

Golden Ladle



Carol Vogel of Made in America Gift Shoppe in Waynesburg holds the “Golden Ladle” she won for serving up the best chili in Sunday’s Waynesburg Chili Cook-Off. Ten shops competed with a tasty array of family favorites, but voters chose Vogel’s hot and spicy mix, made from her own recipe. Her secret ingredient was easy to find – pieces of pepperoni mixed in with locally grown beef. Vogel gets the honor of hanging the ladle in her shop until next year’s cook-off. Her online business now has a home on 180 E. High St. and offers American-made gifts, including cedar soap dishes she and her husband make in their Jefferson home’s workshop.

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