



Pickens County Meals on Wheels
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Mission: Pickens County Meals on Wheels exists to combat the effects of hunger, loneliness and isolation on senior citizens living in Pickens County, and to provide a lifeline through the use of caring volunteers.

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Meals on Wheels Chili Cook-Off a Big Success!

The first annual Pickens County Meals on Wheels Chili Cook-Off held at the Azalea Festival on April 19th was a big success. Thanks to the sponsorship of Gwinns Tire and Alignment, Sulzer Process Pumps, Sealevel Systems, Inc., Kris Mechanical and Land Planning Associates, Inc. and donations from the community and chili ticket sales, the non-profit generated over \$4,000.00 with this new fundraiser. Eight teams competed for prizes with values totaling \$525.00. There was a wide range of recipes that included texas, vegetarian and chicken chili.

Celebrity Judges Dale Gilbert, Sheriff C. David Stone, Fire Chief Butch Womack and Senator Larry Martin thought long and hard before choosing the “Best Chili.” Senator Martin stated that there wasn’t a bad chili in the bunch! EDSI of Greenville headed up by Cecil Grant, owner, took away that award. EDSI was again chosen by the tasting public as the winner of the “People’s Choice” award. Tough competitor was Air Care Home Health, Inc. who won the “Best Booth Award” with their Chili in Paradise theme. Air Care also raised the most funds for Meals on Wheels. Sammy Stewart of Air Care presented MOW with \$568.13, earning them the “Top Team Fundraiser Award” as well.

Other competitors included The Willy Nilly Chilly Brothers - Dan Wilson team captain and second place in “Best Chili,” The Red Hot Silly Peppers - Amy Barrett owner of Michaels on Main, third place in “Best Chili,” Clark for Sheriff - Rick Clark team captain, GE Volunteers - Henry Wilson team captain, Green Goddess Girls - Jean Calbetzor team captain and The Greenville Hospital System – Joe Coggins team captain.

“We look forward to doing this next year and hope that all our chili contestants come back to compete again,” stated Meg Benko, executive director. “It was great fun and brought the community together to help feed our elderly neighbors. We had help during the event from Golden Grove Wesleyan Church Youth, Liberty Lions Club, Pickens High School Football Players and many, many Meals on Wheels volunteers. It couldn’t have been done without them!”

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