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Chili Cook-off Results

Michigan City, IN (December 6, 2004) – The Chili Cook-Off contest between city departments was a resounding success. Over 3000 people attended the annual Festival of Holiday Lights and Zooltide in Washington Park, and most of them took part in the newest addition to Michigan City's winter holiday events – a contest between chili chefs from a variety of city departments.

The Chili Cook-Off was the last of several fundraisers planned by the Mayor's Campaign Against Cancer and the LaPorte County Relay For Life committee for 2004. The event raised \$1,000 which was donated to the American Cancer Society to benefit LaPorte County cancer patients.

The Cook-Off first-place winner was the Michigan City Police Department; 2nd place winner was Michigan City Fire Department, Station 1, A-shift; and the 3rd place winner was Michigan City Park Department. Votes were cast by those who tasted the 11 individual chili entries.

The following departments and their staff members gave their time and delicious chili dishes - but not their secret recipes - to help fight cancer:

- Park Department (Park Office) - "Light up the Night" chili - Shannon Igelski, Liz Westphal, Derrick Westphal
- Park Department (Park Maintenance) - "Meat Meisters" chili - Darren Westphal and Jeff Eason
- M.C. Golf Course - "Bubba's Double Bogie" chili - Mat Blair, Tea Blair, Jason Richardson
- M.C. Fire Department, Station 4 - "2-alarm and 5-alarm" chili - Greg Wallen, Michelle Timar, Rick Santana, Jeff Bruder, Ron Oman

- M.C. Fire Department, Station 1, A-Shift - “1st Alarm Chili” - Daryl Westphal, Dave Young
- Central Services - “Nick’s Chili” - Monique Cook, Kristopher Jackson, Shannon Wright, Kelly Cook, Bernice Wright
- Emergency Management Agency - “Masters of Disaster” chili - John Jones, Ed & Chris Bohle, Ken Osborne
- M.C. Police Department - “Couch Chili” - Scott Covington and Matt Barr
- M.C. Port Authority - “Mike’s Magnificent Mix” chili - Mike Henkes, Kim & Jason Petrick, Amy Donkersloot, Mary Ann Pawlicke
- Cemetery - “Chili to Die For” - Craig Keopke, Amanda & Gage Koepke
- Sanitation Department - “Fast Flow Chili” - Melody Collier, Amy Matanic, Al Walus
- M.C. Airport - “Plane ol’ Chili” - Brian Payne, Larry Harris, Scott Novak

A special Chili Trophy, donated by The Trophy Source, will be presented to the Chili Cook-Off winners at the city’s annual holiday party.

The LaPorte County Relay For Life, the largest of the events which are part of the Mayor’s Campaign Against Cancer, will be held at the LaPorte County Fairgrounds on June 17th and 18th, 2005. Team captains meetings begin January 11th. Call Laura New, chairman of the LaPorte County Relay For Life committee, at 219/874-3640 for more information.

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