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For the third year in a row Backyard Grill & Bar is Hometown Bank's Taste of Fond du Lac People's Choice Award winner

Fond du Lac (3/2/07) -To find fantastic food, the people of Fond du Lac don't think that you have to go much farther than the backyard. The Backyard Grill & Bar, that is, which has been named the 2007 People's Choice Award winner at Hometown Bank's Taste of Fond du Lac.

Backyard Grill & Bar's fun and festive booth, which included a 50's theme, along with their great customer service grabbed the attention and the votes of community members who attended Hometown Bank's Taste of Fond du Lac on Sunday.

"It's very exciting and rewarding to win the People's Choice Award," said Colleen Trepanier, manager of Backyard Grill & Bar. "The award lets us know that people like what we are doing and what we have to offer. I want to thank our wonderful staff for making our restaurant as successful as it has been." She added, "We enjoy being in Hometown Bank's Taste of Fond du Lac. It's a lot of hard work but well worth it from the comments we hear from the public, and the amount of exposure and publicity we receive."

This was Backyard Grill & Bar's third year participating in Hometown Bank's Taste of Fond du Lac, and they have taken home the People's Choice Award all three years. They also won first place in the dinner entrée category with their Bourbon Tenderloin Beef Tips with Garlic Smashed Potatoes. The delicious Butter Pecan Bars that they served also picked up the second place award in the dessert category.

"Despite the bad weather, people still came out to support Hometown Bank's Taste of Fond du Lac," said Mary Ann Dilling, Executive Director of Fond du Lac Festivals, Inc., which organizes the annual event. "All the restaurants did a great job this year, and I think the public enjoys participating in the People's Choice Award." The award was created in 2003 to get the community more involved in the 19-year-old event.

Hometown Bank's Taste of Fond du Lac, an annual event, was held Sunday, February 25 at the Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds Expo Center and featured restaurants, a silent auction and local entertainment. It was sponsored by Hometown Bank, Charter Communications, Hopper's Silk Screening and All Star Trophy, Goose Island Honker's Ale, Pepsi Americas, WFRV CBS 5, News-Talk AM 1450 KFIZ, K107.1 FM and the Reporter.

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