

2024 January Tolbert Cookoff list as of December 22, 2023

JAN 13, PORT O'CONNOR, TX - Josie's Cook-Off. TOLBERT. Benefits Service Club. Location: Josie's Mexican Food and Cantina, 610 Adams Ave. No space for RV's on site. Turn in: Pinto Beans 1:00, Chili 2:00, Gumbo 3:00. Entry fee: All categories-\$20 each. Awards at 4:00. Info: Cookoff Chairman Jim Hooper, hooper@pdq.net 361-935-1150 or Terry Wright 512-738-2273 Referee: Tom Stephens

JAN 20, MAXWELL, TX - Yanez's Tavern Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: Maxwell Volunteer Fire Department. Location: Yanez's Tavern, 9472 TX Hwy 142. NEW COOKOFF, exemption approved. Dry camping available/no hook ups. Live band Friday night Dan Corona Band plays classic rock and blues. Turn in: Salsa-Noon, Jackpot Beans (half of entry fees back to 1st place)-1:00, Chili-2:00. Entry fees: Salsa-\$5, Beans-\$20, Chili-\$25. Info: Tavern's 512-357-6476. Cookoff info & Referee: Tom Stephens 512-554-5389 (text or leave message please).

JAN 27 – KILLEEN, TX – Sons of American Legion Post 223 Chili Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: American Legion charities. Location: Post 223, 208 S Park St. NEW COOKOFF. Camping, no hookups available starting Friday. Friday Music/Dance 7 to 10, Dinner 8 to 10, proceeds to the Legion. Saturday cooks meeting: 8:00, Registration ends at 11:00. Turn in: Beans-11:00, Brisket-1:00, Ribs-2:00, Chili-4:00. Entry fees: Beans-\$10, Chili-\$20, Brisket & Ribs-\$15 per category. Facebook page: American Legion Post 223, Info: Cookoff Chairman: Jeff Wilson 254-214-5413. Referee: Debbie Eiland Turner

JAN 27, LOCKHART, TX – 1st Lockhart VFW BBQ and Chili Cookoff.. TOLBERT. Benefits: Post 8927 charities. Location: VFW Post 8927, 7007 S Hwy 183, 2.2 miles S of Lockhart Municipal Airport. NEW COOKOFF. Camping available, no hookups. Cash payouts based on # of entries. Turn in: Bloody Mary-10:00, Chicken-11:00, Anything Pork-Noon, Jackpot Beans (1/2 to 1st winner)-1:00, Chili-2:00, Ribs-3:00, Brisket-4:00. Entry fees: Bloody Mary-\$5, Jackpot Beans-\$10, Chili & BBQ entries -\$35 per categories. Info: Post 512-398-4942, Referee: Tom Stephens 512-554-5389 (text or leave a message please.)

FEB 17, MARTINDALE, TX Dam Chili Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: San Marcos Youth Services Bureau "YSB" (www.ysb.org.) Location: The old Cotton Gin, 204 Main St. Limited space, 50+ teams, need to pre-register early to be assured of a spot. Contact Shaun Shaver for form. Gates open at 7am day of the cookoff. No RV's, 10' X 10" spaces, vehicles must be moved out after unloading. Head Cook meeting 10am. Please bring your own sample cups and spoons. Entry fee: Chili-\$50 includes either T-shirt or Apron, Hot Sauce-\$10. Additional T-shirts or Apron available for \$20 each, pre-order for correct size. Turn in: Hot Sauce-10:00, Chili-1:00. There will be Unsanctioned Showmanship competition. More details on registration form. Can pay Zelle or mail in a check or cash. Check out their Facebook page, Dam Chili Cookoff or web link: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=10006445660931>. Info: Shaun Shaver, shaunshaver@gmail.com for registration form and more details, or 512 720-0506 Referee: Tom Stephens

FEB 24, LULING, TX – 21st Annual American Legion Post 177 Chili & BBQ Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: Live auction proceeds to Southeast Caldwell County Volunteer Fire Department. Location: American Legion Post 177, 215 E. Davis St. Camping no hookups. Friday night: Turn in: Margaritas 7pm. Open Meat 8:30pm. Saturday Entry fee: Margarita \$5, Open Meat \$25. Turn in: Bloody Mary's 11:00, Chicken Noon, Beans-1:00, Chili 2:00, Ribs 3:00, Brisket-4:00. Entry fees: Bloody Mary \$5, Beans-\$20, Chili-\$25, Ribs & Brisket-\$25 per entry. Info: American Legion 830-875-9329 or Tom Stephens 512-554-5389 (text or leave a message please.) Referee: Tom Stephens

