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Special Edition



**Hometown People.
Hometown Power.**

HEATED COMPETITION DOWNTOWN ALONG THE GRAND RIVER RAISES THOUSANDS

Winners at the 2005 BWL Chili Cook-Off

Best Restaurant Chili

Gold Ladle: The State Room (Kellogg Center)
Silver Ladle: Max & Erma's
Bronze Ladle: Mitchell's Fish Market

Best Corporate Chili

Gold Ladle: Balloons Galore
Silver Ladle: Citadel Communications /
Dalmatians Firehouse Grill
Bronze Ladle: Lansing Fire Fighters
IAFF Local 421

Best Salsa

Gold Ladle: El Azteco
Silver Ladle: Lansing Police Department /
Green Door
Bronze Ladle: Evergreen Catering

Best Meatless Chili

Gold Ladle: Michigan Commission for the Blind
Silver Ladle: Texas Roadhouse
Bronze Ladle: IBEW Local 352

The Greater Lansing Convention & Visitors Bureau awarded the Red Hot Hospitality Award to the CVB member organization that was most fun and welcoming.

Red Hot Hospitality Award:
Lansing State Journal

Mo' Hotter, Mo' Better Hottest Chili

Gold Ladle: Radisson Hotel
Silver Ladle: Nuthouse Sports Grill
Bronze Ladle: Beggar's Banquet

Most Creative Booth

Gold Ladle: Cadillac Club
"Cadillacs in Reo Town"
Silver Ladle: Beggar's Banquet "Pirates"
Bronze Ladle: Mitchell's Fish Market
"Mardi Gras"

Most Creative Chili Name

Gold Ladle: "Gastric Blackout Chili"
IBEW Local 352
Silver Ladle: "Hexavalent Hidrotic Hullabalo"
Soup to Nutz Bistro
Bronze Ladle: "Weapons of Mass Implosion"
Citadel Communications/
Dalmatians Firehouse Grill

People's Choice/Best Chili

Gold Ladle: Radisson Hotel
Silver Ladle: Art's Bar & Grill
Bronze Ladle: Lansing Fire Fighters
IAFF Local 421

2005 BWL Chili Cook-Off a Huge Success

Thousands of chiliheads ate their way through more than 2,000 gallons of chili, grooved to two great bands, battled on the mechanical bull, and together raised more than \$25,000 for Adopt A River and the HOPE Scholarship Fund.

Lift Your Ladles to the Hottest Friends a Cook-Off Ever Had.

These 40 restaurants and organizations made it all possible. Support them. Thank them.

- Art's Bar
- Balloons Galore
- Beggar's Banquet
- Better Health Market & Café
- BD's Mongolian Barbeque
- Cadillac Club
- Capitol City Grille
- Capital Community Credit Union
- Consumer's Professional Credit Union
- Chili's Grill & Bar
- Dalmatians Firehouse Grill / Citadel Broadcasting
- El Azteco
- Evergreen Catering
- Falsetta's Casa Nova
- Harrison Roadhouse
- Hobie's Café & Pub
- IBEW Local 352
- Johnny Rockets
- Lansing Center
- Lansing Fire Fighters I.A.F.F. Local 421
- Lansing Police Department / Green Door
- Lansing Lugnuts
- Lansing State Journal / L&L Food Centers / Relli's
- Maggy's Sports Grill
- Max & Erma's
- McAlister's Deli
- Michigan Commission for the Blind
- Mitchell's Fish Market
- Moriarty's Pub
- Nuthouse Sports Grill
- Radisson Hotel
- Soup to Nutz Bistro
- Southtown Food & Spirits
- The State Room (Kellogg Center)
- Texas Roadhouse
- United Parcel Service



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