

OCT 7, BLANCO, TX – 53rd Ladies State Chili Championship. TOLBERT. Benefits: The Smile Never Fades <http://thesmileneverfades.com>. Location: Yett Memorial Park, 1813 US-281. Limited Electrical Hookups \$25/night — \$50 for 2 nights. In honor of Laury McCullough. Also Junior and Sunday chili only cookoff. Texas resident winners of 1st-3rd chili and 1st show automatically qualify for 2024 OTICCC. Friday night turn in: Beans-6, Margaritas 6:30. Cooks Dinner 7. Saturday registration: 9 am, Cooks Meeting-10. Turn ins: Junior Miss-Noon, Chili-1, Showmanship 1:30-2:30, BBQ Chicken-3, Pork Ribs-4. Entry fees: Junior Chili-\$20, Tolbert Chili-\$30, Beans, Margarita's, BBQ Chicken or Pork Ribs-\$15 each. See flyer online for more details. Info: Kim Eckert 512-743-5039 or ladiesstatechili@gmail.com Info: or web site www.ladiesstatechili.org or Facebook page: Ladies State Chili Championship of Texas. Referee: Debbie Eiland Turner

OCT 8, BLANCO, TX – 14th Just A Cookoff (JACC). TOLBERT. Benefits: The Smile Never Fades Location: Yett Memorial Park, 1813 US-281. Also Saturday cookoff for more details. Chili only. Turn in: Noon. Showmanship 11-11:30. Entry fee: \$20. Info: Info: Kim Eckert 512-743-5039 or ladiesstatechili@gmail.com. Referee: Debbie Eiland Turner

OCT 20-21, Alvarado, TX – 5th Annual Freedom Isn't Free Chili/BBQ Cook Off. TOLBERT. Benefits: Post 9299 programs for their Veterans & Youth. Location: VFW Post 9299, 6732 E US 67. Camping, no hookups. Friday night Meat Inspection starting at 5:00 pm. Boy Scouts will be preparing Breakfast for donations. Cooks meeting Saturday 9. \$\$ for Grand Champion. Turn in: Salsa-10, Appetizer-10;30, Dessert-11:30, Beans-Noon, Chicken-1, Ribs-1:30, Chili-2, Pork Butt-2:30, Brisket-3:00. Entry fees: Chili-\$25, Salsa, Appetizers, Desserts, Jackpot Beans - \$10 each, Brisket, Chicken, Ribs, Port Butt - \$20 each. Info: Call or Text Terry 214-537-1725 Referee: Tracie Frink

Terlingua week for the 2022-2023 chili year

NOV 2, TERLINGUA, TX – 7th Annual Tolbert / Mild Bill's International Verde Cookoff. Benefits: ALS. Location: OTICC site, 23101 FM 170, Behind the Whites' Store, just East of Downtown Terlingua. See the schedule of events for registration times on Wednesday & Thursday. Entry fee: \$25. Turn in: 1. Rules and registration form on www.abowlofred.com. Info: gary@mildbillsspices.com

NOV 2, TERLINGUA, TX - World's Championship Margarita Mix-Off. Location: OTICC site, 23101 FM 170, Behind the Whites' Store, just East of Downtown Terlingua. See the schedule of events for registration times on Wednesday & Thursday. Entry fee: \$10. Turn in: 1. Rules and registration form on www.abowlofred.com. Judges must pay \$10 to participate, payable during registration at the cookoff. Info: gary@mildbillsspices.com

NOV 3, TERLINGUA, TX - Very Last Chance for 2023 Championship. TOLBERT. Location: OTICC site, 23101 FM 170, Behind the Whites' Store, just East of Downtown Terlingua. Cooks cannot be qualified for the 2023 OTICCC Championship. The top 10 winners qualified to compete in the Saturday Championship. See the schedule of events for registration times on Thursday & Friday. Turn in: 3:30. Entry fee: \$50. Rules and registration form on www.abowlofred.com. Chairman: Patrick Ryan. Info: Debbie Eiland Turner 972-935-2402 or goatgapgazette@sbcglobal.net

NOV 3, TERLINGUA, TX – 35th Annual Bob Roberts Memorial BBQ Cookoff, 41st Annual Hal John Wimberly - Frank X Tolbert. Memorial World Championship B.E.An. & 31st Annual. Clay Henry Memorial World Championship P.E.A.-Off & 12th Annual Jimmy Doherty Memorial Salsa Contest. Location: OTICC site, 23101 FM 170, Behind the Whites' Store, just East of Downtown Terlingua. See the schedule of events for registration times on Thursday & Friday. BBQ cooks not qualified to compete in chili or showmanship receive one free armband for cooking one meat category or 2 armbands if cooking in two or more categories. Turn in: Salsa-10:30, Chicken-11, Black-eyed Peas-Noon, Ribs-1, Beans-2, Brisket-3. Entry Fees: BBQ meats (Brisket, Chicken & Ribs) \$50 each or \$120 for all three, Beans, Black-eyed Peas, Salsa- \$10 each. Rules and registration form on www.abowlofred.com. Pre-register available (PO Box 143, Terlingua, TX 78952), but must be mailed by Oct. 24th, checks will not be cashed until after the cookoff in case you are unable to participate. Info: Jimmy Smith BBQ Event Director 254-698-1081 leave a message or jsmith290@hotmail.com

