

**CANCELLED BY ELOISA COOKOFF CHAIRMAN on 12/25 JAN 10, PORT O'CONNOR, TX - Josie's Chili & Gumbo Cook-Off. TOLBERT. Benefits: TBD. Location: Josie's Mexican Food and Cantina, 610 Adams Ave. Info: Tom Stephens 512-554-5389**

JAN 17, LOCKHART, TX – VFW Post 8927 Chili & BBQ Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: VFW Post 8927. Location: Post 8927, 7007 S Hwy 183, 2.2 miles S of Lockhart Municipal Airport. Camping available, no hookups. Cash payouts (BBQ entries only) based on number of entries. Turn in: Bloody Mary-10:00, Chicken-11:00, Open Meat-Noon, Jackpot Beans (1/2 bean entry fees to 1<sup>st</sup> winner)-1:00, Chili-2:00, Ribs-3:00, Brisket-4:00. Entry fees: Bloody Mary-\$5, Open Meat & Jackpot Beans: \$20 each, Chili-\$25 each, BBQ entries -\$35 per categories. Post 512-398-4942, Info: Tom Stephens 512-554-5389 (text or leave a message please.)

JAN 31, MAXWELL, TX – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Chili Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: Paws Shelter of Central TX. Location: Yanez's Tavern, 9472 TX Hwy 142. Dry camping available/no hook ups. Live music, DJ or Karaoke after awards are announced. Turn in: Salsa-Noon, Jackpot Beans (half of bean 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: Tom Stephens 512-554-5389 (text or leave message please).

FEB 14, TERLINGUA AREA, TX – The Longhorn Love Inn. TOLBERT. Benefits: Claude Luke Dudley Musician's Fund. Location: Longhorn Ranch Motel, 52370 State Hwy 118. (Mailing address is Alpine but is north of Study Butte on 118.) Live music and games. Entry fee: Chili-\$25. Turn in: Chili-3:00 pm, Bloody Mary's 11:00 am. More details to follow. Info: Becky Krisher 432-386-6501 or [beckykay321@gmail.com](mailto:beckykay321@gmail.com)

FEB 28, LULING, TX – 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual American Legion Post 177 Chili & BBQ Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: Luling Little Ones. Location: American Legion Post, 215 E. Davis St. Camping no hookups. Friday night: Turn in: Open Meat 6:30. Dessert 7:30, Margaritas 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 BBQ entries based on # of entries. 50/50 raffle. Silent & Live Auctions. Info: American Legion 830-875-9329 or Tom Stephens 512-554-5389 (text or leave a message please.)

MAR 12, TERLINGUA, TX – Big Bend Wildlife and Wine Festival. Benefits: Big Bend Citizens Alliance. Location: Site of OTICCC's November cookoff, 22970 FM 170. The festival is being held during Spring Break week, the 10<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup>. With the cookoff Thursday. Live music, wine, camping, Star Party, learn about local wildlife native to the area. Cooks meeting & cup pickup Noon. Turn in: 4:00, awards approx. at 5:30. Prepay for One (\$25) or 3 Day (\$70) Passes or Camping (\$75 for 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>) see <https://bigbendspringbreak.com/> Info: KaciKothmann@yahoo.com or 325-456-5983

MAR 13, MCGREGOR TX – Friday Night Points only Cookoff. Benefits: TBA. Location: The Exchange Event Center, 300 S Jefferson Ave. Dry Camping No Hook Ups. Can cook inside the Event Center. Turn in: Chili - 7:00 PM. Entry fee: \$15. More details to come. Info: Jim Schlieper emails: [schlieperj@yahoo.com](mailto:schlieperj@yahoo.com)

