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Jubilee days readies for final events

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If you were in Laramie yesterday, chances are you had a pretty busy day.

But if you didn't, then sadly you missed out.

Jubilee Days had the whole town bustling from sunup to sunset. In the morning hours, cowboys, clowns, fire trucks and fun made their way through Laramie for the 2009 Laramie Jubilee Days Parade.

Beginning at noon, the first-ever Boomerang Chili Cook-off brought many different takes on the classic cold weather food to Jubilee Days. Chili judges awarded Darcie Hoffland, sponsored by Safeway, first place for her sweet and spicy take on the classic red. Cavalryman Chef Mike Pivarunas won second place with his trio of unusual chilis — a dessert chili, a red chili with mint and lamb and a green chili made with wild boar.

Bringing a somewhat southwestern flavor to the competition, Advantage Real Estate Laramie team won third place.

Perhaps the most unusual chili of all, Ivinson Memorial Hospital was awarded for showmanship and people's choice. Spicy and tangy, IMH staff served their chili in plastic containers, presumably usually reserved for medical purposes (not the actual containers in which chili was served, just the style of container). Their table raised \$113 for the Meredith and Jeannie Ray Cancer Center. In total, the chili cookoff raised \$771.

In between gawking at Wild West gunfights and testing lady luck at the ring toss, Laramie residents also had the chance to down a dram or two of some of the best regional brews around at the Downtown Laramie Business Association Brewfest. While judging was conducted last night, results were not known as of press time. But since beer is only so much fun on its own, the Vedauwoo Volunteer Fire Department hosted their annual barbecue adjacent to Brewfest.

While Jubilee Days might be winding down, Laramie residents still have a chance today to catch a rodeo beginning at 12:30 p.m. in the Albany County Fairgrounds Arena or catch some of the rides downtown beginning at noon.

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