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Pride of the Prairie Farmers Market and Fall Feast celebrate 10th anniversary

Summary: The feast brings students and community members together for an autumn celebration.

(November 8, 2010)-On Tuesday, November 9, 2010, the University of Minnesota, Morris will host the 10th Anniversary Pride of the Prairie Farmers Market and Fall Feast, an event that aims to connect area farmers, the community, and the campus in a local, sustainable, and delicious way—through food.

The Farmers Market, held in the Student Center's Oyate Hall from 1 until 5 p.m., will provide an opportunity to purchase produce supplied by farmers from the surrounding area. Following the market will be the Pride of the Prairie Fall Feast from 4:45 until 7 p.m. in the Dining Hall building on East Second Street, across from the RFC. Parking is free in all lots. The feast's entertainment will be music by various prairie musicians.

The feast allows students and community members to come together in an autumn celebration, eating side by side with the providers of the meal's ingredients. On the menu is a Local Greens salad with herb vinaigrette and the Angry Trout's maple mustard dressing a harvest salad of apples, roasted beets, and cheese chicken and dumplings a bison roast Angry Trout wild rice roasted fall vegetables flax seed muffins raspberry compote and crumble milk and apple cider.

The menu features foods from Early Bird Farm, Four F Farms, Freshmeister Foods, Al Greiner Farms, Honey & Herbs, Mike Holland Greenhouses, Native Harvest, Pepin Heights Orchards, Prairie Drifter Farm, Pride of Main Street Dairy, SnoPac Foods, Swany White Company, Swenson's Orchard, the University of Minnesota West Central Research and Outreach Center, and Wayne & Jean's Evergreens.

Since it was established in 2000, says founder Sandy Olson-Loy, vice chancellor for student affairs, the Pride of the Prairie Fall Feast has been extremely successful, thanks to community efforts: the cooks and managers who plan the menu with the farmers, those who create the posters and farmers' autobiographies, and the musicians who provide entertainment.

Tickets to the Pride of the Prairie Fall Feast are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children age six and off-campus students. Children under five are free. On-campus students may use their meal plan. Tickets can be purchased either in advance at the Student Center Information Desk or at the door.

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