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Walleye Weekend's T-shirt Design Contest found its two winners

The Walleye Weekend T-shirt Design Contest was a success for the second year in a row. The winners of this year's contest, presented by Hopper's Silk Screening and All Star Trophy and Fond du Lac Festivals, Inc., are Cody Backhaus, 17, and Anna Kraus, 11. Their winning designs will be featured on this year's official Walleye Weekend T-shirt.

Dave Hopper, of Hopper's Silk Screening and All Star Trophy, stated, "The turnout this year was excellent!" An overwhelming 72% of the designs were submitted by students 14-and-under. Backhaus and Kraus will each receive a \$500 savings bond donated by Hopper's Silk Screening and All Star Trophy.

The committee of judges was made up of Fond du Lac Festivals board members, chairpersons and members of the Hopper's staff. The entries were judged anonymously, with no knowledge of who the artists were. After the committee narrowed the choices to the top three in each division, a final vote was taken to decide the two winners.

"I wasn't really expecting it at all," said Kraus, when asked about winning the contest. "I am really excited!" Kraus created a bright and colorful tie-dye t-shirt that gives off a sense of youth appeal. "Walleye Weekend is fun and the shirt needs to be something that's fun and makes you happy."

"It's really neat that I was able to take part in the contest," said Backhaus. "It will be unbelievable actually seeing people wear the shirts at Walleye Weekend."

“All of the designs were very well done!” said Hopper. “Congratulations to the two winning participants and best of luck to everyone next year!”

Walleye Weekend will be held at Lakeside Park on June 9, 10 and 11 is sponsored by Charter Communications, K107.1 FM, Mercury Marine, Michels Corporation, Miller Lite, Pepsi and Saturn of Fond du Lac. 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 community. The organization, with a great deal of help and support from the community, is responsible for Walleye Weekend, 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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2006 Walleye Weekend-June 9, 10, & 11

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