

REMEMBER TO CHECK with the Cookoff promoter, Facebook (Tolbert Terlingua Chili Group Information OTICCC, Central Texas Tolbert Chili Group or CASTOLICS) or Tolbert web site, for last minute cancellations and newly scheduled cookoffs.

Note: Beginning in the new chili year (Oct 1st) cookoffs will no longer have sanctioned showmanship competition.

OCT 10-11, ALVARADO, TX – 10th Annual Freedom Isn't Free Chili Cook Off. TOLBERT. Benefits: Post 9299 programs for their Veterans & Youth. Location: VFW Post 9299, 6732 E US 67. Camping, no hookups. Only chili competition. NEW Turn in: 1:00. Info: Terry 214-537-1725 at VFW or Tracie 214-460-7610 Call or Text

OCT 11, HILLSBORO, TX – AutumnFest Chili Cook Off. Benefits: Hillsboro Main Street Lighting Project. Location: Historic Hillsboro City Hall at corner E Franklin and N Church. The parking lot behind the building is set aside for Day cooks. Limited overnight parking for RV's in parking lot one block away on E Franklin. NEW COOKOFF. Activities all day, local food trucks, 100+ vendors & artist around the square, family friendly activities. Music starts at 5PM with headliners Rick Trevino and Kin Faux along with other performers, see flyer on www.abowlofred.com or Hillsboro Texas Main Street Facebook page for QR code with more details. Only Chili competition. Turn in: 1:00pm. Entry fee: \$25. Info: Tiffany Barron, Main Street Manager 254-582-3271 Ext 2416

OCT 11, 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 (10 at \$20 per night) and Dry camping. Turn in: Bloody Mary's-10:00, Margaritas-10:30, Chicken-11:00, Open Meat-Noon, Jackpot Beans-1:00, Chili-2:00, Ribs-3:00, Brisket-4:00. Entry fee: Drinks-\$5 each, Beans-\$20, Chili, & BBQ entries-\$25 each. Info & Referee: Tom Stephens 512-554-5389 (call or text)

2025 Terlingua Championship Week

OCT 30, TERLINGUA, TX – 9th 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. Cup size 24 oz. Entry fee: \$25. Turn in: 1:00. Info: gary@mildbillsspices.com

OCT 30, 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. Cup size is 32 oz. Entry fee: \$10. Turn in: 3:00. Judges must pay \$25 to participate, payable during registration at the cookoff. Info: gary@mildbillsspices.com

OCT 31, TERLINGUA, TX - Very Last Chance for 2025 Championship. TOLBERT. Location: OTICC site, 23101 FM 170, Behind the Whites' Store, just East of Downtown Terlingua. Cooks cannot be qualified for the 2025 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. Chairman: Patrick Ryan. Info: Debbie Eiland Turner 972-935-2402 or DebWayET@outlook.com.

OCT 31, TERLINGUA, TX – 37th Annual Bob Roberts Memorial BBQ Cookoff, 43rd Annual Hal John Wimberly - Frank X Tolbert. Memorial World Championship B.E.An. & 33rd Annual. Clay Henry Memorial World Championship P.E.A.-Off & 14th Annual Jimmy Doherty Memorial Salsa Contest. Location: OTICC site, 23101 FM 170, Behind the Whites' Store, just East of Downtown Terlingua. \$5,000 payout for the Bob Roberts Memorial Cookoff. Turn in: Salsa-10:30, Chicken-11, Black-eyed Peas-Noon, Ribs-1, Beans & People's Choice Pork -2 Brisket-3. Entry Fees: BBQ meats (Brisket, Chicken & Ribs) \$50 per category or \$125 for all three if you received free armband at gate, \$35 per category or 3 for \$100 if you had to pay for your armband, Beans, Black-eyed Peas, Salsa- \$10 each. Info: New BBQ Chairman, Joe Dabbert dabbert21@gmail.com. Rules and schedule on www.abowlofred.com under Resources.

NOV 1, TERLINGUA, TX – 58th 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 DebWayET@outlook.com to register their team members. Info on Chili & Showmanship Qualification Mona

Schlieper 361-524-0131 or monaschlieper@yahoo.com. Cookoff Info: abowlofred@gmail.com or www.abowlofred.com

NOV 14-15, ALVARADO, TX – BSA Troop 9299-BSA Chili/BBQ Cook Off. TOLBERT. Benefits: Boy Scout Troop 9299. Location: VFW Post 9299, 6732 E US 67. Cooks meeting Saturday morning. \$\$ for Grand Champion. Turn in: Appetizer-11:30, Dessert-Noon, Beans-12:30, Chicken-1, Ribs-1:30, Chili-2, Pork Butt-2:30, Brisket-3:00. Entry fees: Chili-\$25, Appetizers, Desserts, Beans - \$10 each, Brisket, Chicken, Ribs, Port Butt - \$20 each or all (except chili) for \$100. Info: Terry 214-537-1725 Call or Text

NOV 22, DECATUR, TX – The County Seat Road to Terlingua. TOLBERT. Benefits: CASA of Wise & Jack Counties (check out their Facebook page for how they help the counties.) Location: County Seat 107 S. Trinity St. Turn in: Chili - 4:00pm. Entry fee: TBD. Info: Zach Powell, zach3powell@yahoo.com or (940) 231-5481, Text or call and voicemail.

