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Las Vegas - Cooking with the Eagles



(Left to right): JB Barker, Teena & Taylor Miller, Honey & Bruce Jones, Marcia Hedrick, Bruce & Cindy Wilkins, Anita Bilonoski - photo-Teena Miller



Judging Final Table at CIN Pod Cookoff - photo-Teena Miller

Fifteen cooks, most from Texas, gathered at the Fraternal Order of Eagles hall in Las Vegas, Nevada.

For those of you who have never had to fly with all your cooking wares, it is a challenging experience. Stoves stuffed into suitcases, meat packed in soft-side ice chests, and spices mixed in containers that all hoped would not pop open in flight, not to mention the airport security. The hosts helped by acquiring the propane fuel, water and beer. Tables were provided for all to use. The bar in the hall was a great source of liquid refreshment.

Time flew by as chili was carefully stirred to perfection. All the cooks were under a common shade shelter, which led to a great time of camaraderie. Not a motor home in sight, no place to hide. The only tense moment was eased as the fifteenth cook showed up at one hour till turn-in. Even with the high caliber of cooks, this local pulled a rabbit out of his hat placing tenth with a one-hour recipe.

The final table judges were very intent on selecting the winner of the Chiliheads In Nevada Pod's 1st Annual Cookoff and Ray King, Seguin, Texas, was the lucky number one. Who did he beat? Just ask Ray.

Will the cooks return to Las Vegas next year? Well of course, if only to look for the money that was left behind in the great city in the desert.

Bruce Jones

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ED Ponderings

I'd like to solicit everyone's help with the CASI book that Turner Publications is working on. First, a little background:

Last June, Jake Austed with Turner Publications called to propose a coffee table book about CASI and chili. Mr. Austed detailed the background of the company and explained his concept of what the book might be. He assured us that there would be no cost or obligation to CASI and that five percent (5%) of the pre-sale sales would go to CASI. We talked about the Scholarship Fund as a good place for these proceeds.

Mr. Austed followed the meeting with a letter and a sample of their work, a book on the history of bourbon. He then came to Lebanon, Tennessee during the North American Open and met with Renee Moore and me. We invited him to present the program to the Great Peppers in Little Rock, which he did. Jake set up a display of some of their books and spoke about the project in the general session, answering questions from the GPs. Based on the favorable response from the GPs, and again verifying that there would be no cost to CASI, we commenced the project.

Randy Baumgardner is the Editor in charge of this book, and his job is to gather and mold the information. At this point, the concept of the book is a telling of the CASI story through a number of directions – Pod histories, statements from TICC champions, regional recipes, and more. December 30 was set for the first deadline for material to be submitted, and I think there are more than a few Great Peppers busily doing research. After this first wave of material, there will be a second collection deadline.

Based on the examples we've seen, this is going to be a beautiful book on CASI. We need to make sure the content is equal to the format. Please contact your Great Pepper, so that your story can be included in the book. Call your GP with your memories of Pod and CASI history and of chili personalities you've known. If you have information that does not seem to fit the Pod format, please let me know so I can help you get the information to the Editor in a meaningful way.

Let's work together to make this a book of which we can all be proud. Thanks.

Alan

If you require an insurance certificate for your cookoff, please contact Mary Zimmerman at Consolidated Insurance Consultants, Email MZimmerman@cicinc.com or telephone 410-356-9500.

Preface your request with "Re:CASI", then be sure to include the name of the cookoff, the date of the cookoff, the location or address of the event, who will be the certificate holder (venue or host), and instructions for how Mary will fax or mail the certificate to you.

You may also contact Alan Dean at pepperdean@comcast.net or 410-879-6410.



Tallymaster's Report

Year To Date Statistics

STATE	REQ PTS	COOKOFFS HELD	CHILIS JUDGED	MONEY RAISED
ALABAMA	6	2	35	2300.00
ARKANSAS	12	8	153	8640.00
ARIZONA	12	7	166	6263.00
CALIFORNIA	6	1	20	20000.00
FLORIDA	9	4	106	16050.00
IOWA	9	2	32	7775.00
ILLINOIS	9	3	51	720.00
INDIANA	6	1	20	8580.00
KANSAS	6	1	73	1470.00
MARYLAND	9	2	30	17000.00
MISSOURI	6	3	49	6000.00
MISSISSIPPI	6	1	18	560.00
NORTH CAROLINA	9	2	32	660.00
NEW MEXICO	12	3	120	10445.00
NEVADA	6	1	15	400.00
OKLAHOMA	12	4	70	2682.00
OREGON	6	1	16	465.00
TENNESSEE	12	2	35	16500.00
TEXAS	12	72	2,523	156476.00
VIRGINIA	6	2	31	1100.00
WEST VIRGINIA	6	1	15	1300.00
GRAND TOTAL		123	3,610	285386.00

At the end of my report this month, you will see one delinquent cookoff. This should not happen but unfortunately does, occasionally. Back in November when I started tracking down delinquent October cookoffs, the list was considerably longer. After doing a lot of emailing and phone calling, I eliminated many of these cookoffs because they were canceled or failed to be sanctioned.

Tracking down cookoffs that don't occur is not a productive use of time and shouldn't be necessary. The Regional Referee is responsible for all the cookoffs in his/her region - those that occur and those that don't. It would be a big help to me if you let me know when a cookoff is canceled or fails to meet sanctioning requirements.

Thank you.

Bill Pierson

Tallymaster

DELINQUENT COOK-OFFS

These are Cookoffs held before 11/01/03 that results have not been received for!

**Oct 25, 2003-005 Dallas TX
Chili Run/Cook-off**



Corporate Member Spotlight

This month's featured Corporate Members are part of a national organization whose dedication to CHARITY and FRIENDSHIP has been a big part in the history of the United States of America. I am talking about "The Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks".

Irving Elks Lodge #2334
Irving BPO Does #21
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Walk into this lodge and you are welcomed and feel at home before you have even gotten too far into the building. After some introductions, they want to know how they can help you. Well in my case, I was there to attend my first Board of Directors Meeting last February. Since then I have attended a couple more and last month, the Does Chili Cookoff.

This lodge has been most supportive of CASI for several years in numerous ways. They helped by buying some new tables, by donating to our scholarship fund, hosting chili cookoffs and providing the TOT Pod with a place to meet. These people are certainly what being an Elk is all about.

Many of our members are really not aware of what the Elks are or do. There are Elks Lodges throughout the United States. You have probably driven past some and wondered what they do. Well CHARITY and DONATIONS are certainly a big part of it. Here are some facts about the Elks that are certainly sure to surprise many of you.

World War I found the U.S. poorly prepared to fight in the war. The Army had NO base hospitals to care for mass casualties. The Elks donated one million dollars to be known as "the Ware Relief Fund". The Elks were the first to arrange to finance and equip two base hospitals in France. Of the 475,000 Elks members, over 70,000 served in uniform.

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The Elks have been assisting veterans since the end of WWI with education training programs, medical assistance and more.

The Elks are not only involved with national charities and assistance, but also on the local and state levels assisting in many important projects. This column could not even start to list all their accomplishments.

Elks Lodges are excellent locations for potential chili cookoffs. They are involved in charities, they are involved in their communities and they are friendly people. The next time you drive by one, stop in and say hello.

For sure if you're in the Dallas area, stop by the Irving Elks Lodge and tell them you are a CASI Cook. Now I can say that I have warned you; you will have a great time with great people regardless of where you are from. They would be proud to have you become an Elk.

Ken Rodd

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Membership Report

Thank you to all of our members who have renewed their annual dues. To all 2002-2003 members, it's time to renew your dues for the upcoming chili year. If you have a question about your membership, please call me (817) 975-2200 or email me (mikiem@flash.net).

It is so encouraging to receive all the new membership applications – both individuals and corporate. To see our members renew and reaffirm their faith in the CASI organization is very gratifying. If you see any of these members at cookoffs in your area, I encourage you to make a new friend and extend a warm CASI welcome. Thank you.

New CASI Members

Please welcome our newest CASI members. Make it a point to meet them and greet them.