MAR 14, MCGREGOR TX –Tolbert Texas Men's State Chili Championship. TOLBERT. Benefits: TBA. Location: The Exchange Event Center, 300 S Jefferson Ave. Dry Camping No Hook Ups. Can cook inside the Event Center. Top 3 Texas Men chili residents qualified for 2026 OTICCC. Turn in: Beans: 1:00, Chili: 2:00. Turn in: Beans: \$10, Chili: \$30. More details to come. Info: Jim Schlieper emails: [schlieperj@yahoo.com](mailto:schlieperj@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, BASTROP/ROCKNE, TX –VFW Post 2527 Chili & BBQ Cook Off. TOLBERT. Benefits: VFW Post 2527. Location: Rockne VFW, 1503 FM 20, Bastrop, TX. Limited (10) Electrical hookups-\$20 per night, also No Hookup camping allowed. Auction & 50/50 Raffle. Turn in: Bloody Mary-10:00, Margaritas-10:30, Chicken-11:00, Open Meat-Noon, Jackpot Beans (payout per # of entries)-1:00, Chili-2:00, Ribs-3:00, Brisket-4:00. Entry fees: Drinks-\$5 each, Chili & Chicken, Ribs & Brisket-\$25 per category, Beans & Open Meat-\$20 per category. Info & Referee: Tom Stephens 512-554-5389 (call or text) or text 512-627-5980

APR 11, LULING, TX 36th Annual Roughneck Chili & BBQ Cook Off. TOLBERT. Benefits: Luling Oil Museum. Location: 421 E Davis St. Downtown around blocks 200 to 500. IBCA sanctioned BBQ. BBQ should Pre-register at [www.lulingoilmuseum.org](http://www.lulingoilmuseum.org) (see: Event Submission.) Categories: Chili, Chicken, Pork Spareribs, Brisket. **Pending Details.** Info: Ashley Flores 830-875-1922 or [ashley@luling.org](mailto:ashley@luling.org) or Chili Info: Tom Stephens 512-554-5389 (call or text)

**CANCELLED FOR 2026 – WILL RETURN 2027** APR 11, ROSANKY, TX – Snake Prairie Chili Jam 5. TOLBERT. Benefits: TBA. Location: Snake Prairie, See <http://www.snakeprairie.com/chilijam> for site rules. Info: Laurie Rector McCowan 512-718-8677 (call or text) or [erikmccowan@yahoo.com](mailto:erikmccowan@yahoo.com)

APR 11, WOODWAY, TX – Hewitt VFW Post 6008 and Tolbert Chili & Bean Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: Veterans and Veteran Programs. LOCATION: CHANGED THIS YEAR, Waco Karem Shrine Campground, 400 Karem Circle. Limited hookups, Bill Cadola for camping reservations. RV Rates: Shriner-\$15 per night, Non-Shriner-\$20 per night. Goodie bags to 1<sup>st</sup> 30 entries, 50/50 Drawing, Raffle Prizes. Also Sunday cookoff. Turn in: Jackpot Pinto Beans)-Noon, Chili-2:00pm. Entry fee: Beans-\$10 - (100% to top 3), Chili-\$20. Also Sunday Chili cookoff. Info: VFW 254-666-6008 or Facebook page: VFW Post 6008, Cookoff Chairman: Bill Cadola [cadolabill@yahoo.com](mailto:cadolabill@yahoo.com)

APR 12, WOODWAY, TX – Sunday Hewitt VFW Post 6008 and Tolbert Chili & Bean Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: Veterans and Veteran Programs. Location: Waco Karem Shrine Campground, 400 Karem Circle. See Saturday listing for more details. Turn in: Chili-Noon. Entry fee: \$20. Info: Facebook page: VFW Post 6008, Cookoff Chairman: Bill Cadola 254-709-3557 or [cadolabill@yahoo.com](mailto:cadolabill@yahoo.com)

APR 18, MARTINDALE, TX 19<sup>th</sup> Dam Chili Cookoff. TOLBERT. 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, opens in early January. **Pending Details.** Check out their Facebook page, Dam Chili Cookoff. Info: Shaun Shaver, [shaunshaver@gmail.com](mailto:shaunshaver@gmail.com)

APR 25, CORSICANA, TX—48th Annual Derrick Days Cookoff – 50<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.derrickdays.com) or Debbie Eiland Turner 972-935-2402 cell & text or [DebWayET@outlook.com](mailto:DebWayET@outlook.com) See web site for chili, brisket and site rules at: [www.derrickdays.com](http://www.derrickdays.com).

