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HOMETOWN BANK'S TASTE OF FOND DU LAC MOVES TO A NEW DAY

Fond du Lac (11/8/06) — Check out the great tasting food and more at Hometown Bank's Taste of Fond du Lac on its new day and time. This year's event will be held on Sunday, February 25, 2007 from 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. at the Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds Expo Building, 17th St. and Martin Ave.

This year's annual event will feature over 25 area restaurants, a variety of entertainment, and over 50 silent-auction items, including family getaways, savings bonds, restaurant gift certificates, golf packages and much more. Also, Fond du Lac Festivals, Inc. and Shut Up and Dance will announce who will be competing in the first Dancin' with the Starz competition at Walleye Weekend 2007.

After two years of surveying, Fond du Lac Festivals, Inc. decided that it would be beneficial for all entities with this event to move from a Monday evening to an all day event on a Sunday.

"Changing it to a Sunday would give families an opportunity to make it to Hometown Bank's Taste of Fond du Lac," said Jim Brajdic, senior chair of Hometown

Bank's Taste of Fond du Lac. "It will also give restaurants an opportunity to showcase their foods to more potential customers."

The switch to a Sunday has also seen positive responses amongst several local restaurants as well as opening a door to provide taste-goers with a wider selection of entertainment. Now taste-goers will be able to enjoy a variety of food from local restaurants such as Backyard Grill & Bar, A&W Drive In, and Fisherman's Cove while listening to performances from the North Fond du Lac High School Jazz Band, Hillside Ramblers, and the Winnebago Lutheran Academy Swing Choir.

"Having the event on a Sunday would draw a larger and broader crowd because people are busy during the week and would have more free time throughout the weekend," explained Dave Haase, Fond du Lac Festival's board member.

Tickets will cost \$2 at the door or \$1.50 in advance, and children under 5 are free. Advanced tickets can be purchased at Wegner's Office Supply, the Fond du Lac Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, and any Hometown Bank location. As always, food tickets will cost only 50 cents a piece.

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-TV CBS 5, News-Talk 1450 KFIZ, and the Fond du Lac 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, Hometown Bank's Taste of Fond du Lac, and Light up the City. These events benefit more than 100 non-profit organizations.

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