American Legion Auxiliary – Bastrop, TX
 Jason Baca – San Antonio, TX
 Chris Bonner – Horn Lake, MS
 Karen Bonner – Horn Lake, MS
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 Leslie L. Wiley – Austin, TX
 Nick Wilson – Bethany, OK

Renewing Members

CASI would like to welcome back these annual members and some of our past members who have joined us again.

Vernell Adams – Spring Branch, TX
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 Julie Ingerson – Broomfield, CO
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 Dan R. Linebarger – Midland, TX
 Tommy Long – Tyler, TX
 Robert L. MacNaughton – San Antonio, TX
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Let me take this opportunity to wish each of you a joyous and healthy holiday season. May the New Year bring you much success on the chili trail.

Please remember if you're moving, let us know. Your *Trails* will not follow you without an address change. You can either call me (817-975-2200) or email me at mikiem@flash.net.

Mikie McGarity

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A View From The Top of an Old Chilihead

This year's TICC was bigger and better than ever. I want to thank each and every cook and worker who participated this year. It makes the frustrations and abuses Judie and I went through when we were starting to organize CASI worth all those issues we faced. Along with Vann York, Richard Knight and Paul Smith, we only had visions and dreams of CASI progressing to where it is today. It is due to hundreds of chili heads', too numerous to list, hard work that we have grown to this magnitude.

Three hundred and twenty-one chilis (321) turned in for judging - think about how awesome that number is! Every one of these cooks had to win points and qualify to be there to participate. We had 321 winners cooking. There are no losers at CASI TICC, they are all winners. Sure there were cooks that placed ahead of some of us, but everyone else was still a winner. Just being there and participating should make you feel like a winner.

Speaking of winners. Honey Jones will be a terrific representative for CASI. Wasn't it great to see a cook place at TICC in their first year of cooking? A husband and wife (Johnny and Frances Sullivan) both placing in the top ten. It happens in small local cookoffs, but very seldom in Terlingua. I can't remember if it has ever happened before, but I'm sure if it did you will let me know. Then there was Sharon Roy placing fifth. It has taken her twenty-three (23) years to get on that CASI stage. Can you imagine the cookoffs she had to participate in and the number of points she accumulated in 23 years? That's dedication and perseverance. Bill Dees, the San Antonio spice King, made it. Maybe we better check out the spices he sells. I always need all the help I can get each year. I know there were others I should mention, but I had to make a run to one of the little green rooms in the middle of announcements.

Richard and Carol Knight were named our Chili Heads of the Year. They certainly deserved the recognition. For those of you who don't know, Richard is the person who designed the CASI logo that is still in use today.

Being able to use our cell phones in Terlingua was a delightful experience. I remember when all the news media had to wait in line to use the one phone at Glen Pepper's Villa de la Mina. We have come a long way. Royce Gilliland, Vann York, Pat Irvine-King and I rehashed the trials and tribulations to get the first CASI pepper trophies made. Vann came up with the idea of the pepper for a trophy. He wanted a trophy that would be recognized anywhere you saw one. On someone's mantel, trophy case or in a picture. When you saw it you would know that it was a CASI Terlingua trophy. The three of them made it happen. The only problem was CASI had almost a zero bank balance. Royce made them on credit and CASI had to come up with the money. Thankfully I had a strong relationship with Gaviscon at the time, and I told Jeff Dillon the situation. He called Vann and told him two wonderful words, "They're covered".

I've got to mention the CASI Board of Directors. When they screw up, I'm usually one of the first to comment about it. But, when they deserve a compliment I will be the first in line to praise them. I saw them working in more areas and more active at this TICC than some of the past events. They worked hard, kept the announcements on stage down and kept the rhetoric more constructive. I know all the things they have to do to keep that event running smoothly. There are many problems and frustrations behind the scenes that none of us cooks ever see or hear about. Thank you ladies and gentlemen of the CASI Board.

I know some of you will say I'm getting really fluffy with this article, but that's your problem. I had a great time at CASI TICC this year. I appreciate the participation and hard work by every chili head to make this cookoff enjoyable for me.

I'm damn proud to be a CASI chili cook!

See you on the trail to the next Terlingua.

H. Ray King

A View From The Top of an Old Chilihead

Coming up with a subject each month for this article gets easier every month. If you have been around chili as long as I have, there is a story everywhere you look and they all pertain to chili. One story will always remind you of another. Some you can publish and others we will leave buried. I will not write about cooks' personal indiscretions or mine. I will not name names of those living or dead. There were a lot of indiscretions then and probably just as many now, but that's not chili history nor constructive chili news, it's gossip.

Clicking through the photos on the CASI web site, a picture jumped out at me. Its caption is "Yeller Dog, Tupelo and King James". It is very significant to chili history and probably no one else would recognize it for its significance. At the time, the only one in



the picture I knew was Yeller Dog. It was much later that I met and got to know King James. I still don't know who Tupelo is or was. On the right side of the picture is the back end of a Winnebago Motor Home. That is my motor home, and I made the mistake of parking next to the Yeller Dog Gang Show Team. They had this homemade cannon they liked to shoot during their show. As the day wore on and night came, a lot of beer was consumed and

that team got louder and louder. Every time I would almost get to sleep, they would decide to fire the cannon. This was on Friday before the chili cookoff on Saturday. By Saturday night, the ones remaining at the site were getting tired and some must have gone home because the noise died down to a normal decibel level. They did have a very large time at every cookoff.

What has this got to do with chili history? Nothing pertaining to their show team, except there were two very outspoken people in that picture that missed the chili history taking place on Saturday next door to their site. They were so busy having fun, they missed the opportunity to come over and put their two cents worth in. I know they both will hate to hear this twenty-seven years later, but time flies when you are having fun. This was the Flatonia Chili Cookoff in 1978.

I had been talking to cooks, show teams, promoters, sponsors (not many in those days), spectators, big-breasted women and anyone else who I ran into at cookoffs. I took copious notes. We had one of those new rear kitchen model RV's that we thought we just had to have. After two or three trips, we hated the floor plan. In 1978 at Flatonia in the back of my RV, I started to organize my notes to write the first CASI rules. I recruited Jan Loop to act as Secretary and write a draft of the notes. She seemed to be one of the more coherent people who could still write, although when I started to write them up two days later the draft was just a little difficult to decipher.

Judie, Vann York, Jan and I started the draft from my notes. We had difficulty understanding some of the notes; fortunately most of the people were at that cookoff that I had talked with when writing the notes. Judie would go and find them and bring them to the RV to rehash their suggestions or complaints. I can't remember everyone who came in except Clyde Griffin. He had the longest list of pro and cons. In those days, Clyde was in his prime and very assertive.

In every hundred notes, fifty percent were the same subject, thirty percent were bitchy nonsense that were thrown out, ten percent were about show, and ten percent contained good constructive advice. We had our first draft of the notes reduced down to about ten handwritten pages, including the rules of judging chili. I still needed to finalize the showmanship rules. I had made a rough draft of them from my notes and it was less than one typewritten page. None of the people who had come to the RV that night were show people. They only wanted to talk about chili.

I was sitting by the window and the first show person to come by was Ron Charlton. I stopped him and we discussed showmanship through the window. I told Ron that I had a draft of showmanship rules and read them to him. I asked him to comment on what he thought should be added or deleted, but keep it brief. Obviously, I did not know Ron very well at the time. You couldn't ask Ron to talk about anything and have him be brief. In school when the teacher called the roll, Ron probably delivered a dissertation just

to say present. We were at this for several hours, and I was suffering from sleep deprivation thanks to my show team neighbors, so we called it a night.

From Flatonía a large contingent of cooks went to Del Rio. We stayed at the Holiday Inn RV Park outside Del Rio, which is the same one the cooks stay at today and have a cookoff on the way to Terlingua, although the park now has a different name. In 1978 the park was owned by Ed Measles brother-in-law and sister (Ed started the Comfort cookoff in 1977). The stay in Del Rio is another story for a later time. I could write a book on that RV Park alone. Monday morning at 3:30 or 4:00 AM suffering from one of the worst hangovers I have ever had, when all my senses were very keen, I took the rough draft and typed up the first CASI rules. I reduced it down to less than three pages including judging and showmanship. Damn, that old portable typewriter going peck, peck, peck made my head hurt.

