

**2024-2025 CHILI YEAR****as of December 16, 2024**

JAN 11, PORT O'CONNOR, TX - Josie's Cook-Off. TOLBERT. Benefits Port O'Connor Library. Location: Josie's Mexican Food and Cantina, 610 Adams Ave. No space for RV's on site. Silent & Live Auctions, 50/50 raffle. Turn in: Bloody Mary's-10:00, Margaritas-11:00, Gumbo, Noon, Jackpot Beans (1<sup>st</sup> place receives ½ of entry fees)-1:00, Chili-2:00. Entry fees: Drinks: \$5 each, Gumbo, Beans & Chili: \$20 per category. Info: Tom Stephens 512-554-5389 (text or leave a message please.) Referee: Tom Stephens

JAN 25, LOCKHART, TX – VFW Post 8927 Chili & BBQ Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: Post 8927 charities. Location: VFW Post 8927, 7007 S Hwy 183, 2.2 miles S of Lockhart Municipal Airport. Camping available, no hookups. Cash payouts (Beans & BBQ entries) based on number of entries. Turn in: Bloody Mary-10:00, Chicken-11:00, Anything Pork-Noon, Jackpot Beans (1/2 entries to 1<sup>st</sup> winner)-1:00, Chili-2:00, Ribs-3:00, Brisket-4:00. Entry fees: Bloody Mary-\$5, Jackpot Beans & Chili-\$25 each, BBQ entries -\$35 per categories. Post 512-398-4942, Info: Tom Stephens 512-554-5389 (text or leave a message please)

FEB 1, MAXWELL, TX – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Chili Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: Maxwell Volunteer Fire Department. Location: Yanez's Tavern, 9472 TX Hwy 142. Dry camping available/no hook ups. Turn in: Salsa-Noon, Jackpot Beans (half of entry fees back to 1<sup>st</sup> 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). Referee: Tom Stephens

FEB 22, LULING, TX – 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 6:30. Open Meat 7:30, Dessert 8:30. Entry fees: Margarita-\$5, Open Meat-\$25, Dessert-\$20. Saturday Turn in: Bloody Mary's 11:00, Chicken Noon, Beans-1:00, Chili 2:00, Ribs 3:00, Brisket-4:00. Entry fee: Bloody Mary's \$5, Beans-\$20, Chili & BBQ categories-\$25 per entry. Payout on entries based on # of entries. Info: American Legion 830-875-9329 or Tom Stephens 512-554-5389 (text or leave a message please.) Referee: Tom Stephens

FEB 22, WACO, TX - W.C. Walden Memorial Chili Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: TBA. Location: Lakeside Tavern, 6605 Airport Rd. Dry camping. Also Sunday cookoff. Turn in: Bloody Mary's-11:00, Margaritas-11:30, Black Eyed Peas-Noon, Beans-1:00, Chili-2:00, Entry fees: Drinks-\$5 each, Beans & Peas-\$10 each, Chili-\$25. Info: Michael Kellogg 254-290-4317.

FEB 23, WACO, TX - W.C. Walden Memorial Chili Cookoff Day 2 TOLBERT. Benefits: TBA. Location: Lakeside Tavern, 6605 Airport Rd. Dry camping. Also Saturday cookoff. Chili Only Turn in: Noon, Entry fee: \$25. Info: Michael Kellogg 254-290-4317.

MAR 8, 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. DO NOT bring Alcohol on the Premises. Parking opens March 7 at: 5 PM. **Pending details.** 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 15, MCGREGOR TX – Tolbert Texas Men's State Chili Championship. TOLBERT. Benefits: American Legion Post 273 Charitable Fund, hosted by the American Legion. Location: The Exchange Event Center, 300 S Jefferson Ave. Dry Camping No Hook Ups. Can cook inside the Event Center. Live music Friday & Saturday nights. Meals provided by the AL Post 273, Friday night dinner, Saturday & Sunday breakfast, Donations accepted. Top 3 Texas chili & top show team residents qualified for 2025 OTICCC. Turn in: Black-eyed Peas-Noon, Beans-1:00, Chili-2:00 Showmanship 2:30-3:00. Entry fee: Chili-\$25, Peas & Beans-\$10 each. Info: Michael Kellogg 254-290-4317 or tolbertmensstatechili@gmail.com.

MAR 16, MCGREGOR TX – Brazilian Open. TOLBERT. American Legion Post 273 Charitable Fundon. Location: The Exchange Event Center, 300 S Jefferson Ave. Dry Camping No Hook Ups. If at least 25 cooks, Top 3 chili & top show team qualified for 2025 OTICCC. Turn in: Chili-\$25. Turn in: Noon, Showmanship 2:30 to 3. Info: Michael Kellogg 254-290-4317 or tolbertmensstatechili@gmail.com.

