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Cook Off Judges Clockwise - Rep. Ann Flood, John Merhottein, Anne Hoadley, Chief Hoadley, Dave Hess, Brian Fentstermacker



L-R Rep, Ann Flood, Robin Zmoda, Stephanie Steel, John Merhottein



Chili Fest

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who were hoping to add another trophy to their shelf, but a newcomer, Hopesprings Church surprised the audiences with their chili, winning by a landslide.

"I was so nervous and so excited to enter chili for our church," commented Lisa Newberry, "When our name was announced, I was completely shocked!"

WM awarded prizes to the top three winners with the most votes. While Hopesprings Church took home first place and \$1,000, Wind Gap Volunteer Fire Company scooped up second place and \$600 and third place went to Pen Argyl Lodge #594 F&AM scoring them \$400 for their organization.

The competition can get fierce and to help break any potential tie votes, WM invites five guest judges to do a blind taste test. This year those special helpers included State Representative Ann Flood, Senator Scavello, Slate Belt Regional Police Chief Jonathan Hoadley, Wind Gap Borough Councilman Dave Hess and John Merhottein, candidate for State Senate.

The Pen Argyl Green Knight stopped out to the event to take photos with the children who received a free WM truck costume. More than 250 visitors visited the event, enjoying family fun and learning about the landfill on one of the bus tours.

"The event is always a lot of fun! We are looking forward to the planning of the 6th Annual Chili Cookoff and invite guests to mark their calendars for October 7, 2023." commented Sr. Community Relations Specialist, Adrienne Fors.