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**Pride of the Prairie Fall Feast**

*Summary:*

(October 16, 2003)-The third annual Pride of the Prairie Local Foods Fall Feast will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 21, at the Food Services building on the campus of the University of Minnesota, Morris. The locally produced meal, prepared by Sodexo Campus Services, will be served from 4:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

UMM senior Anne Borgendale, who helped to organize the event said, "As the third Pride of the Prairie locally produced meal that has been prepared and served on campus, this has become a special event on campus each semester that not only provides the UMM community with delicious food, but also educates us about the origins and importance of the food we eat. The Fall Feast is also an opportunity to celebrate all the progress that has been made in the local food system in western Minnesota."

The menu, which will feature food from producers certified by the Mid-West Food Alliance and other locally produced food, will include country coleslaw, barley and corn salad, honey mustard potato salad, whole wheat bread w/butter, grilled pork sausage with onions, peppers and tomatoes, autumn harvest sauté with whole wheat couscous, honey glazed carrots, herbed roasted potatoes, carved roast beef and carved roast bison, an apple split bar, apples and ice cream with caramel, chocolate, nuts, milk and apple cider.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$6 for children and UMM students without a meal plan, and free for children under five years of age. Tickets can be purchased at the meal or in the UMM Student Center from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 20 and 21. Live music will be provided by UMM staff employees, Carol Ford and Colleen Frey, and UMM student, Jake Rowan.

The meal also highlights the Mid-West Food Alliance's new connection with Sodexo as a preferred purveyor of foods. The Mid-West Food Alliance is a third party certifying organization for environmentally friendly and socially responsible agriculture products.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Sandy Olson-Loy said concerning the event: "As a founding partner in the Pride of the Prairie local foods initiative, we honor our deep roots in west central Minnesota. This project strengthens our connections to the farms and bounty of the prairie. We invite members of the community to join us as we enjoy a fall harvest meal prepared by our talented Sodexo Campus Services chef and staff."

Contributors to the fall feast include the Morris Public Interest Research Group, Prairie Renaissance Cultural Alliance, and the Campus Activities Council.

Pride of the Prairie is a collaborative initiative of students, faculty and staff of the University of Minnesota, Morris, the Land Stewardship Project, the West Central Regional Sustainable Development Partnership, West Central Research and Outreach Center, FoodRoutes Network, Agricultural Utilization Research Institute, Minnesota Department of

Agriculture, Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education, area food producing farmers and citizens.”

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