Tolbert Cookoffs for the 2026-2027 as of 10/28/2026

NOV 5, TERLINGUA, TX – 1st Annual Tolbert / Mild Bill's International Salsa Verde Cookoff. Benefits: ALS. Location: OTICC site, 23101 FM 170, Behind the Whites' Store, just East of Downtown Terlingua. Complete Rules are listed on the Tolbert website under the Rules section of Resources. Commercially made or pre-mix salsa are not allowed and will be disqualified. Only one entry per entrant. Cup size is 16 oz and must be prepared by the entrant. Turn in: 11:00. Entry fees: $20. Info: gary@mildbillsspices.com

NOV 5, TERLINGUA, TX – 10th 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. Complete Rules are listed on the Tolbert website under the Rules section of Resources. Only one entry per entrant. The meat cannot be pre-cooked and must be prepared by the entrant. Cup size is 24 oz. Turn in: 1:00. Entry fees: $25. Info: gary@mildbillsspices.com

NOV 5, TERLINGUA, TX –10th
Annual Tolbert / Mild Bill's International Margarita Mixoff. Benefits: ALS. Location: OTICC site, 23101 FM 170, Behind the Whites' Store, just East of Downtown Terlingua. Complete Rules are listed on the Tolbert website under the Rules section of Resources. Only one entry per entrant. Any kind of Margarita is allowed. No Garnishes. Turn in: 3:00. Entry fees: Margarita - $10 entry, $35 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. Turn in: 3:30. Entry fee: $50. Chairman: Patrick Ryan. Info: Mona Schlieper 361-524-0131 or monaschlieper@yahoo.com

NOV 6, TERLINGUA, TX – 38th Annual Bob Roberts Memorial BBQ Cookoff, 44th Annual Hal John Wimberly - Frank X Tolbert. Memorial World Championship B.E.An. & 34th Annual. Clay Henry Memorial World Championship P.E.A.-Off & 15th 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: BBQ Chairman, Joe Dabbert dabbert21@gmail.com. Rules and schedule on www.abowlofred.com under Resources.

NOV 6, TERLINGUA, TX – Peoples Choice Pork Butt Competition. Location: OTICC site, 23101 FM 170, Behind the Whites' Store, just East of Downtown Terlingua. First 15 entries get a Bone-In Pork Butt free. No entry fee. Serving begins at 2:00 pm. The goal of this event is to feed the most people. Cook it anyway you like. You can add anything to it, even more meat and condiments Team members may prepare individual servings for the crowd. The trophy will again be a Wrestling Belt and Bragging Rights. Info: BBQ Chairman, Joe Dabbert dabbert21@gmail.com. Rules and schedule on www.abowlofred.com under Resources.

NOV 7, TERLINGUA, TX – 59th 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. NEW this year: Open Showmanship, register at the site, open to all, detail to be decided later. Info on Chili qualification Mona Schlieper 361-524-0131 or monas@petroleumcollege.com. Cookoff Info: abowlofred@gmail.com or www.abowlofred.com

DEC 5, BENBROOK, TX - VFW Post 10429 Chili & BBQ Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: VFW charities. Location: VFW Post 10429, 1000 Stevens Dr. Only Chili. Info: VFW 817-249-6470 or Lynn Toomer 817-719-6648, Facebook page: Benbrook VFW & Auxiliary 10429

DEC 4- 5, LOCKHART, TX – Second Annual John Reynolds Memorial BBQ & Chili Cook-Off. TOLBERT. Benefits: Pink Warrior Angels of Texas. Location: VFW Post 8927, 7007 S Hwy 183, 2.2 miles S of Lockhart Municipal Airport. Camping, no hookups. Limited space for Campers. BBQ run and sanctioned by LSBS. Live & Silent Auction. Raffles. Live music, Roomba Poos & Plinko. Cooking Categories: Friday night: Margarita, Salsa, Cooks Choice (50/50 payout), Saturday: Chili, Beans, Chicken, Ribs, Brisket (80/20 Payout except on Chili). Entry fees: $200 for all 3 BBQ categories, $25 per category on all other categories. Info: johnreynoldsmemorialfoundation.org or 512-348-7601. Tom Stephens will be the chili referee.

MAR 12, McGREGOR TX – Friday Night Points only Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: American Legion Post 273 Charitable Fund. Location: The Exchange Event Center, 300 S Jefferson Ave. Dry Camping No Hook Ups. Can cook inside the Event Center. Also Saturday cookoff. Details to follow closer to the cookoff date, check out their Facebook page: Tolbert Chili Championships for the latest information. Info: Mona Schlieper 361-524-0131 or monaschlieper@yahoo.com

MAR 13, McGREGOR TX –Tolbert Texas Men's State Chili and Ladies State Championships. TOLBERT. Benefits: American Legion Post 273 Charitable Fund. Location: The Exchange Event Center, 300 S Jefferson Ave. Dry Camping No Hook Ups. Can cook inside the Event Center. Also Friday night chili cookoff. Turn in: Men's cookoff – 1:00, Ladies cookoff – 3:00. Entry fee includes a t-shirt. Please pre-register, choose your T-shirt size and pay when you arrive. There will be a T-shirt vendor on site if you do not pre-register. https://forms.cloud.microsoft/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx Details to follow closer to the cookoff date, check out their Facebook page: Tolbert Chili Championships for the latest information. Info: Mona Schlieper 361-524-0131 or monaschlieper@yahoo.com

MAR 20, WOODWAY, TX – Hewitt VFW Post 6008 and Tolbert Chili & Bean Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: Veterans and Veteran Programs. Location, Waco Karem Shrine Campground, 400 Karem Circle. Limited hookups, Bill Cadola for camping reservations. **Pending Details**. Info: VFW 254-666-6008 or Facebook page: VFW Post 6008, Cookoff Chairman: Bill Cadola cadolabill@yahoo.com

MAR 21, 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. **Pending Details**. Info: Facebook page: VFW Post 6008, Cookoff Chairman: Bill Cadola 254-709-3557 or cadolabill@yahoo.com