

CHILI

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The event drew eleven contestants, including Don Gould, who swept last year's awards. Gould, of Blazin Saddles, would once again win the People's Choice award. In the runner-up spot was South Lane County Fire and Rescue, and Jack Sprats finished third.

"We have the best chili in Cottage Grove, and nobody can compete with us. They're going to have to wait until next year," Gould said of defending his title.

There was quite an upset in the Judge's Choice, as first-year contestant South Valley Athletics dethroned Gould with April Hornick's low-carb chili recipe she discovered 15 years ago but hadn't made since.

"Everybody was saying that it was the perfect amount of spice," said Hornick.

The judges awarded the Grove Cafe and Blazin Saddles second and third place, respectively.

"Obviously they didn't know who they were judging," quipped Gould, whose booth was recognized as Most Festive.

Mayor Tom Munroe picked South Lane Fire and Rescue for the Mayor's Favorite award.

For the fourth consecutive year, the Chili Cook-off shared Main Street with the KNND Rock, Roll 'n Rumble Car Show, which included the show 'n shine, car cruise and street dance. Event organizer Paul Schwartzberg said that while fewer classic cars were on display this year, perhaps because of the forecasted chance of rain, he noticed that many more people came to admire the shiny automobiles.

Four judges each awarded two cars in the show 'n shine: Denny Deatherage picked Rich Carey's Chevy and Jamie Claassen's 1951 Chevy; Ben Deatherage chose Jeff Gowing's 1966 Mercury Comet and Larry Carr's Mustang; Tom Munroe selected a 1930 Chevy and a 1956 Chevy, and Lloyd Williams awarded Mike Headlee's 1930 Chevy and Pat Conley's Ford F-100 pickup.



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Classic cars lined Main Street for several blocks Saturday.



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The Chamber of Commerce said it sold over 1300 chili tasting kits, far more than in previous years.



photo by Matt Emrich

An open top provided a great way to take in the downtown scene.



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From left to right, winners South Valley Athletics, Blazin Saddles and South Lane Fire and Rescue celebrate with Chamber Director Travis Palmer and Mrs. Lane County, Sabina Johnson.

JOYCE

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It's so important for us to put our expectations in the right place—in God. We serve an awesome God, and I want to encourage you to ask Him to do great things in you and through you.

What are you asking God to do for you? Do you believe He loves you unconditionally and He has great plans for you? Do you trust Him to take care of your needs and that everything He asks you to do is for your good?

We need to resist thinking that God can't do anything for us because of our weaknesses and faults. He isn't expecting us to be perfect; He wants us to have faith in Him.

God wants us to put ALL of our hope and ALL of our expectation in Him. He wants us to trust Him to do what's best for us in the way He chooses to do it. He wants us to give Him the credit for the good things He does in our lives.

Are you putting your expectation in God?

Sometimes we are discontent and disappointed because we think we're expecting something from God but in reality, we're expecting someone else to give it to us. For example, we pray for a raise or promotion and don't get it so we get mad at our boss. Or we ask God to make our children behave better or our spouse to be more sensitive and thoughtful and when they don't do what we want, we get mad at them.

We need to look to God to provide what we need and what we want. This means we trust Him, no matter what other people do or what circumstances look like. It's not wrong to put realistic expectations in the people we have relationships with, but no one is perfect, and people will disappoint us sometimes. We can get rid of a lot of disappointment and discontentment by learning how to put our hope and expectation in God first and foremost.

God cares about everything about you and everything that concerns you. He wants to be good to you and He will never disappoint you. Give Him all of your heart and put all of your hope and expectation in Him. You can have true contentment and satisfaction in Christ!

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