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**FOND DU LAC FESTIVALS ANNOUNCES HOMETOWN BANK'S TASTE OF
FOND DU LAC JUNIOR CO-CHAIR FOR 2006**

Fond du Lac (11/18/ 05) - Jim Brajdic of A&W Drive-In will be the junior co-chair for Hometown Bank's Taste of Fond du Lac 2006. Brajdic will be joining senior chair Joan Becker, of Cibo's Italian Restaurant at Ramada Plaza Hotel, to plan the annual event.

"Where else can you get 30 restaurants under one roof?" said Brajdic. "It is a great event for the community. It's good for new restaurants to showcase their food and for the customers to try the products."

Brajdic has owned A&W Drive-In, address, for five years. He is the second generation to own the A&W, which has been in his family for 22 years.

The newcomer Brajdic will join veteran chair Becker, who was last year's junior co-chair.

"I believe Jim will be bringing some new enthusiasm and input to this great event," Becker said. "Jim and A&W have been participating in Hometown's Bank Taste for several years and he truly understands what a great event this is for the Fond du Lac community."

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Mary Ann Dilling, Executive Director of Fond du Lac Festivals, said that the two chairs truly complement each other and will make a dynamic combination.

“Jim expressed enthusiasm and a willingness to put his personal signature on the event,” Dilling said. “He truly enjoys the festival.”

Hometown Bank’s Taste of Fond du Lac will take place Monday, February 27, 2006 at the Fond du Lac Fairgrounds Expo Building from 3:00-8:30 p.m. The night will feature delicious appetizers, entrees and desserts, as well as five talented musical acts. Advance tickets are \$1.50 or \$2 at the door and children under 5 are admitted for free. Food tickets are only 50 cents each. More information is available at the Fond du Lac Festivals Web site at fdlfest.com.

Fond du Lac Festivals, Inc. is a non-profit organization founded in 1983 with a mission to direct, promote, and support family oriented festivals and special events that showcase the community resources and enhance the quality of life in the Fond du Lac area. The organization, with a great deal of help and support from the community, is responsible for Walleye Weekend and Hometown Bank’s Taste of Fond du Lac. These events benefit more than 30 local non-profit organizations.

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