
- 2 teaspoons dried thyme

Preparation

In a large pot, heat the oil over medium-high heat. Add the onion, carrots, parsnips and garlic and sauté 5 to 7 minutes. Add the tomatoes, broth and herbs and bring to a boil. Add the beans, reduce heat to simmer and cook 20 to 30 minutes until vegetables are tender. Stir in the spinach and season with salt and pepper to taste.

















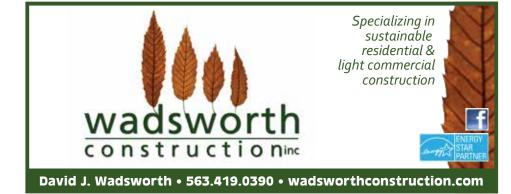


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Sweet Potato Chili

Turkey and

I medium yellow onion, chopped

I red bell pepper, seeded and

3 sweet potatoes, chopped into

I 14.5-ounce can Woodstock

diced fire-roasted tomatoes.

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chopped

small pieces

undrained

Preparation

2 cloves garlic, minced

- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- cannellini beans, drained and rinsed
- to taste

I cup water I tablespoon chili powder

I tablespoon cumin 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper

1 15-ounce can Field Day

Additional salt and pepper

Warm oil in a large pot over medium-high heat. Add sausage; break up any large chunks and sauté until no pink remains. Using a slotted spoon, transfer meat to a bowl; cover. Add onion, bell pepper and sweet potato to pot and cook, stirring occasionally, until softened, about 6 minutes. Add garlic and sauté for 1 minute. Return meat to pot.

Stir in tomatoes, beans, broth, water, spices and salt. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat to medium-low and stir in beans. Cover and simmer until chili thickens slightly, about 30 minutes. Season with additional salt and pepper to taste.







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