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## THE HOME PLACE

**R**eaction to Farm/City Day held at Autumnwood Farm on June 6th has been overwhelmingly positive. Everyone seemed to enjoy the various opportunities to experience different facets of farm life; even those unfortunate souls who were enjoying a hayride when a sudden ten minute downpour moved in.



The reaction of some folks, though, caught us by surprise. Many individuals, it seems, were carried back in their memories to their own "home place."

The desire to connect with our roots runs deep in those of us who have reached middle age and beyond. When we talk of "home" we don't mean the apartment or town house where we currently receive our meals and sleep nights, but the place we grew up; where we are from. As in "I've been in the area for fifteen years, but home is a small town in Iowa" or "I grew up in town but my grandparents had a farm and that's where I spent my summers. That was home to me." Home is the place where our Mom and Dad, Grandma or Grandpa, accepted us unconditionally and had time to listen to us or play a game of checkers. It's the place where we have earliest memories of learning how to work beside our parents and the place in the wooded grove where tears watered the grave of our favorite dog.

Home is the place where we rode bicycle down the dirt roads and along the cow paths in the pasture and where daytime TV wasn't needed or wanted because there was never "nothing to do." Home is also where you matter and the folks are always glad you came, where "nobody is a nobody." It is the place and people and pets and live-stock and neighbors and crops and challenging times and growing experiences that help make us the people we are today. It's the place described so eloquently by Miranda Lambert in **THE HOUSE THAT BUILT ME**.

To all those who came and visited our "home place", we would like to say thank you. To those who found a connection to your own "home place" where ever that may be, we are happy to have played a small role in that experience.

## ON THE FARM...

There is a lot of hay needing to be cut for the second time this year. We're thankful for adequate rainfall but are in need of several consecutive dry days to get the hay cut, cured, raked and baled. The corn crop is ahead of schedule. It is said it needs to be "knee high by the 4th of July", to reach maturity before a killing frost. That height was reached about June 20th.

### Autumnwood Dairy Store Hours

Monday- Friday • Noon-6pm

Saturday, 10am-4pm



## WHAT'S NEW?

### NOW IN WHITE BEAR TOWNSHIP!

Autumnwood Farm milk is now at Cub in White Bear Lake Township

### GROUND BEEF

Ground beef grown on Autumnwood Farm is now available at our farmstore

### OUR FARMSTORE

We not only carry our complete line of milk products, but we have locally produced items including Maple Syrup, Honey, Cheese, Beef, Jam and MORE!

## WHERE TO PURCHASE OUR PRODUCTS

### Autumnwood Dairy Store

Forest Lake • M-F Noon - 6pm, Sat 10-4

### Bock Creamery - Bock

County Market - North Branch

Cub Foods - Arden Hills, Forest Lake,

Maplewood East, Stillwater

White Bear Lake Township

Festival Foods - Andover, Bloomington,

Brooklyn Park, Hugo, Lexington,

Vadnais Heights, White Bear Lake

Grundhofer's Old Fashion Meats - Hugo

Hagberg's County Market - Lake Elmo

Knowlan's - Maplewood, South St. Paul

Kowalski's - Eden Prairie,

Eagan, Oak Park Hgts,

White Bear Lake, Woodbury

Mississippi Market

- St Paul at Selby & Dale

The Marketplace - St. Michael



## COW OF THE MONTH

Autumnwood Kosmo Mosmo is our cow of the month. She calved in April with her third calf and is currently milking a little over 100 pounds of milk per day. Mosmo has the unique habit of licking the back of whoever is milking her. This is usually as effective as a good back scratcher until her sandpaper-like tongue finds some bare skin, where upon it quickly becomes painful. She is a gentle cow, and when released to go to pasture, will usually stand and watch the goings-on, while chewing her cud.

Pat Daninger