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## **Four more restaurants on board for Hometown Bank's A Taste of Fond du Lac**

Another four restaurants are on board to join more than over 25 area establishments at Hometown Bank's A Taste of Fond du Lac. Lucky's, Grey Rock at Heidel House Resort, Jo Jo's BBQ Grill and Rock the House Pub & Grill will be serving both new and classic culinary delights.

Taste-goers will be lucky this year, when first-time "Taste" vendor Lucky's, 65 N. Main St., serves up its specialties. Lucky's has been serving the Fond du Lac area since December 2003 and boasts daily specials, a DJ Wed.-Sat., a dance floor, pool tables and 26 TVs. Though Lucky's is primarily a bar, it also has a separate dining area and offers a variety of fare.

"The menu is pretty much the whole nine yards," said Lucky's kitchen manager Bob Mahr. Mahr added that Lucky's has two signature specialty pizzas—Lucky's Pizza, a barbeque chicken pizza, and Ralph's Pizza, an all-meat pizza, named after the rhinoceros-head logo on the wall.

Lucky's will offer four of its kitchen creations—the Lucky's Pizza, Italian Beef, Meatballs, and Chicken Noodle Soup.

Returning again this year is Grey Rock at Heidel House Resort, 643 Illinois Ave. in Green Lake. Grey Rock is located on the shores of Green Lake and offers great views. They plan on sweeping us off our feet with their Wild Mushroom Risotto with Duck Confit & Balsamic Syrup and Chocolate Bavarian on Almond Shortbread with Raspberry Sauce.

"We have decided to participate again this year because it is within the local community and it supports a good experience," stated Larry London, Director of Food and Beverage of the Heidel House Resort. Grey Rock wants the local community to experience their food and meet their staff first hand.

Grey Rock is a 1940s-style supper club with classic cocktails and fabulous food & wine. With a tag line of "kind of Swanky and lots of Fun," how can you resist the temptation of Grey Rock? With a short and easy drive from Fond du Lac, this property provides more than just great food.

The 2003 and 2004 People's Choice Award winner, Jo Jo's BBQ Grill, 823 W. Johnson St., will be back to once again to please the masses. This year Jo Jo's will be tempting

event-goers with two new Taste items, Jambalaya and Bourbon Chicken, as well as their signature BBQ Pork Sandwiches.

Jo Jo's, which is a "fast-casual restaurant," is in its sixth year in Fond du Lac. Owners Julie and Rich Nimkie, who work daily at Jo Jo's, are also two of Taste's 2005 co-chairs, along with Joan Becker of Cibo's at the Ramada Plaza Hotel.

"The 'Taste' is more than just an event," said Rich. "It's a celebration of what we as restaurants have a passion for, and Jo Jo's is honored to be a part of it again."

Rock the House Pub & Grill, N. 11710 Hwy. 175, will be rocking the Expo with its "friends first, fun always" motto. The former Club 49, the Pub & Grill name doesn't mean just burgers and fries.

"We're not fast food, we just want to serve you quickly," said Jerry Brandt, Rock the House's Marketing Manager. "And we will not skimp on quality just to lower the price."

Rock the House has become famous for its prime rib, which is first slow cooked and then grilled to the diner's liking. They will be bringing the Prime Rib back to Hometown Bank's A Taste of Fond du Lac, since it was so popular last year, along with a new item: the "Spare" Gus Sandwich. The "Spare" Gus is an open-faced lightly seasoned chicken breast sandwich on an English muffin, which is then covered in asparagus spears and smothered in Hollandaise sauce.

"It's absolutely outstanding," Brandt raved.

Rock the House, which is in its third year in Fond du Lac and its second year at Taste, is open daily at 11:00 a.m. for lunch 363 days a year.

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 Center, 17th St. and Martin Ave. The annual event will feature more than 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. Food tickets will cost a wallet-friendly 50 cents a piece.

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