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MILK FROM GRASS TO THE GLASS

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TIME AT THE FAIR

Nathan Daninger

As a farm kid at the County Fair, it seems that the focus isn't really on games and carnival rides but on showing cattle and being with friends you don't see too often. It is a chance to showcase your work taking care of the animals throughout the previous year. However that doesn't mean that you don't have fun. The highlight of the week is showing your cattle. All your hard work pays off!

COUNTY FAIR

Mariah Daninger

County Fair is always the highlight of our summer. We work all year with our calves and cows and our projects. County Fair is where all of our hard work is rewarded with ribbons and trophies. County Fair is kind of like a vacation. We get to see people we haven't seen for a year and we can earn trips to the State Fair.

This year I took a 2 yr old cow and my clothes you purchase project which won Grand Champion. The County Fair is the best part of my summer.

At the State Fair you meet kids from all over. Showing in the coliseum can be kind of scary, not just for me, but for my cow. The loud noises when the judges talk make her nervous. Showing there, in general, makes me nervous. State Fair is really tiring. Every morning, you get up at about 4:30 to start washing your animals and bedding. Every night, you get to bed at about 11:30 or 12:00 because you have to stay in the barn as late as possible, so the animals can be as clean as possible in the morning. Even though the County and State Fairs are tiring, it all pays off in the end.



Left to right: Mariah, Erin, Nathan & Luke Daninger with the top four fall registered Holsteins at the Washington County Fair

ON THE FARM

The recent wet weather has brought an abundance of green grass for the cows to eat as well as giving the alfalfa hay a much needed boost. We're approaching the end of the growing season and need to determine how much hay and corn silage we have on hand to meet the animals forage needs throughout the long winter.

On a recent morning, a cow that had calved the previous day failed to come up to the barn with the herd to be milked. Suspecting a milk fever (low blood calcium level) I took a bottle of calcium and an IV set and went to find her. Upon seeing her, my suspicion was confirmed. She was unable to rise and stand. My frustration level rose quickly as we had a staff meeting scheduled that morning and this disruption would cost at least thirty minutes. Using a halter, I tied her head to her right rear leg, allowing access to her jugular vein. I inserted a needle and began the IV drip. If calcium is administered too quickly, a heart attack will result, so at least twenty minutes should be used for treatment. As a few tense minutes passed, I noticed the sun begin to peak over the eastern horizon. It glistened on the dew laden grass and illuminated the dense corn field on one side and the oak tree tops on the other side of the pasture. A song bird gave its morning call as an owl hooted in the distance. Observing this glorious morning, my mood softened and a spirit of thankfulness came over me. Suddenly I realized this was a hidden blessing and Psalm 46:10 came to mind. "Be still and know that I am God." The treatment completed, I came back and milked all the other cows. By that time, the now healthy patient had made the half mile trip to the barn to be milked.

Pat Daninger

Autumnwood Dairy

Store Hours

Monday- Friday

Noon-6pm

Saturday, 10am-4pm



WANTED

**Your empty
milk bottles.
We are running low!**

WHAT'S NEW?

KOWALSKI'S!

Autumnwood Farm milk and half and half is now available at selected Kowalski's stores.

White Bear Lake • Oak Park Heights • Woodbury and Eden Prairie. Kowalski's stores are now offering our products for sale.

HALF & HALF IS HERE!

Sold in glass pints at our farm store and most of our retail outlets.

WHERE TO PURCHASE OUR PRODUCTS

AUTUMNWOOD DAIRY STORE

(M-F Noon - 6pm, Sat 10-4)

BOCK CREAMERY - Bock

CUB FOODS - Forest Lake, Stillwater

COUNTY MARKET - North Branch

FESTIVAL FOODS

Andover, Bloomington, Brooklyn Park, Hugo, Lexington, Vadnais Hgts, White Bear Lake

GRUNDHOFER'S OLD FASHION MEATS - Hugo

HAGBERG'S COUNTRY MARKET - Lake Elmo

KOWALSKI'S

Eden Prairie, Oak Park Heights, White Bear Lake, Woodbury

MARKETPLACE FOODS

Forest Lake

MISSISSIPPI MARKET

Selby & Dale & 1500 W. 7th.

St Paul

THE MARKETPLACE

St. Michael

