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**Walleye Weekend's T-shirt Design Contest winners announced**

**(5/13/08)-** The official 2008 Walleye Weekend T-shirt designers have been chosen for this year's festival. The annual contest, brought to you by Hopper's Silk Screening and All-Star Trophy, has chosen three new designs to represent the 31<sup>st</sup> annual Walleye Weekend 2008, June 6, 7 & 8.

Winners were chosen from three different age categories, Kindergarten to 8th grade, 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade and the college, adult and senior citizens group. There was an overwhelming amount of great entries this year, and the winners in each category will be receiving a savings bond from Hopper's Silk Screening and All Star Trophy.

"We here at Hoppers enjoy working with the community and seeing all the wonderful talented works of art from all ages, young and old," said Dave Hopper, of Hopper's Silk Screening and All Star Trophy.

The winner in the kindergarten to 8<sup>th</sup> grade level is Sophia Salm, a student at FACES. Sophia's creative fisherman design made her the recipient of a \$200 savings bond. This category also boasted two designs that received an honorable mention award. Simitrio Arellano and Steven Hoepfner were the recipients of these awards.

Francesca Gove's design received first place in the 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade level for her colorful display of a lake and lighthouse. She will be receiving a \$400 savings bond for her unique design. The honorable mention award in this category went to Zoey Hanke.

The college, adult and senior citizens winner is Maria Weeks. Her realistic drawing of a Walleye stood out among the many entries. She will be awarded a \$400 savings bond for the design.

"I feel the contest gives participants pride in their work and gives them the opportunity to see their finished masterpiece from beginning concepts to a finished product for sale at Walleye Weekend, and also throughout the community," said Dave Hopper.

Walleye Weekend will be held at Lakeside Park on June 6, 7 & 8 and is sponsored by Charter Communications, K107.1 FM, Mercury Marine, Michels Corporation, Bass Pro Shops, Miller Lite and Pepsi Americas.

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 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. More information is available at [www.fdlfest.com](http://www.fdlfest.com).

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