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The Farmers’ Market will be held from 1-4:30 p.m. in Oyate Hall of the UMM Student Center. Come purchase locally grown food, chat with local farmers and see some of the organizations that help to improve the availability of local foods in this community.

Confirmed Farmers’ Market participants to date include Moonstone Farm, Honey & Herbs, Pomme de Terre Food Co-op, Noordman Farm, Swenson’s Orchards and Morning Sky Greenery.

After the Farmers’ Market, enjoy a wonderful feast created by Sodexo Campus Services’ Executive Chef Chris Serio. Dinner will be served from 4:45 – 7 p.m. in the campus’ Food Services building. The menu will feature white bean and vegetable salad, herb and cheese biscuits, polish sausage and potato skillet, honey-glazed carrots and parsnips, old fashion beef stroganoff and vegetable stroganoff with penne rigate pasta and other locally produced foods. Local music by Mariah Ralston, Nick Champeau, Eagan Heath and Brittany Stone will be performed during the meal.

Tickets are available at the door or in the Student Center lobby from February 21- 26 (10 a.m. – 2 p.m. daily, except weekends). Adult tickets are $10, UMM students who live off campus and children tickets are $6, children under five eat free.

The event will also include introductions to some of the farmers who bring food from their farms to your plate. Farmers supplying food for the Pride of the Prairie Local Foods Meal include: River Valley Sprouts, Pastures A’Plenty, Life Design Organics, Bushel Boy, Honey & Herbs, Glacier Ridge Dairy, White Earth Land Recovery Project, Wingard Farms, Ed Field and Sons, Forest Mushrooms, Dakota Growers Pasta and Murphy’s Organic Farm.

The event is made possible thanks to the University of Minnesota, Morris Foodies, UMM’s Service Learning Program, MPIRG (Minnesota Public Interest Research Group), Pomme de Terre Foods, Prairie Renaissance Cultural Alliance, West Central Regional Sustainable Development Partnership, Land Stewardship Project, Sustainable Farming Association and Minnesota’s farmers.

View the poster: Spring Meal.
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