

# Press Release

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## 20<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CHILI COOKOFF!

Get out your fire proof chili spoons. The 8<sup>th</sup> of October marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the annual State Bank Financial Chili Cookoff and the Onalaska Police Department is hitting the ground running with, as they put it, dueling chili(s).

"We decided to go wild this year," said Onalaska D.A.R.E. Officer Leah Myers, "with a mild "heavenly" chicken chili and a "devilishly hot" traditional chili. Our theme is "A little taste of heaven and a little bite from hell." I'm the angelic side of the duo so I'll be making a mild white chicken chili. Great flavor but it only has "angelic heat". Since you can't have heaven without hell our Administrative Manager will be making her hellishly hot Cajun chili. I helped her with it last year and it is HOT. She tops it with something called the "Devil's Slaw" that's so hot it was burning my fingers through the gloves."

According to Myers the two cooks will be sporting halos or horns depending on which version of chili you try. All of the proceeds go to support the D.A.R.E./G.R.E.A.T. programs in our area schools and Habitat for Humanity. Commemorative pins which admit four to the cookoff are on sale at the Onalaska Police

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Department for \$20.00 and individual tickets may be purchased on the day of the event for \$5.00. The cookoff starts at 11:30am and winds down at 2:30pm.

"Stop by and see us," said Officer Myers, "we have chili to suit mild and wild tastes and it's for a very good cause."