



VILLAGE OF PINECREST

Press Release

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Chili Pros Competed in the Florida State Championship Cook-off at Chili in the Village

Pinecrest, Fla. – For the first time “Chili in the Village” in Pinecrest Gardens was the venue for the Florida State Championship Cook-off. The winners advanced to the World Championship Chili Cook-off. Though this event is sanctioned by the International Chili Society and the primary competition is for professional chili cooks, there was also an amateur cook-off.

For photos of the event, please go to: <http://bit.ly/21tMxzI>.

More than a dozen chili pros and novices dusted off their aprons, grabbed their spices and flexed their chili-making muscle in three categories: chili, chili verde and salsa. The winners are:

Red Chili

3rd Larry Weltikol
2nd Terry Westfall
1st Dave Lorenz

Chili Verde

3rd Don Van Lehn
2nd Larry Weltikol
1st Scott Sprouse

Salsa

3rd Jen Violette
2nd Tim McAfee
1st Don Van Lehn

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There was also a Fire House Challenge that Steven Buser from Station 49 won.

Family entertainment included:

- Line dancing lessons
- Mechanical bull rides
- Airbrush tattoos and face painting
- Hands-tied-behind-your-back pie and watermelon eating contest
- The Miami Heat dancers and Burnie

The 18 Wheelers, a hard driving honky-tonk country band, performed in the Meadow. And Kiss Country Radio 99.9 FM broadcasted live from the event.

All proceeds go the Community Foundation of Pinecrest, a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving Pinecrest Gardens, which was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in October 2011.

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