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Restaurant line-up continues to grow as Hometown Bank's Taste of Fond du Lac approaches

(1/31/08)- Chicken Gumbo, a Homemade Meatball Sub and Pumpkin Cheesecake Bars are just a few of the mouthwatering items that will be served up by three of the more than 25 restaurants at this year's Hometown Bank's Taste of Fond du Lac. Qdoba Mexican Grill, Royal Ridges of Ripon and Backyard Grill & Bar have joined the growing lineup of restaurants this year.

Qdoba Mexican Grill, 187 N. Pioneer Rd., will be back again this year to defend its 2007 first place finish in the lunch entrée category. Qdoba will once again be bringing its fresh Mexican flavors serving up Chicken Gumbo, Pork Gumbo, Chicken Nachos, Pork Nachos and Chips & Salsa.

"We are a new establishment to the community and this is a way for people to try our food and learn more about us," said Katie Schaalma, General Manager of Qdoba Mexican Grill.

Three-time People's Choice Award winner Backyard Grill & Bar, 838 E. Johnson St., is back again this year to defend its title. Among its menu items will be a Grilled BBQ Pork Wrap and Cheesy Sante Fe Chicken Soup. For those of you looking to satisfy your sweet tooth, Backyard Grill & Bar will also be serving up Pumpkin

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Cheesecake Bars.

“I think this is a great event for restaurants in Fond du Lac and the surrounding areas because it gets your name out there and gives the community a chance to come and sample what you have to offer,” said Colleen Trepanier of Backyard Grill & Bar, who is also a co-chair of the event. “Not only can you sample whatever foods you'd like, but there is also entertainment and a silent auction with great baskets and different items. It's just an all around fun event,” Trepanier continued.

Royal Ridges of Ripon, 1 Westgate Dr., is also returning this year to tempt taste-goers. Offering up a Homemade Meatball Sub and the Royal Monster Cookie, they are sure to leave guests coming back for more.

“This event is such a great form of advertising for us because it puts your restaurant's product into the client's hand as far as taste-testing goes for menu items,” said Kim Holliday of Royal Ridges.

These are just a sampling of the more than 25 restaurants that will be at Hometown Bank's Taste of Fond du Lac on Sunday, February 24. In addition to delicious appetizers, entrees and desserts, the day will also feature live music and a silent auction.

Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$1.50 at any Hometown Bank location, Wegner's Office Supply and the Fond du Lac Area Convention and Visitors Bureau. At the door tickets are \$2.00 each and children five and under are free. Food tickets are only \$.50 each. For more information visit www.fdlfest.com.

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Fond du Lac Festivals, Inc. is a non-profit organization founded in 1983 with a mission to direct, promote, and support festivals and special events that showcase the Fond du Lac community. The organization, with a great deal of help and support from the community, is responsible for Walleye Weekend, Light Up the City, and Hometown Bank's Taste of Fond du Lac. These events benefit more than 100 local non-profit organizations.

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