See you on the trail to Terlingua.

H. Ray King



The Tejas Medicineman Presents: "Chili Chants"

Maybe this time we'll get around to talking about how we save our memories. Several things happened during this last month that caused some of us to have to dig into old boxes in the attic, pull old photo albums out of closets, and sort through hundreds of files looking for certain photographs. Some were looking for photos for a history anthology they are working on and others, like myself, had the unpleasant task of rounding up photos of our departed friend, Ron Charlton.

I turned up only five photos of Ron. Someone, fortunately, took a picture of him at the cookoff the weekend before he passed on. I was sure that I had more, but I have a feeling some were lost in a recent computer crash. This is the second time that I have had to produce photos for the *Trails* for those departed. No one has assigned me that task; I just do it because I can.

As some of you might know, the past few years have dealt me some severe blows. One was the Great Houston Flood. I was smart enough that last time I learned (after being flooded before) to never stack photo albums on the floor or put them low in the bookcase. One box of loose photos did remain low on a shelf and got soaked. I had to wash every photo before they dried and stuck together, and lay each one out to dry. At the time, the only dry place was my camper. I had pictures drying on almost every square inch of available space. It was close, but I almost lost some very rare personal and chili family photos. The recent computer crash also taught me to be even more cautious about keeping valuable documents safe.

Now when I return from a photo shoot at a cookoff, I burn a disk of the photos then and there, and that copy goes into a safe file drawer should I ever need it. The disk only costs 35 cents, and it is money well spent.

Some are not so fortunate to have upgraded to digital as yet. Most of the photos that were taken at Terlingua this year are probably still in the cameras. Those rolls that did get developed were usually produced in duplicate so you could share them and still keep one. A month goes by with the photopack on the kitchen table, and then it gets put in a shoebox with the other photopacks with a pat and a promise to someday get around to putting them into a photo album, which usually never happens.

The 21st Century brought us affordable computers and affordable digital cameras. Mix those two with the galloping technology of the internet, and people found ways of sharing their photos across the world. Everyone suddenly became a wannabe newspaper editor and found ways to put up some really inane websites. Normally personal websites don't last very long. The Webmaster soon finds out that coming up with new material to keep people interested is tougher than they expected.

The worst offender is the Blogger who sort of keeps an on line diary of every thing they do, including what they ate that day. What a way to keep a memory bank. Get a life! A website has to maintain some semblance of social redeeming grace.

The best thing that has happened to the chili world is the use of the web to produce a newsletter that is e-mailed to the world just about every day. The next is that several CASI Pods across the USA are now using electronic newsletters to save time and money for their Pods by publishing on line and saving the postage.

Each of these Chili Scribes are learning the value of digital cameras and to be more astute when at a cookoff so that neat pictures and stories can be gathered to keep the newsletter fresh and fun.

This month's PC Magazine has an excellent article concerning how we should store our electronic pictures and data. Those of us who have the equipment, the will to learn something new, and take the time to do it are learning to go back into those old albums and shoeboxes and scan into the computer those old memory photos. The magazine predicts that this year we jump from just storing on CDs to storing on DVD disks that have 4 and 5 times the capacity. The DVD technology will be readable for better than 10 years, and then we will need to transfer the data again to something even newer.

But old habits don't die easily; most of us will burn the disk, and it, too, will wind up in a shoebox. At least the photos don't fade. Just don't expose the disks to a lot of heat or sunlight. I put a CD disk with pictures of CASI TICC cookoff events into the last time capsule. Eight years from now, it will be interesting to have someone publish some of those photographs.

Do you realize that right now it is extremely difficult to find any photographs of any quality of the first TICC Cookoff on the new Rancho site? 1990 does not seem that far off, but remember, there were only film cameras and analog video available then. Maybe we can explore this further in another article, but for now start thinking about how you can preserve your precious photo memories. Join the 21st Century and learn some new computer and photography skills.

Try to remember the next time you take a chili photo, that 10 years or even more from now, we don't want the historians to think that 95% of the photos ever taken of chili cooks are represented by two or more bleary eyed people proudly holding a beer in a koozie in front of them. I can remember when the pictures didn't have koozies or Alladin cups, just the beer cans.

Donn Shands

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From The Old 320

Hello all! I hope everyone had a great holiday. I'd like to remind anyone who's interested in running for Old 320 Alcalde that my term is ending in November. Please let me know if you're interested in filling my spot as soon as you decide.

I still have CASI members on the waiting list for Old 320 spaces. Anyone interested in donating back your Old 320 space should contact me. As long as you're an original Old 320 member, you will retain all rights and privileges concerning the TICC except for the ability to cook on that space. If you have any questions, you can contact me as always.

See you down the chili trail!

Robert "El Wappo" Schrade "The Old 320 Tamale"

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Chili Bites

I have retired. I am no longer an active chili cook; I be a retired one. I found that that just the thought of getting everything ready and standing all day to cook was more than I was able to manage. I have a number of severe medical problems and all taken together were more than I was able to cope with. As Norma told me "never say never". But in this case the only cookoff that I can ever see going to is Ladies' State, and I doubt if I will ever cook again at that one so I will never get a chance to win one of the pink chairs. I wanted one of those chairs more than anything else. More than the place I might have won or the trophy I would have won. So there will be no chance of Irene having a pink chair, but then I don't think there was ever a chance even if I had kept on cooking.

You are not rid of me, however. I will be coming to see all of my friends at different cookoffs. I miss seeing some of you very much. My dear Norma is one of those, and dear Janie is another one. I miss seeing Sally and Jennifer and so many others. If I keep naming names, this page will be too long to go in the paper.

I want to see what Elton has done to make the White Buffalo Kachina look so beautiful. Duff saw it and he said he said it was one of the most wonderful things he had ever seen. Personally, I think the White Buffalo Kachina is wonderful, but I know that he was a bit mixed up; as I know that I am the most wonderful thing he has ever seen. He had better not forget it either!

I will miss my salt taster who always told me that all I needed was a pinch more. Larry, that will be one less chili you will have to taste before turn in time. I will miss Patty, who gave me the recipe that I have been cooking since winning Marble Falls. That was the first time I cooked it, and I must say she gives good recipes, as well as takes me to good afternoon teas. I'll miss Ray who has taught me so much about chili and has been a good friend when he has given me recipes and helped me with my chili. I still think that the recipe that Pat gave me developed some secret stuff after she started seeing Ray.

I will never forget the forced march in Brussels (I think it was). Pat still denied that she said we could walk it, and there were only three of us there and I didn't say it because my mouth says taxi very fast.

The hotel next door to us in Amsterdam that can't be named because chili cooks never would think of a hotel with a name like that. The deli down the street from the hotel that we bought food at one night and came back and ate it on Ray and Pat's bed. Fortunately, mine was too small. Amsterdam is a good place to window shop. I looked in one of the windows as we went through the alley to the hotel and almost lost it. That kind of merchandise you can't buy at stores in San Antonio.

The next day was the Queen's birthday. She was smart and left Amsterdam. You can sell anything you want anywhere you want. We were on our way to the train station, and they were set up on the freeway and any place there was a spot.

I won't soon forget the trip to Stonehenge that just about turned us blue it was so cold. The wind coming over the Salisbury Plains carries quite a chill. Ray was the coldest one around as his luggage was somewhere, but that somewhere was not the same place as we were. He was rather surprised at the cost of shirts at Marks and Spencer's, but he did need a couple of shirts so he bit the bullet and bought them at the store that I went to everywhere we were. I packed more than I needed, but I forgot to pack my slacks that were left on a chair at home. So what's a girl to do? Go shopping.

I was so cold that when I saw a little girl with a warm cap that I told Pat to grab her and I'd get the cap and run. She has no larceny in her soul. She would rather see my ears freeze off than to go to jail for grabbing the girl to help a friend in dire need of a cap. We went back to Salisbury and had to wait for a train. Naturally, there was a Pub close by. Some members of our party didn't want to go. They had to practically be dragged out so we could make the last train to London.

