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Hometown Bank's A Taste of Fond du Lac brings five more participants to the Expo

Hometown Bank's A Taste of Fond du Lac is drawing near, and local eateries, shops and councils are frying, cooking and baking away to prepare the delicious selections they'll be bringing to the Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds on February 28.

Duffy's Pub and Steakhouse at the Holiday Inn, the Fond du Lac Area Association of Commerce Agri-Business Council, Le' Kitchen, Rocky Rococo and Confections for Any Occasion are five of this year's Hometown Bank's A Taste Of Fond du Lac participants that will be tempting Taste-goers.

The newly renovated Duffy's Pub and Steakhouse at the Holiday Inn, 625 W. Rolling Meadow, will be at the "Taste" promoting the two aspects of Duffy's: the Steakhouse, the formal, upscale dining room with high-quality products at an affordable rate; and the Ultimate Sports Experience, the sports bar with a full sports-theme menu, nightly specials and NTN trivia with prizes and giveaways.

Duffy's will be serving its unique Greek Shrimp and its classic Filet Mignon at the "Taste." The Greek Shrimp is an appetizer that is unique to Duffy's, since there is nothing else like it in the Fond du Lac area, according to Food and Beverage Manager Jeff Barber.

"We've got one of the leading chefs in town," said Barber. "The 'Taste' gives us an opportunity to show off a little bit!"

The Fond du Lac Area Association of Commerce Agri-Business Council wants the families and everybody in attendance at Hometown Bank's A Taste of Fond du Lac to walk away from their booth with an idea of how to make smart buying decisions at the grocery store as well as a full belly.

The Agri-Business Council will bring Buffalo Stew with Potatoes, Carrots and a Savory Sauce, as well as Milk Chugs—pints of white or chocolate—to promote Wisconsin products and to show the diversity of the agricultural industry in our state. The Agri-Business Council uses the funds from the "Taste" for its agri-business scholarship, which goes to Fond du Lac County youth pursuing education in agriculture.

Le' Kitchen, LLC, N7640 Hwy. 149, is a newer deli-style eatery on the outskirts of Fond du Lac. The establishment, which will be two years old in April, is a deli with a seating area and a menu with a variety of foods, such as subs, pizza, burgers, grilled chicken, chili, even party trays. In addition, Le' Kitchen offers fresh rolls and bakery every day.

Le' Kitchen will be start Taste-goers out with Seafood Chowder and then tempt them with the flavorful Garlic, Portobello and Asiago Pizza. The lucky diners at this booth can then follow up with two delicious desserts: Cranberry Walnut Filled Cookie Cups and Caramel Apple Salad.

The local Rocky Rococo, at 774 W. Johnson St., will be serving its Pan-Style Cheese Pizza and Pan-Style Sausage Pizza. The Rocky Rococo Web site boasts that they use over 1 million pounds of real Wisconsin cheese every year. And, according to Rocky Rococo General Manager Tim Schroeder, their Sausage Pizza is "the best in Fond du Lac."

For those with a sweet tooth, Confections for Any Occasion, 101 N. Milwaukee St. in Theresa, is a gourmet candy store that offers a wide variety of candies, such as turtles, toffee, caramels, truffles, novelty candy and old-fashioned candy. However, some may not know that Confections also has a unique old-fashioned General Store atmosphere, local Wisconsin wines, gift baskets and even a restaurant with soup, sandwiches, homemade pizza and a fish fry.

Taste-goers will definitely be able to satisfy their sweet tooth at the Confections for Any Occasion booth. Chocoholics won't be able to resist the tempting Chocolate Truffles, the sweet and salty Chocolate-Covered Potato Chips, and the delightful Chocolate-Covered Sandwich Cookies.

Check out the great food at any of these booths and more at Hometown Bank's A Taste of Fond du Lac on Monday, Feb. 28, from 3:00-8:30 p.m. at the Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds Expo Building, 17th St. and Martin Ave. The annual event will feature approximately 25 area restaurants and more than 50 silent-auction items, including Brewer's tickets, family getaways, savings bonds, restaurant gift certificates, golf packages and much more.

Tickets will cost \$2 at the door or \$1.50 in advance, and children under 5 are free. Advance tickets can be purchased at Wegner's Office Supply, the Association of Commerce, the Fond du Lac Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, Jo Jo's BBQ & Grill and any Hometown Bank location. As always, food tickets will cost only 50 cents apiece.

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