MAR 2, MAXDALE, TX - Tolbert's Men's State Chili Championship. TOLBERT. Benefits: OTICCC Friday event supplies. Location: Chili Park at 17915 Maxdale Road, Killeen, 76549. Top three Texas resident's chili winners are automatically qualified for 2024 OTICCC plus 1st place Texas resident in Showmanship. Also, Sun Regional cookoff. Camping, limited hookups, \$10 per night. Turn in: Black Eyed Peas-Noon, Beans-1:00, Chili-2:00. Showmanship 2:30 to 3:00. Entry fee: Chili-\$25, Peas & Beans - \$10 each or all categories for \$50. Info: Ken Sperry 254-290-1950 Referee: TBA

MAR 3, MAXDALE, TX - Brazilian Open Chili Cook-off. TOLBERT. Benefits: OTICCC Friday event supplies. Location: Chili Park at 17915 Maxdale Road, Killeen, 76549. Top three chili winners are automatically qualified for 2024 OTICCC plus 1st place Show (if 25 cooks are participating.) Also Cookoff on Saturday Camping. Turn in: Chili-Noon. Showmanship 12:30 – 1:00. Entry fee: \$20. Info: Jimmy Smith, 254-698-1081 or jsmith290@hot.rr.com Referee: TBA

MAR 8-9, BENBROOK, TX – VFW Post 10429 Chili & BBQ Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: VFW charities. Location: 1000 Stevens Dr. Date confirmed, Details to follow. Info: VFW 817-249-6470 or Facebook page: VFW Post 10429 Benbrook. Texas.

MAR 9, HEWITT, TX – Ides of March Chili and Bean Cook Off. TOLBERT. Benefits: Veterans and Veteran Programs. Location: VFW Post 6008, 725 Sun Valley Blvd. Limited camping, no hookups, call ahead to reserve a spot. Also Sunday cookoff. (DO NOT bring Alcohol on the Premises.) Parking opens March 8 at: 5 PM. Also Sunday cookoff. Goodie Bags to 1st 30 entries, 50/50 Drawing, Raffle Baskets, Drink Specials. Turn ins: Jackpot Salsa, Must Be Made Onsite (100% payout)-11:00, Jackpot Pinto Beans (100% payout)-Noon, Chili-2. Entry fees: Salsa & Pinto Beans-\$10 each, Chili-\$20. Info: VFW 254-666-6008 or Facebook page: VFW Post 6008, Cookoff Chairman: Bill Cadola, Referee: Debbie Eiland Turner 972-935-2402 or debwayet@outlook.com

MAR 10, HEWITT, TX – Ides of March Chili and Bean Cook Off Day 2. TOLBERT. Benefits: Veterans and Veteran Programs. Location: VFW Post 6008, 725 Sun Valley Blvd. Limited camping, no hookups, call ahead to reserve a spot. Also Saturday cookoff. (DO NOT bring Alcohol on the Premises.) Parking opens Mar 8 at: 5 PM Turn in: Chili-Noon. Entry fee: Chili-\$20. Info: VFW 254-666-6008 or Facebook page: VFW Post 6008, Cookoff Chairman: Bill Cadola, Referee: Debbie Eiland Turner

MAR 16, MCGREGOR TX – 3rd Annual American Legion #273 Chili Bash. TOLBERT. Benefits: American Legion Post 273 charities, hosted by the Auxiliary of the American Legion. Location: The Exchange Event Center, 300 S Jefferson Ave. Dry Camping No Hook Ups. Can cook inside the Event Center. Also Sunday cookoff. Date confirmed, Details to follow. Info: Facebook page: American Legion Post #273 McGregor, 254-840-4319 Cookoff Chairman: Gary Sanders. Referee: Debbie Eiland Turner

MAR 17, MCGREGOR TX - American Legion #273 Chili Bash Day 2. TOLBERT. Benefits: American Legion Post 273 charities, hosted by the Auxiliary of the American Legion. Location: The Exchange Event Center, 300 S Jefferson Ave. Dry Camping No Hook Ups. Can cook inside the Event Center.. Also Saturday cookoff. Date confirmed, Details to follow. Info: Facebook page: American Legion Post #273 McGregor, 254-840-4319 Cookoff Chairman: Gary Sanders. Referee: Debbie Eiland Turner

MAR 22-23, ARLINGTON, TX - Vets Helping Vets Chili Cook-Off VFW Post 6111. TOLBERT. Benefits: Veterans and Families. Location: 1200 West Harris Road. Date confirmed, Details to follow. Info: Manny Leal 609-234-3488