But life got even. We went to eat at the Pub down the road from where we were staying, and they had Hot Pot on the menu. Hot Pot is good if made right. They had their own version. She had the pub's version of Hot Pot one night. All was right with my world. The Hot Pot was full of pork and beans with mashed potatoes on top. That is not Hot Pot. They got their version from a cookbook called "Cook with Three Ingredients."

Anyhow, I had some great times with them and I do hope that one day I will get to go with them again. I also hope to travel to Great Britain again and meet my friend, Marian, from Israel and travel together for a few days; possibly meet in Hay on Wye and visit Wales. My father's and my mother's families came from Wales many years ago. I do hope if I ever find out where it is that it's not miles from the station and the pub won't be shut down for a birthday party and trains don't come by very often. Ask Pat where her family came from and how far from the train station the town is.

Well, I have done it again and got sidetracked. I was also going to quit writing this column, because I felt that a retired chili cook should not be writing this column. Jim decided that I should keep writing as I have a lot of history and experience to share. I am glad that he does not know all of that history and experience, as I would have to admit that Yeller thought I could sing quite well until he heard a recording and found out that I was pretty bad. There are other things, but I took the 5th many years ago and I will never tell.

Have a Merry Christmas and may your New Year be filled with happiness.

"Happiness is good health and a bad memory." Ingrid Bergman

The bad memory I have but the happiness of good health is something that I am still looking for and hope to see again one of these days.

Last year is gone, and the new chili year is here. You are all starting with a clean slate, except for the top 10 that placed at Terlingua this year, or is it the top 20? You never know how the rules go. A lot of the changes over the years have been good, but many have not. To those who will be working on the rulebook, don't throw the baby out with the bathwater.

Take care of yourselves and here's hoping you stayed out of jail in Terlingua and had fun, although I'm not sure that the last two go together.

Irene



Bess's Best

Hello to all from snowy Lamar, Missouri! Ole Harry here. I thought I would jump in and help Bess out this month and write a few words to you. Bess is across the street at our shop shoveling out the driveway so we can get the GMC out if we need it. I would be over there helping her, but someone has to stay over at the house to keep Precious and Yo-Yo from tearing down the Christmas tree. Precious is the Chow Chow and Yo-Yo is the 14-pound cat.

The Lamar area has been blessed twice this week with snow, 10 inches on Tuesday and another 8 inches today (Saturday). The storm Tuesday created blizzard conditions with 45 to 50 mph winds drifting the snow. In some places, drifts were 6 feet deep. I know many of you get more snow and larger drifts, but for our area that turns out to be a big deal for the road crews and EMS crews.

We went to Springfield, Missouri, earlier this week (that is where I doctor and Dixie is going to have her surgery). We got her scheduled for surgery the 2nd week in January unless they have a cancellation and can get her in sooner. She is going to be in St. Johns Hospital, and that is one of those big, big hospitals. It's so large that they have 3 Life Flite helicopters, and I got lost twice going to the restroom.

So much for the hospital. It's starting to snow again, and maybe I better go make some hot chocolate for Bess so she'll keep working. For all of you who do not experience snow & ice, in a way you're lucky. Trying to walk is hard on the legs and hips, and there is not a lot you can do to make it easier. If all the streets and sidewalks were clean and dry that would be cool, but it doesn't work that way. This year it has been too cold for the chemicals to work real well. What little melting that does happen starts freezing back about sunset.

Walking on the ice and frozen snow is worse than walking the hills of Terlingua for a week. For all who have not been to Terlingua and walked on all the rocks, compare it to walking on eggs. You have to be damn careful where each foot goes.

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Cook Off Winners



Oct 4, 2003-002 - Welches OR
Oregon State Chili Championship, 16 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS

1 Pete Sigler, Warren OR
2 Perry Sigler, Battle Ground WA
3 Barbara (Barb) Sigler
Battle Ground WA
4 Ruth H. Peach, Tacoma WA
5 Ken Peach, Tacoma WA
6 Ryan Schmit, Portland OR
7 Gerald Gowans, Vancouver, BC V5 BC
8 Kandi Cole, Portland OR
9 Sara Cole, Portland OR
10 George Anderson, White Salmon WA
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
1 Rhino Chili, Portland OR
Ryan Schmit
2 Buzzard Breath, White Salmon WA
George Anderson
3 Pappy's Outhouse Chili, Portland OR
Kandi Cole

Oct 4, 2003-015 - Wichita Falls TX
Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post 8878, 15 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS

1 Tom Hoover, Platte City MO
2 Annie Nickerson, Wichita Falls TX
3 Tim Thomas, Wichita Falls TX
4 Jackie Ralston, Wichita Falls TX
5 Gary Phillips, Burkburnett TX
6 Don Barfield, Wichita Falls TX
7 Mike Bryan, Wichita Falls TX
8 Bob Luney, Iowa Park TX
9 Wanda McEachren, Wichita Falls TX
10 Marilyn Phillips, Burkburnett TX
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
1 Bag Lady, Wichita Falls TX
Jackie Ralston
2 Heartburn Chili, Wichita Falls TX
Don Barfield
3 UNCLAIMED

Oct 4, 2003-016 - West Memphis AR
Main Street Fall Festival Cookoff, 25 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS

1 Richard Hinds, Del Rio TX
2 Karen Bonner, Horn Lake MS
3 Angie Grant, West Memphis AR
4 Preston Shaw, Parsons TN
5 Janita Hinds, Del Rio TX
6 Rusty Black, Fort Smith AR
7 Tanna M. Jones, Walls MS
8 Kelly Rains, Memphis TN
9 Gary Hicks, Memphis TN
10 Jean Shaw, Parsons TN
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
1 Chilly Chili, Memphis TN
Kelly Rains
2 Gouda's Firehouse Chili, Marion AR
Brian White
3 Jumping Bean Chili Team
West Memphis AR
Foster Rash

Oct 11, 2003-012 - New River AZ
Grandpa Horny Fart Blossum, 19 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS

1 Nancy Klug, Gold Canyon AZ
2 Tom J. Klug, Gold Canyon AZ
3 Guy Tennison, Sierra Vista AZ
4 Karen Banas, Queen Creek AZ
5 Ken Holmes, Cave Creek AZ
6 Mary Ellen Scott, Glendale AZ

7 Lylah Raven, Phoenix AZ
8 John Banas, Queen Creek AZ
9 Bob Bell, Chandler AZ
10 Willie Raven, Phoenix AZ
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
1 Uncle Ray, Phoenix AZ
Bob Pearl
2 Chili Bob, Chandler AZ
Bob Bell
3 Einstein Chili, Chandler AZ
Don Robinson

Oct 11, 2003-014 - Love Valley NC
8th Annual Love Valley Chili, 16 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS

1 Brent Lundy, Statesville NC
2 Robert Mitchell, Harmony NC
3 Craig Wagner, Lexington NC
4 Richard J. Steinert, Greensboro NC
5 Jean Lundy, Statesville NC
6 George Doggett, Shelby NC
7 Kenneth (Kenny) Jones
Reidsville NC
8 Mike Williams, Mocksville NC
9 Adrienne Grant, Durham NC
10 John Rhyne, Mooresville NC
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
1 Bubba's Chili, Mocksville NC
Mike Williams
2 Pop Pop's Pyrectic, Greensboro NC
Richard J. Steinert
3 Thicketty Mountain Chili, Shelby NC
George Doggett

Oct 11, 2003-015 - Heber Springs AR
Ozark Frontier Trail Fest 1st, 16 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS

1 Bo Prewitt, North Little Rock AR
2 Donna Jones, Roland AR
3 Bruce Smith, Little Rock AR
4 Richard Jones, Roland AR
5 Dallas Gipson, Jacksonville AR
6 Allen Light, Little Rock AR
7 Paul A. Rowlan, Bryant AR
8 Bob Cagle, Cabot AR
9 Dick Wagner, Little Rock AR
10 Lucy Hood, Heber Springs AR
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
1 Waggie T's, Little Rock AR
Dick Wagner
2 Cock O'the Walk, Jacksonville AR
Dallas Gibson
3 None, Heber Springs AR
Pam Hernson