DEC 6, LOCKHART, TX – Second Annual John Reynolds Memorial BBQ & Chili Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: TBA.. Location: VFW Post 8927, 7007 S Hwy 183, 2.2 miles S of Lockhart Municipal Airport. Camping, no hookups. Limited space for the Campers. LSBS sanctioned BBQ. Friday events Margarita, Salsa & Cooks Choice, 50/50 payout on Friday events. Saturday events Chili, Beans, Chicken, Ribs & Brisket 80/20 pay out for BBQ. See www.lonestarbarbecue.com to register or more info. Chili Info: Tom Stephens 512-554-5389 (text or leave a message please.)

DEC 6 TERLINGUA, TX - Honky Tonk Holiday Christmas Market and Chili Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: Family Crisis Center of the Big Bend (<https://www.fccbb.org/>) Location: Frontier Roadhouse, 51430 State Hwy 118, Alpine, next to the American Legion. Watch for the event signage. Primitive camping is available. **Pending Details** Info: Frontierland Partners 432-371-2425 or Missy Walker 903 422 5670.

JAN 31, MAXWELL, TX – 3rd Annual Chili Cookoff. (Change from Feb 7th) TOLBERT. Benefits: Maxwell Volunteer Fire Department. Location: Yanez's Tavern, 9472 TX Hwy 142. Dry camping available/no hook ups **Pending Details**. Info: Tavern's 512-357-6476. Cookoff info: Tom Stephens 512-554-5389 (text or leave message please).

MAR 7, 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. **Pending details**. Top 3 Texas chili & top show team residents qualified for 2026 OTICCC. Info: Jim Schlieper emails: schlieperj@yahoo.com

MAR 12, TERLINGUA, TX – Big Bend Wildlife and Wine Festival. Benefits: Big Bend Citizens Alliance. Location: Site of OTICCC's November cookoff. The festival is being held during Spring Break week, the 10th thru 12th. With the cookoff Thursday. **Pending Details**. Info: KaciKothmann@yahoo.com

MAR 14, WOODWAY, TX – Hewitt VFW Post 6008 and Tolbert Chili & Bean Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: Veterans and Veteran Programs. Location: CHANGED THIS YEAR, 400 Karem Cir. Waco Karem Shriner Campground, limited hookups, contact 254-709-3557 for camping reservations & cookoff info. RV Rates: Shriner-\$15 per night, Non-Shriner-\$20 per night. Open to all cooks. Friday night Campfire party, 50/5- Drawing, Raffle Basket Dring, Goodie bags to 1st 30 entries. Also Sunday cookoff. Turn in: Beans-Noon, Chili-2:00pm. Entry fee: Beans-\$10 (cash payout), Chili-\$20. Info: VFW 254-666-6008 or Facebook page: VFW Post 6008, Cookoff Chairman: Bill Cadola cadolabill@yahoo.com

MAR 15, WOODWAY, TX – Ides of March Chili Cook Off. TOLBERT. Benefits: Veterans and Veteran Programs. Location: 400 Karem Cir. Waco Karem Shriner Campground, see Saturday listing for details. Turn in: Chili-Noon. Entry fee: \$20. Info: VFW 254-666-6008 or Facebook page: VFW Post 6008, Cookoff Chairman: Bill Cadola cadolabill@yahoo.com

MAR 21 – 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-2:00. 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

MAR 28 – MINERAL WELLS, TX – VFW Post 2399 Annual Chili Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: Homeless Vets / Veterans Assistance Program. Location: 1400 Veterans of Foreign Wars St. Camping no hookups on East side of parking lot, with extra parking on west side if needed. NEW DATE FROM PAST. **Details pending**. Info: Facebook page Palo Pinto Memorial Post 2399.

APR 11, ROSANKY, TX – Snake Prairie Chili Jam 5. TOLBERT. Benefits: TBA. Location: Snake Prairie, 10 minutes south of Bastrop on Hwy. 304 (map location: 2467 Hwy. 304 Smithville, TX 78957.) **No Pets Allowed**. Camping, no hookups. **Pending details**. See <http://www.snakeprairie.com/chilijam> for site rules. Info: Laurie Rector McCowan 512-718-8677 (call or text) or erikmccowan@yahoo.com

APR 18, MARTINDALE, TX 19th 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. **Pending Details**. Check out their Facebook page, Dam Chili Cookoff. Info: Shaun Shaver, shaunshaver@gmail.com

APR 25, CORSICANA, TX—48th Annual Derrick Days Cookoff – 50th Annual for the weekends event. TOLBERT. Benefits: Local charities. Location: Downtown, 100 N Main Street (Block square bordered by N Main, W Collin, N 12th and 5th.) Overnight campers must pre-register online. **Pending Details**. Info: www.derrickdays.com or Debbie Eiland Turner 972-935-2402 cell & text or DebWayET@outlook.com See web site for chili, brisket and site rules at: www.derrickdays.com.