APR 25, LULING, TX –Brazilian Open at American Legion Post 177. TOLBERT. Benefits: TBA. Location: American Legion Post, 215 E. Davis St. Camping no hookups. Friday night: **Pending Details.** Top 3 Chili Texas chili winners automatically qualified for the 2026 Championship (if cookoff has at least 25 cooks.) Info: Tom Stephens 512-554-5389 (text or leave a message please.)

MAY 1, SOUTH PADRE ISLAND TX – Chili On the Bay - Friday. Benefits: TBA. Location: KOA Campground, 1 Padre Blvd. (Reservations: 1-800-562-9724 or Info 956-761-5665 for RV& tent sites plus Deluxe Cabins.) Chili cookoff with Friday night turn in. also Saturday cookoff. **Pending Details.** Info: Info: Debby Tucker 512-284-4097 or [debby\\_tucker@yahoo.com](mailto:debby_tucker@yahoo.com) or Deba Center 210-274-4952 or [bcenter@gmail.com](mailto:bcenter@gmail.com)

MAY 2, SOUTH PADRE ISLAND TX – Chili On the Bay. Benefits: TBA. Location: KOA Campground, 1 Padre Blvd. (Reservations: 1-800-562-9724 or Info 956-761-5665 for RV& tent sites plus Deluxe Cabins.) also Friday night chili cookoff. **Pending Details.** Info: Info: Debby Tucker 512-284-4097 or [debby\\_tucker@yahoo.com](mailto:debby_tucker@yahoo.com) or Deba Center 210-274-4952 or [bcenter@gmail.com](mailto:bcenter@gmail.com)

MAY 15-16, BENBROOK, TX – VFW Post 10429 Chili & BBQ Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: VFW charities. Location: VFW Post 10429, 1000 Stevens Dr. **Pending Details.** Info: VFW 817-249-6470 or Lynn Toomer 817-719-6648, Facebook page: Benbrook VFW & Auxiliary 10429

### **2026 Terlingua Championship Week – details due in late summer**

NOV 5, TERLINGUA, TX – 10<sup>th</sup> 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. Info: [gary@mildbillsspices.com](mailto:gary@mildbillsspices.com)

NOV 5, TERLINGUA, TX - World's Championship Margarita Mix-Off. Location: OTICC site, 23101 FM 170, Behind the Whites' Store, just East of Downtown Terlingua. Must pay to judge. Info: gary@mildbillsspices.com

NOV 6, TERLINGUA, TX - Very Last Chance for 2026 Championship. TOLBERT. Location: OTICC site, 23101 FM 170, Behind the Whites' Store, just East of Downtown Terlingua. Cooks cannot be qualified for the 2026 OTICCC Championship. The top 10 winners qualified to compete in the Saturday Championship. **Pending details.** Chairman: Patrick Ryan. Info: Debbie Eiland Turner 972-935-2402 or DebWayET@outlook.com.

NOV 6, TERLINGUA, TX – 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Bob Roberts Memorial BBQ Cookoff, 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Hal John Wimberly - Frank X Tolbert. Memorial World Championship B.E.An. & 34<sup>th</sup> Annual. Clay Henry Memorial World Championship P.E.A.-Off & 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Jimmy Doherty Memorial Salsa Contest. Location: OTICC site, 23101 FM 170, Behind the Whites' Store, just East of Downtown Terlingua. Info: BBQ Chairman, Joe Dabbert dabbert21@gmail.com. Rules and schedule on [www.abowlofred.com](http://www.abowlofred.com) under Resources.

NOV 7, TERLINGUA, TX – 59<sup>th</sup> 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 to compete. Cooks participating in OTICCC may receive 2 armband per household. Info on Qualified Cooks Mona Schlieper 361-524-0131 or monas@petroleumcollege.com. Cookoff Info: [abowlofred@gmail.com](mailto:abowlofred@gmail.com) or [www.abowlofred.com](http://www.abowlofred.com)