Oct 18, 2003-004 - Columbia TN
Tennessee State Women's, 15 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS

1 Wanda Cassini, Collierville TN
2 Kristina (Kristi) Knight
Lebanon TN
3 Carol Knight, Lebanon TN
4 Jean Shaw, Parsons TN
5 Susie Shaw, Parsons TN
6 Peggy Primm, Columbia TN
7 Lisa Knight, Hermitage TN
8 Martha Wiles, Columbia TN
9 Judi Cassini, Memphis TN
10 Debbie Elliott, Columbia TN
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
1 PCA Southeast, Columbia TN
Peggy Primm
2 Three Woods, Columbia TN

Martha Wiles
3 DuBois Chili, Columbia TN
Debbie Elliott

Oct 18, 2003-005 - Columbia TN
Tennessee State Men's Championship, 20 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS

1 Preston Shaw, Parsons TN
2 Bill Steghauer, Memphis TN
3 Frank Hollomon, Caruthersville MO
4 Jeffery Neeley, Murfreesboro TN
5 Richard Knight, Lebanon TN
6 Joe R. Cassini, Collierville TN
7 Joe Dendy, Columbia TN
8 Keith Winchester, Columbia TN
9 Chuck Estes, Columbia TN
10 James Ray Young, Caruthersville MO
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
1 Wood-Chuckin Chili, Columbia TN
Vic Beck
2 Home Run Chili, Columbia TN
Dwayne Beck
3 Blue Flames, Columbia TN
David Roberts

Oct 18, 2003-009 - Wabash IN
Wabash Cannonball Chili Cookoff, 20 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS

1 Charles E. (Chuck) Dolan
Columbus OH
2 Kitty Felzer, Spring Hill FL
3 Jeff Netser, Seymour IN
4 Jim Weller, Bloomfield Hills MI
5 Jennifer Uhrin, Indianapolis IN
6 Tim Roberts, Wabash IN
7 Julie Netser, Seymour IN
8 William C. (Bill) Pierson
Batavia IL
9 Richard (Rick) Geiger, Chicago IL
10 Charles "Bill" Thomas
Naperville IL
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
1 Frances Slocum Bank, Wabash IN
Mitzi Pilgrim
2 Blazing Saddles, Wabash IN
Terry Stewart
3 Tail Gate Chili, Wabash IN
Mike Hileman

Oct 18, 2003-012 - Sierra Vista AZ
Just For Kids Halloween Cookoff, 22 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS

1 Guy Tennison, Sierra Vista AZ
2 Carson Smith, Tucson AZ
3 Elmo Hite, Hereford AZ
4 Patti Kuntsman, Sierra Vista AZ
5 Leo Lemelson, Sierra Vista AZ
6 Sally Hite, Hereford AZ
7 Peter J. Braly, Tucson AZ
8 Jackie Barta, Sierra Vista AZ
9 Ted Fichtl, Sierra Vista AZ
10 Charles C. (Chuck) Dugan
Sierra Vista AZ
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
1 Jelly Bean Chili, Hereford AZ
Elmo Hite
2 Doug's Road Show, Sierra Vista AZ
Douglas L. (Doug) Thuma
3 Los Tres Pendejos, Sierra Vista AZ
Ben Berry

Oct 18, 2003-015 - Tulsa OK
Jenks Wrestling's Chili Takedown, 20 CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS

1 Junior Johnson, Lamar MO
2 Dixie Johnson, Lamar MO
3 Everett Crawford, Broken Arrow OK
4 Ivan Crossley, Tulsa OK
5 Debbie Greenlee, Springdale AR
6 Jami Gregory, Tulsa OK
7 Aaron Gregory, Tulsa OK
8 Marilyn Richards, Tulsa OK
9 Tom (Tucker) Snyder, Tulsa OK
10 Chris Fletcher, Tulsa OK
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
1 Biker Chili, Tulsa OK
Marilyn Richards
2 Pharter Starters, Broken Arrow OK
Mike Hallenbeck
3 Red River Chili, Yukon OK
Stephanie Brockman

Oct 18, 2003-018 - Lenexa KS
Williams Chili Challenge, 73 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS

1 Colleen Lintner, Shawnee Mission KS
2 Paul Ostrom, Overland Park KS
3 Gregg Heuer, Lees Summit MO
4 Jerri Dowdy, Kansas City MO
5 Steve Dowdy, Kansas City MO
6 Kyle Burris, Port Arthur TX
7 Nick Nichols, Spring Hill KS
8 Don Schlesselman, Frontenac KS
9 Scott Lamons, Shawnee KS
10 Stan Phelps, Lenexa KS
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
1 Toasted Chili Peppers, Louisburg KS
Candi Eckert
2 Persimmon Hillbillies, Olathe KS
Brad Delay
3 Duck Blind Chili, Kansas City MO
Steve Dowdy

Oct 18, 2003-023 - Fairfax VA
1st Annual Rocktoberfest Chili, 15 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS

1 Susan Dean, Bel Air MD
2 Alan Dean, Bel Air MD
3 John P. "Jack" Ware, Leesburg VA
4 Beverly King, Woodbridge VA
5 Ghon Eckley, Frederick MD
6 Monica Parker, Alexandria VA
7 Chris Johnson, Harrisburg PA
8 Kim Eckley, Frederick MD
9 Nancy Bremer, Upper Marlboro MD
10 Jim Parker, Alexandria VA

Oct 18, 2003-024 - Eden NC
CASI Chili Chowdown, 16 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS

1 Freddie W. Gann, Salisbury NC
2 Paul Ingold, Greensboro NC
3 Judy McCrickard, Reidsville NC
4 John Rhyne, Mooresville NC
5 Derek Johnson, Harmony NC
6 Jean Lundy, Statesville NC
7 George Doggett, Shelby NC
8 Adrienne Grant, Durham NC
9 Robert Mitchell, Harmony NC
10 Brent Lundy, Statesville NC
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
1 Bubba's Chili, Mocksville NC
Mike Williams
2 Thicketty Mountain Chili, Shelby NC
George Doggett
3 Tahoe Outlaw Chili, Reidsville NC

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Oct 19, 2003-001 - Berkeley Springs WV
WV State Chili Championship, 15 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS
1 Kim Eckley, Frederick MD
2 Susan Dean, Bel Air MD
3 Jody Sensi, Springfield VA
4 Christian Parker, Leesburg VA
5 Alan Dean, Bel Air MD
6 John P. "Jack" Ware, Leesburg VA
7 Beverly King, Woodbridge VA
8 Ghon Eckley, Frederick MD
9 Mike Williams, Winchester VA
10 Hallie Kerr, Berkeley Springs WV

Oct 24, 2003-001 - Odessa TX
12th Annual Guess Where Caravan, 36 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS
1 Chuck Hawthorne, Wichita Falls TX
2 Kyle Adams, Iowa Park TX
3 George D. Ralston, Decatur TX
4 Drucella "Dru" Stewart, Hurst TX
5 Dani C. Medlin, Rowlett TX
6 Patsy Childress, Midland TX
7 Tracy Zellner, Garland TX
8 Connie Collier, Snyder TX
9 Darrell Hopper, Odessa TX
10 Jo Ann Gaines, Wichita Falls TX
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
1 Smokers Chili, Odessa TX
Shelly Edwards
2 Bite Me Chili, Ennis TX
Linda Harper
3 Pit Stop Chili, Ennis TX
Jason Harper

