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Local Grub Festival Announces Cheese Champion & Brew Champion

On Saturday, April 8, the Grub & Brew Fest, presented by The Chamber of Commerce Grand Haven, Spring Lake Ferrysburg and Redi Rental, Old Boys' Brewhouse was crowned as Jury's Choice Grub Champion and Anything Goes Catering as runner-up.

The Grub & Brew Fest is an annual event celebrating local grub, local brew and local music.

Nine local restaurants participated in the event each creating a signature dish using the key ingredient of cheese. Attendees sampled dishes such as Sweet N' Spicy Ham N' Cheese Bites from Small Town Sandwich Shop, Cheesed Up Meatloaf Slider from Quality Catering by August and Broiled Peppered Brie Sliders from Jack's Waterfront Bistro.

"We had everything cheese here today," Mary Sherman, event director, shared.

The public vote awarded Anything Goes Catering with the People's Choice Grub Champion title for their bite of Mags 5 Cheese Mac and Righteous Cuisine 2nd place for their Sticks of Righteousness.

Attendees could wash down their cheese samplings with tastes from 43 different beers from ten Michigan breweries and cider mills, including: Odd Side Ales – Citrus CPA and Old Boys' Brewhouse Blueberry Wit. The public vote awarded Farmhaus Cider Co. with the Brew Champion title for their ciders and Trail Point Brewing Company 2nd place for their brews.

"The cheese and brews went really well together this year, accompanied by great local music from the Greenhouse Gang. We certainly celebrated local today!" Sherman added.

Attendees at the event were encouraged to wear their favorite team colors and join in a friendly competition. "We awarded the team with the most school spirit represented at the event with a \$500 donation to their rowing program on behalf of the Lubbers Cup Regatta." Lubbers Cup took place the same weekend, April 7-9, at Spring Lake Yacht Club. The winner of the \$500 was Michigan State University.

More information and photos will be available on the Grub & Brew Fest Facebook page at www.facebook.com/grubbrewfest or can be obtained by calling The Chamber at 616.842.4910.

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