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Hometown Bank's Taste of Fond du Lac brings three more participants to the Expo

Fond du Lac (1-30-07)- As Hometown Bank's Taste of Fond du Lac draws closer, three more restaurants are warming up their ovens so they can participate in this year's event that will take place on February 25, 2007. A&W Drive-In, Moraine Park Technical College Culinary Arts Program, and Cibo Steak and Spirits at the Ramada Plaza Hotel will be tempting taste-goers with some delicious dishes.

A&W, 269 Winnebago Drive in Fond du Lac, will be returning to the festival this year to tempt taste-goers with yummy A&W Root Beer Smoothees, Caramel Apple Smoothees, Chocolate Covered Black Cherry Smoothees, Banana Berries N' Cream Smoothees and Vanilla Cream Smoothees. They are also going to serve up some traditional, yet fabulous, A&W Wisconsin Cheese Curds, Root Beer Floats and Corn Dog Nuggets. "This is a great community event and opportunity for restaurants to get food in the hands of people in, and outside of the Fond du Lac community," said Jim Brajdic, owner of A&W and also co-chair of Hometown Bank's Taste of Fond du Lac. He also stated that, "moving the event to a Sunday is a great way for families to be able to come out and enjoy an entire day together, as well as to be able to eat lunch and dinner."

Students from the Moraine Park Technical College's Culinary Program, 235 North National Avenue in Fond du Lac, will be participating in this year's event. They will be serving up scrumptious Cream Puffs, appetizing MPTC Wisconsin Chili, delicious Artisan Bread Sticks and Marinara Sauce and a variety of mouth watering Assorted Desserts. James Simmers, Culinary Arts Instructor, states that "it's a great opportunity for our students to show the public what the MPTC Culinary Arts Program is and what kind of people we are training." Not only does the event allow the MPTC Culinary Arts Program to showcase the many talents of its students, but it also is a fundraiser for the students. "It's a fundraiser for our students to attend the National Restaurant show in Chicago in May," stated Simmers. While participating in the event almost every year, Simmers said that they are also excited to have the event on a Sunday. "We are hoping that having this event on a Sunday this year will draw even more people and thus increase the fundraising opportunities for the students."

Cibo Steak and Spirits, at the Ramada Plaza Hotel, 1 North Main Street in Fond du Lac, will be showcasing some of their signature dishes such as delicious Mini Cheesecakes and appetizing Minestrone Soup. "This is such a fun event and a wonderful opportunity for us to be able to promote some of the new things at our restaurant this year," said Joan Becker-Pinch of Cibo

Steak and Spirits. “We also think that moving the event to a Sunday will draw much bigger crowds and give people the opportunity to try some magnificent food.”

Check out the great food at any of these booths and more at Hometown Bank’s Taste of Fond du Lac’s new day and time. This year the event will be taking place on Sunday, February 25, 2007, from 11:00AM-6:00PM at the Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds Expo Center, 17th St. and Martin Ave. The day will feature delicious appetizers, entrees and desserts, talented musical acts, and a silent auction. 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. For more information, visit the Fond du Lac Festivals website at www.fdlfest.com.

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.

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 Honker’s Ale, WFRV CBS 5, Pepsi Americas, News-Talk AM 1450 KFIZ, K107.1 FM and the Reporter.

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