Oct 25, 2003-002 - McCamey TX
17th Annual McCamey Chili Cookoff, 38 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS
1 Clint Wooster, Wichita Falls TX
2 Michelle Adams, Iowa Park TX
3 Guy Tennon, Sierra Vista AZ
4 Kyle Adams, Iowa Park TX
5 Doretta "Dodie" Simpson, Odessa TX
6 Dani C. Medlin, Rowlett TX
7 R. Bruce Stewart, Hurst TX
8 Mary Lee Wooster, Wichita Falls TX
9 Arvol Hodge, Wichita Falls TX
10 William E. (Bill) Riordan
Wichita Falls TX
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
1 Pot Bellies Chili, San Angelo TX
Sue Yates
2 Rock And Roll Chili, Crawford TX
Mavis Nelson
3 Jack-O-Lantern Chili
Sierra Vista AZ
Guy Tennon

Oct 25, 2003-003 - Kerrville TX
Kerr County Fair Chili & BBQ, 15 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS
1 John Goforth, Comfort TX
2 Terry L. Tenery, Kerrville TX
3 Elmo Hite, Hereford AZ
4 Margaret Nadeau, Boerne TX
5 Julie Darley, Canyon Lake TX
6 Sally Hite, Hereford AZ
7 Traci Nix, Harper TX
8 Sally Lee, San Antonio TX
9 Karl F. Buechler Jr., Kerrville TX
10 Jay McClintock, Kerrville TX
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
1 Jelly Bean Chili, Hereford AZ
Elmo Hite
2 Cowboy & Skeeter, Kerrville TX
Jay McClintock
3 Hill Country Redneck Chili
Kerrville TX
George Elmore

Oct 25, 2003-006 - Flatonia TX
Flatonia Czhihspiel 31 Czhihi, 127 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS
1 Jeff Ritchey, Round Rock TX
2 Wanda Henry, Eagle Lake TX
3 Tim Cobb, George West TX
4 Dennis Pesek, Shiner TX
5 Sherrie Davis, South Houston TX
6 John St. Wrba, Flowermound TX
7 Joel Nichols, Taylor TX
8 Melvin Thompson, Sinton TX
9 Alice Reynolds, Rockport TX
10 Glenda Moore, Eagle Lake TX
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
1 Get Smashed Chili, Cypress TX
Cindy Trevino
2 Laid Back Cookers, Seabrook TX
Ken Freytag
3 Colors Are All The Same
Flatonia TX
Travis Berger

Oct 25, 2003-007 - Culpoper VA
2nd Annual Old House Vineyards CCO, 16 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS
1 Roger Koltz, Palmyra VA
2 Jackie Koltz, Palmyra VA
3 Alan Dean, Bel Air MD
4 Bruce Baker, Falls Church VA
5 Beverly King, Woodbridge VA
6 Susan Dean, Bel Air MD
7 Daniel E. "Dan" Bauer
Alexandria VA
8 Jim Parker, Alexandria VA
9 Janie Bauer, Alexandria VA
10 Lloyd Phillips, Spotsylvania VA

Oct 25, 2003-008 - Cassville MO
Cassville Fall Festival Chili CO, 17 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS
1 Tom (Tucker) Snyder, Tulsa OK
2 Junior Johnson, Lamar MO
3 Dixie Johnson, Lamar MO
4 Mike Mayenschein, Tulsa OK
5 Loida Mayenschein, Tulsa OK
6 Mark Lawrence, Cassville MO
7 Chuck Sparks, Cassville MO
8 Bob Luney, Iowa Park TX
9 Joe Giles, Farmington AR
10 Mark Pry, Cassville MO
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
1 Bad To The Bone, Shellknob MO
Ron Gurney
2 Pappy's Hillbilly Chili
Cassville MO
Mark Lawrence
3 Historians, The, Cassville MO
Fred Fazzini

Oct 25, 2003-009 - Russellville AR
Arkansas State Men's Chili, 31 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS
1 Bo Prewitt, North Little Rock AR
2 Scott Chudy, North Little Rock AR
3 Clifton Nickle, Philadelphia MS
4 Stuart Frye, Little Rock AR
5 Dallas Gibson, Jacksonville AR
6 Gary Nesler, Ward AR
7 Brad Thresher, Russellville AR
8 Jim Smith, Little Rock AR
9 Allen Light, Little Rock AR
10 James Mosley, Little Rock AR
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
1 Bank Of The Ozarks, Russellville AR
Brad Thresher
2 Code Red Chili, Russellville AR
Jack Small
3 Red Hot Chili Peppers
Russellville AR
Scott Dorminy

Oct 25, 2003-010 - Russellville AR

Arkansas State Women's Chili, 17 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS
1 Erma W. Smith, Fort Smith AR
2 Maria "Chudy" Swicegood
North Little Rock AR
3 Linda Nickle, North Little Rock AR
4 Debby Cagle, Cabot AR
5 Debbie Greenlee, Springdale AR
6 Linda Smith, Little Rock AR
7 Donna Jones, Roland AR
8 UNCLAIMED
9 Diana Lee, Fort Smith AR
10 Susan Hammack, North Little Rock AR
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
1 Age To Age, Russellville AR
Melissa Jones
2 Skelton & Clark, Russellville AR
Gina Skelton
3 Big Brothers Big Sisters
Russellville AR
Beth Latham

Oct 25, 2003-011 - Kaufman TX
13th Annual American Legion Post, 35 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS
1 Linda Buschel, Irving TX
2 Candy Schultz, Quinlan TX
3 Mark Sanders, Ennis TX
4 Vicki Sanders, Ennis TX
5 Rex W. Jones, Dallas TX
6 Ron Barnes, Euless TX
7 Van Mendes, Ennis TX
8 Nick L. Roberts, Italy TX
9 Donna Durham, Scurry TX
10 Bert Paine, Keller TX
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
1 Road Warriors Roadkill Chili Brew
Terrell TX
Larry Wampler
2 Mis Da' Meaner Chili, Quinlan TX
Candy Schultz
3 Pair-A-Dice, Scurry TX
Donna Durham

Oct 26, 2003-001 - Terlingua TX
Last Stop On The Road to Terlingua, 53 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS
1 Melanie Sutton, Gulf Shores AL
2 Jean H. Barkley, Weimar TX
3 Larry Kinnison, Marble Falls TX
4 Tom Cook, Marble Falls TX
5 Patsy Childress, Midland TX
6 Guy Tennon, Sierra Vista AZ
7 Vickie L. Childers, Amarillo TX
8 Garnier Albus, Amarillo TX
9 C. D. Gage, Pflugerville TX
10 Preston Shaw, Parsons TN
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
1 Rock And Roll Chili, Crawford TX
Mavis Nelson
2 Pot Bellies Chili, San Angelo TX
Sue Yates
3 Doc's Backbone Chili
Marble Falls TX
Larry Kinnison

Oct 28, 2003-001 - Terlingua TX
Sotol Pod Cookoff, 131 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS
1 Keith Karaff, Houston TX
2 Dee Hay, Pasadena TX
3 Kevin Wooster, Wichita Falls TX
4 Linda Harper, Ennis TX
5 Phil Greenlees, Houston TX
6 Janita Hinds, Del Rio TX
7 R. Bruce Stewart, Hurst TX
8 Karen Thomas, Oro Valley AZ
9 Larry Kinnison, Marble Falls TX
10 Tex Riley, Houston TX
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
1 Royal Flush, Weimar TX
Jean H. Barkley

2 Pot Bellies Chili, San Angelo TX
Sue Yates
3 Hillbilly Turquoise Stallion
Sierra Vista AZ
Jim Tomlin

Nov 1, 2003-002 - Uvalde TX
Hunters Roundup Chili Cookoff, 19 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS
1 Laura McDaniel, San Antonio TX
2 Clyde Rogers, San Antonio TX
3 Eldon Hiley, Jourdanton TX
4 UNCLAIMED
5 Charmaine Rogers, San Antonio TX
6 Robert Lisherness, San Antonio TX
7 Joe Tom Haby, Uvalde TX
8 Kim Hiley, Jourdanton TX
9 Ron W. Black, Somerset TX
10 Linda Bailey, Uvalde TX
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
1 Hell Fire & Brimstone, Ingleside TX
Margo Smith
2 Chili Chicks, Uvalde TX
Cheryl White
3 Ace In The Hole II, San Antonio TX
Charmaine Rogers