MAR 23, ROCKNE, TX – Rockne VFW Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: TBA. Location: Rockne VFW Post 2527, 1503 FM 20, Bastrop, TX. Date confirmed, Details to follow. Info: Dwight Hamilton 512-507-4948

APR 13, ROSANKY, TX – Snake Prairie Chili Jam 2. TOLBERT. Benefits: Austin Wildlife Rescue. Location: Snake Prairie Event Center, 10 minutes south of Bastrop on Hwy. 304 (map location: 2467 Hwy. 304 Smithville, TX 78957.) Camping, no hookups, take out what you bring in. No pets allowed, see web site for site rules. Friday night Kick-Off party at the Big Black Barn. Registration starts at 9 am Saturday. Turn in: Margaritas-Noon, Deviled Eggs-1pm, Chili-2. Entry fees: Chili-\$20, Margarita & Deviled Eggs-\$10 each. 100% payback between the top 3 in Margaritas & Deviled Eggs competition. See www.snakeprairie.com for rules. Info: Erik McCowan 512-718-8677 (call or text) or erikmccowan@yahoo.com Referee: Tom Stephens

APR 19-20, WEATHERFORD, TX - Spring Fling Chili & BBQ Cookoff VFW Post 4746. TOLBERT. Benefits: Post charties. Location: 224 Zion Hill Rd. Camping area & limited hookups for \$15 per day. Date confirmed, Details to follow. Info: Aimee Johnson 817-304-0743

APR 27, CORSICANA, TX—46th Annual Derrick Days Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: TBA. Location: Downtown, 100 N Main Street (Block square bordered by N Main, W Collin, N 12th and 5th.) Registration online prior to cutoff for cooking events discounted rate, add \$5 if registering in person. Overnight campers must be pre-registered for site (web site opening TBA), \$50 per site, plus a refundable \$50 clean up fee. Site size 20 by 20, only two sites allowed per team. No site fee for Saturday only Day cookers. Turn in: Pinto Beans (cook must start with Dry beans, may pre-soak)-11, Tolbert Chili-1, Brisket-3, Unsanctioned Best Booth judging-1:30 to 2:30. Entry fee paid by April 24 8 PM (after that \$5 extra per category, and no discount to pay for all 3) Chili, Beans, Brisket - \$20 each or \$50 if cook enters all three. Info: www.derrickdays.com or Debbie Eiland Turner 972-935-2402 cell & text or goatgapgazette@sbcglobal.net

MAY 4, LOCKHART, TX – Last Chance Tavern Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: Take Me Home: Advocates for Transportation (<https://www.takemehometransport.com/>). Location: 312 Blackjack St. Day cooking only, no overnight parking. Date confirmed, Details to follow. Info: Tom Stephens 512-554-5389 (text or leave a message please.)

MAY 3-4 MINERAL WELLS, TX—VFW Post 2399 Annual Cook Off. TOLBERT. Benefits: Homeless Vets Program. Location: 1400 Veterans of Foreign Wars. Camping no hookups on East side of parking lot, with extra parking on west side if needed. Date confirmed, Details to follow. Info: Jim Bransom 682-239-8544 or Facebook page VFW Post 2399

SEPT 7 – MCGREGOR, TX – American Legion Post 273 Chili Bash. TOLBERT. Benefits: American Legion Post 273 charities. Location: The Exchange Event Center, 300 S Jefferson Ave, cooking indoors allowed. Hosted by the Legionaries. Some activities at Post on 202 S Jefferson. Dry Camping No Hook Ups. Also Sunday Cookoff. Date confirmed, Details to follow. Info: Facebook page: American Legion Post #273 McGregor, 254-840-4319 Cookoff Chairman: Gary Sanders. Referee: Debbie Eiland Turner

SEPT 8– MCGREGOR TX - American Legion #273 Chili Bash Day 2. TOLBERT. Benefits: American Legion Post 273 charities. Location: The Exchange Event Center, 300 S Jefferson Ave, cooking indoors allowed. Hosted by the Legionaries. Some activities at Post on 202 S Jefferson. Dry Camping No Hook Ups. Also Saturday cookoff. Date confirmed, Details to follow. Info: Facebook page: American Legion Post #273 McGregor, 254-840-4319 Cookoff Chairman: Gary Sanders.

SEPT 8-9, WEATHERFORD, TX –VFW Post 4746 Smokin Guns Chili/BBQ Cook Off. TOLBERT. Benefits: Post charties. Location: 224 Zion Hill Rd. Camping area & limited hookups for \$15 per day, 1st come, 1st served. Date confirmed, Details to follow. Info: Referee: Aimee Johnson 817-304-0743, Facebook page: VFW Post No 4746 R.D. Nelson Memorial.