

Historic Monument Merchants' Annual Chili Cook Off

By Janet Sellers

On September 15, 2012, Limbach Park was the place to be for the multitude of chili tasters heading to the various booths for the Monument Chili Cook Off and Tasting event. Chairpersons for the HMMA event, Woody and Catherine Woodworth of High Country Homebrew, said that there were 23 entries for salsa, green chili and red chili. Chili lovers got their entry tickets and then tasted the salsas and the red and green chili dishes at the various booths. The proceeds from the event will go to local charities.

While the band, Trademark Infringement, played for the crowd, various local businesses proudly handed out samples of their own versions of the dish. Each booth holder had brought in at least 5 gallons of their respective chili entries, and most of them were out of chili in less than an hour.

At the north side of the park, Tom and Diane Wisdom rolled out their famous gelato cart from Wisdom Tea House and offered refreshing gelatos and sorbettoes made in the traditional Italian way and along the Front Street side, La Casa Fiesta supplied a beer tent.

Awards

First Place Red: Steve Smith "Cattle Drive Chili", Second Place Red: Monument Professional Firefighters, IAFF Local 4319 "Fierce" Firefighters Chili, Third Place Red: Cathy Woodworth "Red Diva Chii".

First Place Green Chili: Woody Woodworth "Monster Green Chili", Second Place Green Chili: Dan & Melissa Weber "Hearty Pork" Green Chili, Third Place Green Chili: Monument Professional Firefighters, IAFF Local 4319 "Furious" Firefighters Green Chili.

First Place Salsa: Angie McKearin "Sew Good Salsa", Second Place Salsa: Demetrious "2 Award Salsa", Third Place Salsa: "High Desert Salsa"

People's Choice Red Chili: Steve Smith "Cattle Drive Chili", People's Choice Green Chili: Dan & Melissa Weber "Hearty Pork" Green Chili, People's Choice Salsa: Angie McKearin "Sew Good Salsa"

Showmanship: Monument Professional Firefighters,



Above: Steve Smith' sCattle Drive won the Peoples Choice Red Chili and 1st Place Red Chili. Photo provided by Janet Sellers

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Final 2012 Monument Art Hop, Sept. 20



Above: (Left) Carol Naylor demonstrated her watercolor technique on the patio of Wisdom Tea House. (Center) Covered Treasures Bookstore hosted, from left, author Anna Blake Godbout and

artist Rosie Eylens. Godbout authored *Journey On*, a book of poems related to landmarks in a woman's life. Eylens designed Godbout's cover and also had other works on display. (Right) Santa Fe Trail

Jewelry owner and artist Mary Lee showed off her necklace creations.

Photos by David Futey.

Black Forest AARP food drive fights hunger



By Stanley Beckner

The Black Forest AARP chapter in partnership with 12 area merchants sponsored a food drive from Sept. 7 to 16. Fifty-five pounds of nonperishable food and \$178.80 in cash was collected. All food and donations were presented to the Black Forest Cares Food Pantry.

The project was the chapter's 2012 Day of Service project. The goal was to help reduce hunger along the Palmer Divide.

Partnering with Chapter 1100 was the Black Forest Fire & Rescue and the following businesses: Black Forest Jeweler, Colorado Cats, D & D Ranch, Fire House on the Run, Nizhomi Health Center, R & R Coffee &

Cafe, Rockin' B Feed and Supply, Magic Moments Pre-School, Black Forest Pies & Grinders, Paws N Tails Hydrotherapy Pool, and the Black Forest Postal Service and Convenience Store.

The chapter's Day of Service is an annual celebration of the National Day of Remembrance to rekindle the spirit of unity, service, and compassion shared by the nation after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Persons interested in this and other community service activities should contact the chapter President Chuck Karlstrum at 719-749-9227. Chapter membership is open to everyone.

Black Forest AARP celebrates 40th anniversary

By Stanley Beckner

The 40th anniversary celebration of the Black Forest AARP Chapter 1100 took place Sept. 12. The event was attended by 50 people and included many special and honored guests. The honored guests included Jeremiah Mora, the Colorado AARP associate director for Community Outreach, and Lucy Crandall, a Colorado Springs Senior Resource Council director and regional director of Blue Book. The Forest Chorus provided entertaining music for the occasion.

The celebration began with a potluck lunch followed by a short business meeting. An exceptional program orchestrated by Lavonne Hidy followed. Lavonne presented highlights of the lives of two special women who made tremendous contributions to their communities—Dr. Ethel Percy Andrus who founded AARP in 1958, and Edith Wolford, a teacher and principal

of the Black Forest Elementary School who also was the first president of AARP Chapter 1100. Their lives were the inspiration for the Black Forest Chapter's present motto "To Serve not to be Served."

Mora read and then presented a letter to Chapter President Chuck Karlstrum. The letter, signed by AARP National President Robert G. Romasco and AARP CEO A. Barry Rand, congratulated the Black Forest chapter

Right: Jeremiah Mora, AARP Colorado associate director for Community Outreach, right, presents a letter of congratulations to Black Forest AARP President Chuck Karlstrum while Lavonne Hidy looks on. Photo provided by Stanley Beckner.

on its many accomplishments and long history of community service. ■