NOV 4, TERLINGUA, TX – 56th Annual Original Terlingua International Frank X. Tolbert - Wick Fowler Memorial Championship. Chili Cookoff. Location: OTICC site, 23101 FM 170, Behind the Whites' Store, just East of Downtown Terlingua. Must be qualified to cook or show to compete. Cooks and show teams participating in OTICCC may receive 2 armband per household. Show teams participating need to contact Debbie Eiland Turner (972-935-2402, text or call

or goatgappazette@sbcglobal.net) to register their team members. Chili & Showmanship Qualification Info: Mona Schlieper 361-524-0131 or monaschlieper@yahoo.com. Cookoff Info: abowlofred@gmail.com or www.abowlofred.com or Kathleen Tolbert Ryan 817-653-0988 or ktryan97@gmail.com

NOV 17-18, Alvarado, TX – BSA Troop 9299-BSA Chili/BBQ Cook Off. TOLBERT. Benefits: Boy Scout Troop 9299. Location: VFW Post 9299, 6732 E US 67. Camping, no hookups. Info: Call or Text Terry 214-537-1725

DEC 2, MAXDALE, TX - Old Soldiers Memorial Chili Cook-Off. TOLBERT. Benefits: Chili Park Maintenance Fund. Location: Chili Park at 17915 Maxdale Rd, Killeen TX 76549, located between Killeen & Florence on FM 2670. From SH 195 take FM 2670. Go approx. 4.5 miles, chili park will be on the left. Limited RV hookups-\$10 per night. Friday night Chicken tacos, Rice & Beans, Saturday Breakfast. NOTE: NO LONGER CATEGORIES for Chicken, Ribs and Black Eyed Peas. Also Sunday cookoff. Showmanship 2:30 to 3. Turn in: Bloody Mary-10, Margaritas-11, Beans-1, Chili-2, Ribs-3. Entry fee: Drinks-\$5 each. Beans-\$10, Chili-\$20. Also Sunday cookoff. Info: Ken Sperry 254-290-1950 or kennethsperry@hotmail.com

DEC 3, MAXDALE, TX – – Day After Old Soldiers Chili Cook-Off. TOLBERT. Benefits: Chili Park Maintenance Fund. Location: Chili Park at 17915 Maxdale Rd, Killeen TX 76549, located between Killeen & Florence on FM 2670. From SH 195 take FM 2670. Go approx. 4.5 miles, chili park will be on the left. Sunday Breakfast. Showmanship 12:30 to 1:00. Only chili competition. Also Saturday cookoff. Turn in: Chili-Noon. Entry fee: Chili-\$20.. Info: Ken Sperry 254-290-1950 or kennethsperry@hotmail.com

DEC 9, MANCHACA, TX - VFW Post 3377 A Chili Christmas Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: VFW Scholarship Fund. Location: 12921 Lowden Lane. Camping, no hookups. Info: Dwight Hamilton 512-303-0868 or dwighthamilton188@hotmail.com

JAN 6, LEANDER, TX – 2nd Annual Mike Ganske Memorial Chili Cook-off and Pool Tournament. TOLBERT. Benefits: VFW Post charities. Location: VFW Post 10427, 8760 Ranch Road 2243. Overnight camping, no hookups. Details to follow. Info: Robert “Frosty” Winterbottom 512-751-2084

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. Details to follow. Info: Terry Wright 512-738-2273

JAN 27 – KILLEEN, TX – American Legion Post 223 Chili Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: American Legion charities. Location: Post 223, 208 South Park St. NEW cookoff. Cookoff Chairman has attended some cookoffs, is now retired and wanted to help his Post raise funds for their charities. Details to follow. Facebook page: American Legion Post 223, Info: Cookoff Chairman: Jeff Wilson 254-214-5413.

FEB 17, HEWITT, TX – President’s Day 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. (Please, NO Alcohol on the Premises.) Parking opens Feb. 16 at: 5 PM. Details to follow. 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

FEB 17, MARTINDALE, TX – The Dam Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: San Marcos Youth Services Bureau "YSB" (www.ysb.org.) Location: The old Cotton Gin, 204 Main St. Details to follow. Cookoff Chairman: Shaun Shaver, shaunshaver@gmail.com or 512 720-0506

FEB 18, HEWITT, TX – President’s Day 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 Sunday cookoff. (Please, NO Alcohol on the Premises.) Parking opens Feb 16 at: 5 PM Details to follow. 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

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. Details to follow. Info: American Legion 830-875-9329 or Tom Stephens 512-554-5389 (text or leave a message please.)

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. Info: Facebook page: American Legion Post #273 McGregor, 254-840-4319 Cookoff Chairman: Gary Sanders.

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. Info: Facebook page: American Legion Post #273 McGregor, 254-840-4319 Cookoff Chairman: Gary Sanders.

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. Details later. Info: Tom Stephens 512-554-5389 (text or leave a message please.)

AUG 24 – 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. Info: Facebook page: American Legion Post #273 McGregor, 254-840-4319 Cookoff Chairman: Gary Sanders.

AUG 25 – 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. Info: Facebook page: American Legion Post #273 McGregor, 254-840-4319 Cookoff Chairman: Gary Sanders.