Cookoff spices up church bazaar

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Plenty of crawfish ... and fun, too, were enjoyed by those who attended the annual Belaire Cove Chapel bazaar Sunday.

The first annual Crawfish Cookoff added a new note to the annual event, as 16 teams assembled pots, burners, and their secret ingredients to wow the judges with their etouffee talents.

The top finishers consisted of a team cosponsored by G&S Implement and Eunice Implement, including Norman Fontenot, Lonnie Sonnier, Joe Matte and Clyde Lafleur. Second place went to the Red Rooster team of Lou Veillon, Johnny May, Linda Chapman and Sandra Chapman. Third place was won by the Carpenter Cooks, Jane Fontenot and Mitch Pitre, sponsored by Sherman Fontenot Contractor.

All trophies presented to the winners were donated by Ville Platte attorney Donald Launey, Jr.

Cookoff judges included Charles B. Coreil, Jim Shipp, Mona Launey, Cheryl Debaillon, Johnny LeBlanc, Frenella Saucier and Diana Reed. Coordinator was Gilbert Deshotel.

Over 200 pounds of crawfish were prepared and served for those who waited in line for plates of delicious crawfish.

CRAWFISH ETOUFEES CHAMPIONS — Two Case IH dealers pooled their sponsorship and produced the top crawfish cooking team from among 16 teams entered Sunday in the first annual Belaire Cove cookoff. The winning squad, from left, includes Norman Fontenot, Lonnie Sonnier, Joe Matte and Clyde Lafleur. Their sponsors were G&S Implement and Eunice Implement. All the trophies for first, second and third place winners were donated by Donald Launey, Jr. (Gazette Photos by Paul Kedinger)

SECOND PLACE COOKS — The Red Rooster team of Lou Veillon, Johnny May, Linda Chapman and Sandra Chapman, claimed the second place trophy for their chefs' talents.

SPORTING A RED CRAWFISH on her cheek, Fran Fusilier enjoyed a visit and laugh with her friend Jane Morain.

THIRD PLACE COOKS — Jane Fontenot and Mitch Pitre, also known as Carpenter Cooks, placed third in the crawfish cookoff. The duo were sponsored by Sherman Fontenot Contractors.