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A taste of what's in store for Hometown Bank's A Taste of Fond du Lac

One traditional family restaurant, a brand-new business and an elegant banquet hall will be among many offering tasty selections at the Hometown Bank's 2005 Taste of Fond du Lac February 28. Schreiner's Restaurant, Super Fast Pizza and Royal Ridges of Ripon are cooking up both old and new menu selections for this year's event.

Schreiner's Restaurant, 168 N. Pioneer Rd., will be offering its old classics, New England Style Clam Chowder and Ritz Nut Torte topped with real whipped cream.

Paul Cunningham, owner of Schreiner's since 1992, said that they aren't at "Taste" to introduce new items. Instead, they offer two of their most popular items.

"We encourage the other restaurants to try something new every year, but we give people what they expect," said Cunningham. "We're there more for the social aspect. It's fun to be there and good to support it."

Schreiner's has been serving the Fond du Lac Community for breakfast, lunch and dinner since 1938 with its freshly prepared entrees and desserts made on-site.

Fond du Lac's Super Fast Pizza, 47 Eastbrook Lane, will also be offering its most popular items—pizza, super fast! Super Fast Pizza will bring pizza by the slice to Hometown Bank's A Taste of Fond du Lac.

"It just seemed like a great opportunity," said Scott Matthew, the President of Super Fast Pizza. The business was established in mid-September and has mobile pizza kitchens—licensed "restaurants on wheels"—that bring hot pizza to your door in only about 15 minutes. Ordering can be done via telephone or online, at www.superfastpizza.com.

Offerings from Royal Ridges of Ripon, 1 Westgate Dr. in Ripon, will tantalize your taste buds. The banquet hall will be presenting a delectable entrée of smoked pulled pork over corn cakes with Cumberland sauce, and their tempting dessert, bread pudding with pear and pecan caramel.

"This is a really fun event," said Kris Waldenmeyer, Royal Ridges' Sales and Catering Supervisor. "And the competition's always great."

The banquet hall chooses new foods for Hometown Bank's A Taste of Fond du Lac every year, and tries to gear the selections toward what they think the crowd will enjoy with an upscale presentation.

“They’re really simple comfort foods, don’t let the names fool you,” said the Executive Chef of Royal Ridges, Scott McFarland. “But if you’re going to make a bread pudding, you have to make the best bread pudding you can. And presentation’s always important.”

Royal Ridges of Ripon is open to the public on Fridays for an all-you-can-eat chicken and fish buffet and on Sundays for brunch.

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 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. 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. Tickets will be \$2.00 at the door.

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