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**FOND DU LAC FESTIVALS ANNOUNCES HOMETOWN BANK'S TASTE OF FOND
DU LAC JUNIOR CO-CHAIR FOR 2007**

Fond du Lac (11/15/06) – Colleen Trepanier of Backyard Grill & Bar, 838 East Johnson Street in Fond du Lac, will be the junior co-chair for Hometown Bank's Taste of Fond du Lac 2007. Trepanier will be joining senior chair Jim Brajdic, of A&W Drive-In, 269 Winnebago Drive, to plan the annual event.

Trepanier has been the Manager of Backyard Grill & Bar since April of 2004 when the restaurant opened. It has received the "People's Choice Award" the past two years at "Hometown Bank's Taste of Fond du Lac". Trepanier indicated "winning awards such as The People's Choice lets us know that our efforts aren't going unnoticed and we must be giving people what they want." Trepanier and Backyard Grill & Bar will be returning to the event this year and Trepanier reflects that, "We are looking forward to co-chairing the "Hometown Bank's Taste of Fond du Lac" for the next two years and think it will be a lot of fun and a great experience."

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

Brajdic has the same viewpoint on the event when he added, "This is a wonderful community event for everyone to attend and is a really fun place for local restaurants to showcase their food."

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

Jim added, "It will be great pairing up with a great restaurant like Backyard Grill & Bar for this event."

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 and Colleen will be a great team to work with this year," Dilling said, "I think the combination of having them as chairs and moving this event to a Sunday will create a spectacular experience for our guests."

Hometown Bank's Taste of Fond du Lac will take place on a new day and time, Sunday, February 25, 2007 at the Fond du Lac Fairgrounds Expo Building from 11:00a.m.-6:00 p.m. The day will feature delicious appetizers, entrees and desserts, as well as 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. You can purchase your advanced tickets at Wegner's Office Supply, the Fond du Lac Area Convention and Visitor's Bureau, as well as the Fond du Lac Festival's Office. More information is available at the Fond du Lac Festivals Web site at www.fdlfest.com.

Hometown Bank's Taste of Fond du Lac is sponsored by Hometown Bank, Charter Communications, Hopper's Silk Screening and All Star Trophy, Goose Island's Honker's Ale, Pepsi Americas, WFRV CBS 5, News-Talk 1450 KFIZ, K107.1 FM, and the Reporter.

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. More information is available at www.fdlfest.com.