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FROM THE DIRECTOR: The Leopold Center is pleased to help bring peak-oil educator and author Richard Heinberg to Iowa this month. Heinberg will present the keynote for Iowa State University's Live Green! Sustainability Series at 8 p.m., Thursday, September 24 in the Memorial Union Sun Room. He also will speak September 23 in Cedar Falls and September 25 in Ankeny. Details on the Leopold Center's events page at: www.leopold.iastate.edu/news/events.htm, or view flier: www.leopold.iastate.edu/news/events/092409.pdf We hope to see you there! – Jerry DeWitt

FARMSCAPE This docudrama created by ISU professor and Iowa Poet Laureate Mary Swander and her Fall 2007 English class will be coming to Ames City Auditorium on Sunday, September 13 as part of central Iowa's 11 Days of Global Unity. This performance will feature a celebrity cast: www.leopold.iastate.edu/news/events/091309.pdf

ANOTHER NOT-TO-MISS EVENT The Leopold Center is a co-sponsor for the annual Community Food Security Coalition conference October 10-13 in Des Moines. The national gathering offers more than 50 workshops, a food-film festival, field trips and the first annual Food Sovereignty Prize. More on the conference web site at: <http://communityfoodconference.org>

HANDLE WITH CARE The Rodale Institute is featuring the Iowa Fruit and Vegetable Working Group on its web site this month. Leopold Center program specialist Malcolm Robertson, who co-leads the group, wrote an article about the recent postharvest handling workshops in Iowa: www.rodaleinstitute.org/20090827/nf1

FARM OF THE FUTURE Iowa State agronomist Matt Liebman is finding that fewer external inputs can work with a longer rotation. This project, funded by the Leopold Center's Ecology Initiative, is the latest to be featured in an on-line video. Watch it at: www.leopold.iastate.edu/research/eco_files/ground.html

THE NEXT 50 YEARS Read a speech presented by Wes Jackson of The Land Institute as part of the "Khrushchev in Iowa" celebration at Whiterock Conservancy in Coon Rapids. Leopold Center Distinguished Fellow Fred Kirschenmann also provided remarks as president of Whiterock Conservancy. Jackson looks at what is needed in agriculture during the next 50 years. Text of his speech is at: www.leopold.iastate.edu/pubs/speech/files/082909_WesJackson.pdf

NEW FOOD FAQ If you've been wondering how to sell produce at your local farmers market, a new FAQ from the Leopold Center may help answer your questions. *Frequently Asked Questions on Food Regulations for Small Market Food Producers* is available at: www.leopold.iastate.edu/resources/foodregs.html

LOCAL FOOD DIRECTORY This is a list of 64 organizations, programs, funders and consultants that offer various forms of assistance for Iowa producers, processors, food retailers and communities interested in local and regional food systems. More about this guide: www.leopold.iastate.edu/news/newsreleases/2009/081909_guide.html

LOCAL FOOD: IS IT BETTER? WHAT ARE THE ECONOMICS? The World Watch Institute explores these questions in a recent two-part series. Leopold Center Associate Director Rich Pirog is quoted in both articles. You can read Part 1 at: www.worldwatch.org/node/6064 and Part 2 at: www.worldwatch.org/node/6161 Pirog also was a recent guest on Iowa Public Radio's Talk of Iowa program. Listen to it here: <http://stream.publicbroadcasting.net/production/mp3/kuni/local-kuni-857840.mp3>

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