MAR 22, BASTROP/ROCKNE, TX –VFW Post 2527 Chili & BBQ Cook Off. TOLBERT. Benefits: VFW Post 2527. Location: Rockne VFW, 1503 FM 20, Bastrop, TX. Limited (12) Electrical hookups-\$20 per night, also No Hookup camping allowed. **Pending details.** Info & Referee: Tom Stephens 512-554-5389 (call or text) or text 512-627-5980

APR 5, LULING, TX 35th Annual Roughneck Chili & BBQ Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: Luling Oil Museum. Location: Downtown on Davis St. **Pending details.** BBQ should Pre-register [www.lulingoilmuseum.org](http://www.lulingoilmuseum.org) look under Event Submission. Info: Ashley Flores 830-875-1922 or [ashley@luling.org](mailto:ashley@luling.org) or Info & Referee: Tom Stephens 512-554-5389 (call or text) or text 512-627-5980

APR 5, MARTINDALE, TX Dam Chili Cookoff. TOLBERT. (changed from Mar. 5) Benefits: San Marcos Youth Services Bureau "YSB" ([www.ysb.org](http://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. **Pending details.** Info: Shaun Shaver, [shaunshaver@gmail.com](mailto:shaunshaver@gmail.com) for registration form and more details, or 512 720-0506 Referee: TBA

APR 12, ROSANKY, TX – Snake Prairie Chili Jam 4. TOLBERT. Benefits: TBA. Location: Snake Prairie, 10 minutes south of Bastrop on Hwy. 304 (map location: 2467 Hwy. 304 Smithville, TX 78957.) Camping opens on Thursday at Noon, no hookups, take out what you bring in. More details to follow. No Pets Allowed, see web site <http://www.snakeprairie.com> for site rules. Live Music TBA. Categories: Chili, Beans, Margaritas, Deviled Eggs. Info: Laurie Rector McCowan 512-718-8677 (call or text) or [erikmccowan@yahoo.com](mailto:erikmccowan@yahoo.com)

APR 26, CORSICANA, TX—47th 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.) Overnight campers must pre-register which will open up online on March 1st. No camping fee for Chili Day Cookers. Categories: Chili, Beans, Brisket. **Pending details.** Info: [www.derrickdays.com](http://www.derrickdays.com) or Debbie Eiland Turner 972-935-2402 cell & text or [DebWayET@outlook.com](mailto:DebWayET@outlook.com) Referee: Debbie Turner

MAY 3, PORT O'CONNOR, TX - Josie's Cook-Off. TOLBERT. Benefits TBA. Location: Josie's Mexican Food and Cantina, 610 Adams Ave. No space for RV's on site. **Pending details.** Cookoff Chairman Mona Schlieper [monaschieper@yahoo.com](mailto:monaschieper@yahoo.com) or Tom Stephens 512-554-5389 (text or leave a message please.) Referee: Tom Stephens

MAY 10, ROCKNE/BASTROP, TX –VFW Post 2527 Melvin Euers Memorial Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: VFW Post 2527. Location: Rockne VFW, 1503 FM 20, Bastrop, TX. Limited hookups and Dry camping. **Pending details.** Info & Referee: Tom Stephens 512-554-5389 (call or text)

MAY 17, WACO, TX - Al Hopkins Memorial 33rd Tolbert Texas State Chili Championship. TOLBERT. Benefits: Waco GoodFellas (Christmas cheer for families in need). Location: Lakeside Tavern, 6605 Airport Rd. Sponsored by Mild Bill's Gunpowder Foods and Lakeside Tavern. Dry camping. Top 3 Texas resident chili and Top Texas resident Show Team automatically qualified for the Terlingua Championship 2025. **Pending details.** Info: Gary Brignon [gary@mildbillsspices.com](mailto:gary@mildbillsspices.com). Referee: Debbie Turner

MAY 24 – KILLEEN, TX – Sons of American Legion Post 223 Chili Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: American Legion charities. Location: Post 223, 208 S Park St. Camping, no hookups available starting Friday, no access to building until Saturday morning. Turn in: Beans-11:00, Ribs-Noon, Chili-1:00. Brisket-3:00. Entry fees: Beans-\$10, Chili-\$20, Brisket & Ribs-\$15 per category. Info: Cookoff Chairman: Jeff Wilson call or text 254-214-5413 or Facebook page: American Legion Post 223. Referee: Debbie Turner.

JUN 14, LOCKHART, TX 51st Chisholm Trail Roundup Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: Lockhart Chamber of Commerce activities. Location: Lockhart City Park, 504 East City Park Rd. Camping, no hookups. **Pending Details.** Info: <https://www.lockhartchamber.com/chisholm-trail-roundup/> for entry form & rules or Chamber of Commerce 512-398-2818 Chili Head Judge & Referee: Tom Stephens

SEPT 13 – 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. Post on 202 S Jefferson will be open. Dry Camping No Hook Ups. Also Sunday Cookoff. **Pending Details.** Info: Facebook page: American Legion Post #273 McGregor, 254-840-4319 Cookoff Chairman: Gary Sanders.

SEPT 14– 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. Post on 202 S Jefferson will be open. Dry Camping No Hook Ups. Also Saturday cookoff. **Pending Details.** Info: Facebook page: American Legion Post #273 McGregor, 254-840-4319 Cookoff Chairman: Gary Sanders.

SEPT 20, WACO, TX –Vern Kong Memorial Chili & BBQ Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: TBA. Location: Lakeside Tavern, 6605 Airport Rd. Dry camping, no hookups. Also Sunday cookoff. Turn in: Bloody Mary's-11:00, Margaritas-11:30, Black Eyed Peas-Noon, Beans-1:00, Chili-2:00. Entry fees: Drinks-\$5 each, Beans & Peas -\$10 each, Chili-\$25. Info: Michael Kellogg 254-290-4317

SEPT 20, WACO, TX – A Day After Vern Kong Memorial Chili Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: TBA. Location: Lakeside Tavern, 6605 Airport Rd. Dry camping, no hookups. Also Saturday cookoff. Only Chili, Turn in: Noon. Entry fee: Chili-\$25. Info: Michael Kellogg 254-290-4317