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Charter Communications Familyland Stage Line-Up Announced

(5/19/09)- Walleye Weekend is right around the corner and that can only mean one thing; free, family fun to kick off the summer! Come see all the action on the Charter Communications Familyland Stage, June 12, 13 and 14 at Lakeside Park in Fond du Lac.

Children can visit their favorite characters, Diego and Scooby Doo throughout the weekend. Don't miss Ronald McDonald, when he makes an appearance Saturday morning at 11:15. Children also have the opportunity to meet and take pictures with the characters throughout their visit to Walleye Weekend.

Gypsy Geoff, Jack of all Trades, Master of Fun, will be returning to Walleye Weekend this year to entertain guests. Watch him perform daring acts, magic tricks, comedy skits and juggle. He boasts an impressive resume ranging from performances at Summerfest and New York's Union Square, and is sure to be entertaining for any age to watch.

"We are really excited to be able to provide family entertainment to the community for free. We want families to leave Walleye Weekend with wonderful

memories of their time spent here,” said Mary Ann Dilling, executive director of Fond du Lac Festivals, Inc.

New to Walleye Weekend this year is a show called “Are You Brighter Than a 5th Grader?” In this spin-off of the popular ABC show, local celebrities will test their knowledge on a range of topics taken from actual 5th grade curriculum. There will be nine shows total throughout the weekend, each one featuring 5th grade students from each elementary school in Fond du Lac. Come cheer on your favorite contestants including; Police Chief Tony Barthuly, Mark Seidel, retired counselor from Theisen Middle School, Woodworth School Assistant Principal Tim Schipper, former Walleye Weekend Co-Chair Scott Swick, Tom Stokes, a coach and teacher for the Fond du Lac School District, Fire Chief Peter O’Leary, YMCA Director Greg Giles, Brian Shea, founder of the Fond du Lac Junior Football League, and Dave Haase of Attitude Sports.

The Fond du Lac Middle Level Drumming Ensemble will be sharing their beats on Friday and Sunday at 7:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. respectively. This ensemble, directed by Jay Thomas, is made up of 6th, 7th and 8th grade students from Theisen, Woodworth and Sabish Middle Schools. Members of the group will be performing rhythm ensembles originating from the music of West Africa, the Middle East and the Caribbean Islands. Don’t miss your chance to see the amazing student talent!

Walleye Weekend is sponsored by Charter Communications, Fox Valley Savings Bank, Mercury Marine, Michels Corporation, Miller Lite, Yar-Craft Boats and Pepsi Americas. Check www.fdlfest.com for the latest information.

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 Horicon Bank's Taste of Fond du Lac. These events benefit more than 100 local non-profit organizations.

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