

# Press Release

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## 24<sup>th</sup> Annual State Bank Chili Cook Off

Leaves are turning, school is in session, the Packers are back and that means it's Chili Cook Off time again. On October 10<sup>th</sup> State Bank will hold its 24<sup>th</sup> annual heartburn fest and the Onalaska Police Department is getting ready for another battle. "For the last few years we have been doing two versions of Chili," said Onalaska DARE Officer Leah Myers, "I make an Angelic mild Chicken Chili it's got a lot of great flavor but just mildly spicy. Our Administrative Manager makes a hot as Hades Cajun Chili which is not for the faint of heart, she swears she tones it down so that it's only "Wisconsin spicy" but every year people leave our booth sweating after trying it." The Onalaska Police Department is only one of the aspiring chili cooks. The Annual State Bank Chili Cook Off draws entries from law enforcement, schools, and restaurants to name a few. The Chili Cook Off will be held at Riverside Park and starts serving Chili at 11:30. After the tasting, which ends at 1:30pm, there is a pepper eating contest. It's only \$7.00 per person to

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try all the chili and the proceeds go to the D.A.R.E. and G.R.E.A.T. programs on our area school and to the La Crosse Public Education Foundation.

"I'll be out in my wings and halo serving chili," said Officer Myers, "but watch out for my partner in the horns, she'll be serving up a bowl of fire topped with the Devil's Slaw. But whatever version you choose, it's going to be a great day to eat chili so please join us at Riverside park and help support some great programs that benefit our children."