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**Chili Blues warms Vermillion with food and tunes**

By Thomas Hatzenbuhler  
For the Plain Talk

For 24 years, the Vermillion Arts Council has been hosting a unique event fusing the savory flavors of homemade chili and the soulful tones of blues music. The event has been largely successful over its long history, but recent scheduling changes have made the event more popular and better attended than ever.

"This is the 24th Annual Chili Blues," said Michele Mechling, the coordinator of the event. "We used to do Chili Blues during Dakota Days, so people would go to the game, go to the parade and come here. It was always full and always red. But tailgating and the parade have changed and that caused poor attendance. Last year, we starting doing the event in November, which has been a very good idea."

Indeed, mother nature seemed to conspire with the decision made by the Vermillion Arts Council to move the event to November.

A mixture of an early sunset, due to Daylight Savings Time, blustery winter-like weather and the allure of warm, hearty chili and libations brought an over-capacity crowd to the Washington Street Arts Center on Thursday.

And while it is true that the ebbing and flowing crowd consisted of many Vermillion residents, it is also true that USD students joined in record numbers.

"The chili was obviously really good," said Byron Banasiak, a USD student attending the event. "My favorites were the Five O'Clock Flamethrower chili, probably, or the Mild but Wild chili. I've been coming to the Chili Blues event since I was two or five. This is probably the biggest Chili Blues event I've ever seen, and there are more USD students here than I've seen in previous years."

USD students also played a more active role in the planning and proceedings of this year's Chili Blues. Members of the Contemporary Media Journalism program at USD took on the responsibility of finding and booking talent for the event, including the band

The Great Otis—a wonderfully eclectic and entertaining jazz-rock ensemble of Sam Brandsrud, Dustin Pederson and Roy Haberstick—and hosted a jalapeño eating contest.

"[Members of USD's Contemporary Media Journalism program] booked the band, The



T. Wilson King performs at the Chili Blues event last weekend.

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Great Otis, and they also did tabling at the MUC and got a lot of students here," explained Lori Peterson, a Vermillion Arts Council member. "This is more students than we've ever seen, which is awesome. We are constantly trying to have events that bring in USD students."

Perhaps as equally warm and interesting as the various flavors and variants of chili on sample were the vibe and energy of the event. Entertainment for the evening featured local musician T. Wilson King and his great repertoire of blues, jazz and folk music, as well as the immensely talented singer, multi-instrumentalist and USD student Austin Hahn and the aforementioned The Great Otis.

The performers were smartly chosen and their musical expertise

complemented the culinary skills of the chili-makers perfectly well.

Although there were chilis to suit everyone's palate—from the spicy to the vegetarian—and no one seemed disappointed with any of the varieties thereof, as cook-offs go, there must be winners.

The peoples' choice award for best chili went to Lisa Johnson and her Mild but Wild chili. The judges' choice award was presented to Carl Smith for his Five O'Clock Flamethrower chili. Also recognized by the judges was John Jordre and his Cold Snap chili.

The real winners, however, are the 100 or more persons who came through the doors of the Washington Street Arts Center to enjoy warm chili and a reprieve from the cold of the season.



People form a queue for chili. Lisa Johnson, foreground, and John Jordre, background, were both presented awards for their chili recipes.

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