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NEW EVENT TO BE HELD AT WALLEYE WEEKEND 2007

Fond du Lac (2/26/07)-To help celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Walleye Weekend, local celebrities will compete in a Dancin' with the Starz competition. The twelve local celebrities were announced at Hometown Bank's Taste of Fond du Lac which took place on Sunday, February 25, 2007.

The six males that will be competing will include past chair of Walleye Weekend Marty Ryan, Fire Chief Joe Clow, chair of Walleye Weekend 2007 Scott Swick, Superintendent of the Fond du Lac School District Dr. Greg Maass, Executive Director of the YMCA Greg Giles, and Lt. Steve Klein from the Fond du Lac City Police Department.

Dr. Greg Maass said, "It's hard to consider yourself a star or a celebrity but since someone has acknowledged me and given me the status of a 'star,' I feel honored to be a part of this. I'm looking forward to taking dance lessons and hopefully not embarrassing myself on stage at Walleye Weekend. But in all seriousness, being asked is terrific." He also said, "You have to enjoy life and try to have fun while you are living."

The six female competitors are Chair of Walleye Weekend Lisa Mader, City Council member Lindee Kimball, Mary Halfman from the K107.1 morning show, retired dean of UW-

Fond du Lac Judy Goldsmith, Senior Class President at Fond du Lac High School Mara Brandli, and Miss Fond du Lac who will be crowned on March 10, 2007.

Judy Goldsmith said, “For me, the opportunity to dance is the chance of a lifetime. I’ve always loved dancing and plan to have a really good time with Walleye Weekend Dancin’ with the Starz.”

Over the next few months, the twelve contestants will be taking lessons at Shut Up and Dance, 21 North Main Street in Fond du Lac. The participants will spend at least two hours a week practicing and perfecting one dance to perform at Walleye Weekend. The twelve performers will be competing to win 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place trophies. They will also try to win over the crowd in order to win the coveted People’s Choice Award.

Mary Ann Dilling, Executive Director of Fond du Lac Festivals expressed her excitement about the new event, “I think this event will be a great addition to the 30th Anniversary of Walleye Weekend. I hope that the community will share in my excitement and come out to watch some of our local celebrities show off their dancing skills.”

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 also responsible for Light Up the City and Hometown Bank’s Taste of Fond du Lac. These events benefit more than 100 local non-profit organizations. More information is available at www.fdlfest.com.

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