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Homebrew and Chili Contest Winners at the Neighborhood Oktoberfest

The rain held off until the neighborhood "Oktoberfest" party Saturday, October 3, at the Eagleview Circle island was over. Thanks to the sponsors who covered the entire cost of the event: major sponsor Steven Noel of REMAX; also Dagmar Alford of Options Realty, Twin Peaks Liquor, Lucky's Market, Oskar Blues Brewery, Bootstrap Brewery, and Powder Keg Brewery. Based on popular vote, 1st place winner in the chili contest was Dagmar Alford (pictured). Her green chili contained posole and roasted pork shoulder, hatch chilis, tomatillos, and homemade chicken stock. Second place went to Kim Dolan for her zingy "Manly Chili" that included ground beef, Italian sausage, and bacon. Third place winner was Sandy Strauss, whose turkey and black bean chili also contained bella mushrooms and red peppers. Honorable mention went to Robert Taylor, who whipped up chili at the last minute when it looked like we wouldn't have enough to feed the attendees. The 1st place winner received a gift basket from Lucky's Market, the 2nd place winner received a \$50 gift card to Oskar Blues, and the 3rd place winner received a \$25 gift card to Bootstrap Brewery and a \$15 gift card to Lucky's Market.





The 3 homebrew judges awarded 1st place to Adam Rush for his robust and creamy porter, which had a nice, subtle cocoa taste. Second place went to Dave Hixon for his rhubarb saison. Third place also went to Dave Hixon, for his Hasty Tasty IPA. Honorable mention went to Bernie Newcomb, for his Blue Moon clone. The 1st place winner received a metal Coleman cooler, the 2nd place winner received a Patron patio umbrella, and the 3rd place winner received a \$50 gift card to Twin Peaks Liquor (all 3 prizes provided by Twin Peaks Liquor).

Men's winter coats, long underwear, and gloves were collected for H.O.P.E. (Homeless Outreach Providing Encouragement; www.hopeforlongmont.org), a charity that provides emergency street outreach for the homeless in Longmont and offers supportive follow-through services. For those who missed the Oktoberfest but still have items to donate, email sec@fachoa.org to arrange a pick-up.

Trees, Trees, Trees

Just a reminder to those with children that our common trees (e.g., at the Eagleview Circle island) are not a substitute for a jungle gym and should not be used as such (for climbing or pull-ups). Please inform your children. Also, we've noticed numerous dead trees around the neighborhood - normally dying aspens and others killed by fall and spring untimely freezes. Please remember to have them trimmed/removed.