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**ANOTHER GREAT LINEUP SET TO ENTERTAIN ON WALLEYE WEEKEND'S
CHARTER COMMUNICATION FAMILYLAND STAGE**

(4/24/08) Where can you see Nickelodeon characters, a juggler, dancing tots, a jump rope team and an 11-year-old country star all in one place? At Walleye Weekend on the Charter Communications Familyland Stage! Walleye Weekend, June 6, 7, and 8, is right around the corner and will once again be providing children of all ages with exciting entertainment all weekend.

Walleye Weekend favorites Dora the Explorer will be back again this year and will bring her cousin Diego to make appearances. Children will be able to meet their much loved television stars, as well as have their pictures taken with them.

The Nick Live show will also be returning to the festival this year, along with their famous green slime. This Nickelodeon show will bring a whole new level of fun with its interactive games. Come and check out the show which will be on the Charter Communications Familyland Stage twice on Saturday, June 7.

“Families will have fun with this game show event that pits parents against kids for a Slimulator showdown,” said Jessie Hlad, public relations and communications manager for Charter Communications.

Bringing a mix of talent and tricks is Juggling Geoff, Jack of all trades, Master of Fun. Geoff, who is originally from California, started performing at the age of 17. Now 22, boasts an impressive resume ranging from performances at Summerfest, New York’s Union Square and San Diego’s Seaport Village. He is sure to entertain festival goers with his high thrill juggling skills and his various comedy skits. Geoff will be performing all weekend, as well as doing roaming performances throughout Lakeside Park.

The Fondy Wizards, a nationally competing local jump rope team, will make an appearance to show off their exhibition. The team is a group of 23 students from the Fond du Lac School District that range in age from 6 to 18 years old. The Fondy Wizards travel around Wisconsin, performing shows in support of the American Heart Association’s Jump Rope for Heart campaign.

“We do so much outside of Fond du Lac, being able to perform here at Walleye Weekend gives the kids a great opportunity to perform in front of their hometown crowd,” said Wizard’s Director Gail Cameron.

On Saturday, June 7 don’t miss a performance by the Shut Up and Dance Fox Tots. The Fox Tots is a group of children ages 5 to 12 that will be performing a variety of dances for Walleye Weekend goers. There will a group of 15 members dancing to “It’s a Hard Knock Life”, as well as several featured members performing couples dances including the Tango, Waltz and Salsa. Come view the product of hours of practice from these talented young performers.

“I want people to realize that no matter your age or ability level, we have something to offer everybody,” said Julie Wilson, owner and director of Shut Up & Dance Studio.

Topping off the Charter Communications Familyland stage will be 11-year-old county music protégé Charissa & the Auburn Sky Band. Charissa’s powerful voice has been propelling her into the spotlight all over the country, rubbing elbows with the likes of LoneStar, Gretchen Wilson and Danielle Peck. She is the proud winner of the 2005 Country Thunder Karaoke contest, as well as 2007 Colgate Country Showdown talent contest for the state of Wisconsin. Come and see this bright young star during her performances on Saturday, June 7 and Sunday, June 8.

Walleye Weekend is June 6th, 7th and 8th at Lakeside Park in Fond du Lac and is sponsored by Mercury Marine, Charter Communications, Pepsi Americas, Miller Lite, Michels Corporation, Bass Pro Shops and K107.1.

Fond du Lac Festivals, Inc. is a non-profit organization founded in 1983 with a mission to direct, promote, and support festivals and special events that showcase the Fond du Lac area community.

The organization, with a great deal of help and support from the community, is responsible for Walleye Weekend, Light Up the City and Taste of Fond du Lac. These events benefit more than 100 local non-profit organizations.

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