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2011 HORICON BANK'S TASTE OF FOND DU LAC ANNOUNCES WINNERS

(3/1/11)- After working up an appetite shoveling the snow from Saturday, guests were able to come to Horicon Bank's Taste of Fond du Lac and enjoy fun, food and family. More than 25 area restaurants came out to the Fond du Lac County Expo building and showcased some of their best menu items and were able to compete to take home awards.

Restaurants could submit items into six categories including, appetizer, soup, sandwich, lunch entrée, dinner entrée and dessert.

In the appetizer category, first place went to Linstrom's Special Occasion Catering for its Seafood and Parmesan stuffed Mushroom caps with bubbly Wisconsin Cheeses. Second place was awarded to JR's Sports Bar and Grill for its Thai Pork Wonton Tacos.

In the soup category, Royal Ridges of Ripon took home first place for its Southwestern Tortilla Chicken Soup garnished with Queso Fresco, Fried Tortillas and Green Onions. Cibo Steaks and Spirits came in second place with its Northwoods Wild Rice Soup.

For the second time in the sandwich category Mancino's Pizza and Grinders took home first place, this year with its Italian Grinder. Coming in at a close second place was the Cilantro Lime Chicken Sandwich from JR's Sports Bar and Grill.

Ala Roma Italian Pizzeria and Pub grabbed first place in the lunch entrée category for its Portobello Ravioli with Marinara or Alfredo Sauce. Second place went to Linstrom's Special Occasion Catering for its Creamy Greek Chicken ladled on a bed of Buttery Confetti Rice.

In the dinner entrée category, Seasons Restaurant was awarded first place for its Tangy Chicken Carciofini nestled on a bed of Buttery Sour Cream and Chive Whipped Potatoes. Second place was awarded to Parrot Palms at Juke Box Charlie's for its Alligator Jambalaya.

In the sweetest of the categories, desserts, first place was awarded to the Creamy Heath Bar Cheesecake from Main Exchange. Second place went to the Puff Pastry from Bates Bakery & Deli.

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