Nov 8, 2003-001 - Tucson AZ
Tucson Cowboy Music Roundup Chili, 30 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS
1 Charles C. (Chuck) Dugan
Sierra Vista AZ
2 Nancy Coultas, Tucson AZ
3 Greg Monger, Sierra Vista AZ
4 Bonnie Haskins, Tucson AZ
5 Carson Smith, Tucson AZ
6 Guy Tennon, Sierra Vista AZ
7 Dick Bruce, Tucson AZ
8 Amy Wilson, Tucson AZ
9 Dimas Cabello, Tucson AZ
10 Sally Hite, Hereford AZ
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
1 Jelly Bean Chili #2, Hereford AZ
Sally Hite
2 G Bar W Ranch, Tucson AZ
Wayne R. Jolliffe
3 Lobo Chili, Tucson AZ
Lupe Elmquist

Nov 8, 2003-003 - Edna TX
Texana Chili Spill, 29 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS
1 Peggy Bocanegra, Houston TX
2 Veronica Bocanegra, Houston TX
3 Karen Reinke, Martindale TX
4 Jean H. Barkley, Weimar TX
5 Alice Reynolds, Rockport TX
6 Barry Karnei, Weesatche TX
7 Bert "Bubba" Reinke, Martindale TX
8 Henry Danysh, Edna TX
9 Robert Lowery, Victoria TX
10 Dianna Hoy, Cuero TX
SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
1 Home Brew II, Yorktown TX
Betsy Schulze
2 UNCLAIMED
3 UNCLAIMED

Nov 8, 2003-004 - Little Rock AR
Branding Iron Chili Cookoff, 15 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS
1 Bo Prewitt, North Little Rock AR
2 Linda Nickle, North Little Rock AR
3 Paul A. Rowlan, Bryant AR
4 Bruce Smith, Little Rock AR
5 Allen Light, Little Rock AR
6 Preston Nickle
North Little Rock AR
7 Dick Wagner, Little Rock AR
8 Cathy Sites, Little Rock AR
9 Lee Jackson, Little Rock AR
10 Pam McGraw, Little Rock AR

SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

- 1 Hoodlum Chili, Little Rock AR
Cathy Sites
- 2 Redneck Chili, Bryant AR
Paul A. Rowland
- 3 Waggie T's, Little Rock AR
Dick Wagner

Nov 8, 2003-005 - Wylie TX

9TH Annual Long Star Cajun Buzzard, 19 CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Ed Green, Lewisville TX
- 2 Joe Gilbert, Wylie TX
- 3 R. Bruce Stewart, Hurst TX
- 4 Bill Lester, Garland TX
- 5 Steve Pirkey, Wylie TX
- 6 Tori Green, Lewisville TX
- 7 Drucella "Dru" Stewart, Hurst TX
- 8 Robin Goodman, Waxahachie TX
- 9 Neta Rohr, Garland TX
- 10 Jenny Causey, Wylie TX

SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

- 1 19th Hole Chili, Plano TX
Sam Singleton
- 2 Hawg Wilde Chile, Lewisville TX
Ed Green
- 3 Beer Queen Chili, Rowlett TX
Dani C. Medlin

Nov 8, 2003-006 - Cleveland TX

1st Annual Family Chili Cookoff, 29 CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Bobbe Hargraves, Houston TX
- 2 Marcia Headrick, Huntsville TX
- 3 Janet Martin, Coldspring TX
- 4 Marolyn Blair, Houston TX
- 5 Anita Bilnoski, Huntsville TX
- 6 Dee Hay, Pasadena TX
- 7 Thomas Davidson, Cleveland TX
- 8 Jimmy Long, Coldspring TX
- 9 Janice Hosea, Coldspring TX
- 10 Teena G. Miller, Baytown TX

SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

- 1 Lt. Dan 'z Dumbasscuss Drool
Waxahachie TX
Dan Grannan
- 2 UNCLAIMED
- 3 UNCLAIMED

Nov 8, 2003-007 - Valley Mills TX

1st Annual Valley Mills Chili, 20 CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Dianne Stimson, Crawford TX
- 2 Ray Calhoun, Waxahachie TX
- 3 Robert Nelson, Crawford TX
- 4 Steven Roy, Valley Mills TX
- 5 Billy Donaldson, Valley Mills TX
- 6 Shirley Sexton, Dallas TX
- 7 Debbie Kriska, Ennis TX
- 8 David I. Sexton Sr., Dallas TX
- 9 Linda Harper, Ennis TX
- 10 Brandy Nelson, Crawford TX

SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

- 1 Wink's Surprise, Crawford TX
Dianne Stimson
- 2 Bite Me Chili Company, Ennis TX
Jimmy Harper
- 3 Rock And Roll Chili, Crawford TX
Mavis Nelson

Nov 8, 2003-008 - Edgewood TX

Log Cabin Cookoff, 23 CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Bayette Melnick, Carrollton TX
- 2 Kent Durham, Scurry TX
- 3 Bill Buschel, Irving TX
- 4 Linda Buschel, Irving TX
- 5 Larry Wampler, Terrell TX
- 6 Rex W. Jones, Dallas TX
- 7 Scott Buschel, Irving TX
- 8 Carl L. Grose, Quinlan TX
- 9 Angie Nelson, Ennis TX

10 Frank Gadberry, Lancaster TX

SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

- 1 Flaming Chef, Avinger TX
Eric Cook
- 2 Road Warriors Roadkill Chili Brew
Terrell TX
Larry Wampler
- 3 Pair-A-Dice, Scurry TX
Donna Durham

Nov 8, 2003-009 - Odessa TX

5th Annual Veteran's Cookoff, 21 CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Phyllis Patton, Odessa TX
- 2 Tim Collier, Snyder TX
- 3 Lee Roy Childress, Midland TX
- 4 Joann Scott, Odessa TX
- 5 Doug Hill, Odessa TX
- 6 Connie Collier, Snyder TX
- 7 Keith Coffman, Odessa TX
- 8 Roger Bains, Rankin TX
- 9 Patsy Childress, Midland TX
- 10 Al McDonald, Odessa TX

SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

- 1 TLC, Odessa TX
Joann Scott
- 2 Smokin' Joe's Cooking Team
Odessa TX
Joe Henderson
- 3 Becky Sam's Flying High, Odessa TX
Becky Sam Dixon

Nov 15, 2003-001 - Llano TX

Llano City Park CCO, 28 CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Larry Burruss, San Marcos TX
- 2 Ruby Ross, Marble Falls TX
- 3 Bill Dees, Bulverde TX
- 4 Larry Kinnison, Marble Falls TX
- 5 Karl F. Buechler Jr., Kerrville TX
- 6 Tamara Dees, Bulverde TX
- 7 Tim Collier, Snyder TX
- 8 Lynn Hejtmancik, Round Rock TX
- 9 Carrie Kinnison, Marble Falls TX
- 10 Norma L. Homesley, Manchaca TX

SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

- 1 Trapline Chili, Uvalde TX
Linda Bailey
- 2 Pot Bellies Chili, San Angelo TX
Sue Yates
- 3 Doc's Backbone Chili
Marble Falls TX
Larry Kinnison

Nov 15, 2003-002 - San Antonio TX

Nippy Chili Cookoff, 15 CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS

- 1 James Gillen Jr., San Antonio TX
- 2 Robert E. Schrade, San Antonio TX
- 3 Connie Sue Schrade, San Antonio TX
- 4 Larry Hodon, San Antonio TX
- 5 Joyce Jowers, San Antonio TX
- 6 Robert Lisherness, San Antonio TX
- 7 Clyde Rogers, San Antonio TX
- 8 Mary Ellen Gillen, San Antonio TX
- 9 Randy Ordner, Corpus Christi TX
- 10 Charmaine Rogers, San Antonio TX

SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

- 1 Easy Grillers, San Antonio TX
Joe Boyd
- 2 Ace In The Hole II, San Antonio TX
Charmaine Rogers
- 3 Possum Belly, San Antonio TX
Robert Lisherness

Nov 15, 2003-003 - Gulf Shores AL

1st Annual Zoo Vibrations Chili, 15 CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS

- 1 James T. (J.T.) Pittman
Douglasville GA
- 2 Loretta Lindgren, Orange Beach AL
- 3 Randal D. (Randy) Moore

Gulf Shores AL

SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

- 4 Cliff Greene, Cantonment FL
- 5 Roy Ployhar, Brainerd MN
- 6 Carolyn Oliver, Pace FL
- 7 Larry Joe Oliver, Pace FL
- 8 Kathleen Bernard, Pace FL
- 9 Renee F. Moore, Gulf Shores AL
- 10 Jimmy L. Maturo, Niceville FL

SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

- 1 Unknown Chili, Cantonment FL
Cliff Greene
- 2 Silver Wings, Niceville FL
Jimmy L. Maturo
- 3 Little Red's Chili, Orange Beach AL
Loretta Lindgren

Nov 15, 2003-004 - Odessa TX

Odessa Shrine Club Cookoff, 37 CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Keith Coffman, Odessa TX
- 2 David "Red Bean" Boone, Odessa TX
- 3 Roger Bains, Rankin TX
- 4 Patsy Childress, Midland TX
- 5 Roxana Patton, Odessa TX
- 6 Judy Walker, Wichita Falls TX
- 7 Doug Hill, Odessa TX
- 8 Pat Timmons, Crane TX
- 9 Gwyn Brackeen, Lamesa TX
- 10 Phyllis Patton, Odessa TX

SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

- 1 Texas Chili & Tattoo Parlor
Odessa TX
Larry Patton
- 2 River Rat Chili, Lamesa TX
Dennis Brackeen
- 3 Bucked Up Chili, Odessa TX
Oscar Ross

Nov 15, 2003-006 - Indian Springs TX

7th Annual Indian Springs Chili, 15 CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Dan Grannan, Waxahachie TX
- 2 Ava Horan, Tomball TX
- 3 Anita Bilnoski, Huntsville TX
- 4 Malcolm Williams, Beaumont TX
- 5 Mary Roe, Huntsville TX
- 6 Bob Horan, Tomball TX
- 7 Pat Krenek, Houston TX
- 8 UNCLAIMED
- 9 Phyllis Traylor, Conroe TX
- 10 Peggy Bocanegra, Houston TX

SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

- 1 Dogman, Livingston TX
Butch Price
- 2 Lone Star Chili Chix, Houston TX
Pat Krenek
- 3 UNCLAIMED

Nov 15, 2003-009 - Lees Summit MO

Kick It Up! Chili Fest, 15 CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Thomas Mike Shea, Moberly MO
- 2 Rudy Lintner, Shawnee Mission KS
- 3 Colleen Lintner, Shawnee Mission KS
- 4 Larry Velasquez, Mission KS
- 5 Amy McDonald, Girard KS
- 6 Tim Montag, Olathe KS
- 7 Bob Essner, Grandview MO
- 8 Jerri Dowdy, Kansas City MO
- 9 Rick Boone, Belton MO
- 10 Johnny Dark, Raytown MO

SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

- 1 AJ's Hole In One, Girard KS
Amy McDonald
- 2 Dumb Blonde Chili, Kansas City MO
Jerri Dowdy
- 3 Toad Chokin' Chili
Shawnee Mission KS
Colleen Lintner

Nov 15, 2003-010 - Seguin TX

Classic CASI Pod Pecan Fest Chili, 32 CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS

- 1 George Odum, Manchaca TX
- 2 Doris Greenlees, Houston TX
- 3 Janita Hinds, Del Rio TX
- 4 Lynn Delgado, Houston TX
- 5 Bert "Bubba" Reinke, Martindale TX
- 6 Sally Lee, San Antonio TX
- 7 Janet Cieloncki, San Antonio TX
- 8 Jessie Waguespack, Austin TX
- 9 Linda Odum, Manchaca TX
- 10 H. Ray King, Seguin TX

SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

- 1 Hell-If-I-Know, Martindale TX
Bert "Bubba" Reinke
- 2 Who Wants to be a Chillionaire
Manchaca TX
George Odum
- 3 Tall Girl Frog, Rockdale TX
Sue Caffey

Nov 15, 2003-011 - Pine Bluff AR

Pine Bluff VFW Cookoff, 16 CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Bo Prewitt, North Little Rock AR
- 2 Tracey Robertson, Star City AR
- 3 Bruce Smith, Little Rock AR
- 4 Preston Nickle
North Little Rock AR
- 5 Debbie Blanks, Little Rock AR
- 6 James Mosley, Little Rock AR
- 7 Scott Bond, Pine Bluff AR
- 8 Ross Congleton, Pine Bluff AR
- 9 Judy Meadors, Pine Bluff AR
- 10 Doug Miller, Pine Bluff AR

SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

- 1 Abate Chili, Pine Bluff AR
Scott Bond
- 2 Hitchin' Post, Pine Bluff AR
Doug Miller
- 3 River Chili, Little Rock AR
Allen Light

Nov 15, 2003-012 - Hernando MS

American Legion Post 1990 Cookoff, 18 CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Scott Brown, Cordova TN
- 2 Gary Hicks, Memphis TN
- 3 Rodney A. Jones, Walls MS
- 4 Michael (Mike) Brown, Memphis TN
- 5 Cindy Brown, Memphis TN
- 6 Richard (Rick) Williams, Memphis TN
- 7 Mike Curry, Southaven MS
- 8 Chris Bonner, Walls MS
- 9 Mary Ashe, Horn Lake MS
- 10 James Murry, Como MS

SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

- 1 Grillin' Smokers, Southaven MS
Rick Curry
- 2 Kings Hot Chili, Como MS
James Murry
- 3 American Legion Smokers
Hernando MS
Gary Wendell

Nov 16, 2003-001 - Llano TX

Llano City Park CCO, 23 CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Billy Doss, Georgetown TX
- 2 Susan (Suzy) Weber, McHenry IL
- 3 Jean H. Barkley, Weimar TX
- 4 Larry Kinnison, Marble Falls TX
- 5 Lynn Hejtmancik, Round Rock TX
- 6 Karl F. Buechler Jr., Kerrville TX
- 7 Ruby Ross, Marble Falls TX
- 8 Tamara Dees, Bulverde TX
- 9 Melba Fae Paske, Kingsland TX
- 10 Mike Rider, Richardson TX

SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

- 1 Spine Tingling Chili
Marble Falls TX
Carrie Kinnison
- 2 Doc's Backbone Chili

Marble Falls TX
 Larry Kinnison
 3 Rebel Chili, Austin TX
 Larry Otto

Nov 16, 2003-002 - San Antonio TX
 Sunday Nippy Chili Cookoff, 21 CHILIS
 CHILI WINNERS

1 Ed Shelton, San Antonio TX
 2 Fread E. Cieliencki Sr.
 San Antonio TX
 3 Connie Sue Schrade, San Antonio TX
 4 Randy Ordner, Corpus Christi TX
 5 Robert E. Schrade, San Antonio TX
 6 Richard Hinds, Del Rio TX
 7 Janet Cieliencki, San Antonio TX
 8 Janita Hinds, Del Rio TX
 9 Clyde Rogers, San Antonio TX
 10 Julie Darley, Canyon Lake TX
 SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
 1 Cracked Pot Chili, San Antonio TX
 Bob Steinle
 2 Tall Girl Frog, Rockdale TX
 Sue Caffey
 3 Ace In The Hole, San Antonio TX
 Clyde Rogers

Nov 22, 2003-001 - Bethany OK
 Bethany Christmas Celebration, 20 CHILIS
 CHILI WINNERS

1 Tom (Tucker) Snyder, Tulsa OK
 2 Ruthann Newman, Guthrie OK
 3 Bettie Spears, Shawnee OK
 4 Jami Gregory, Tulsa OK
 5 Lorinda Crawford, Broken Arrow OK
 6 Kyle Adams, Iowa Park TX
 7 Janet Keirseay, Tulsa OK
 8 Mark Bass, Skiatook OK
 9 Deborah (Debbie) Bond, Jones OK
 10 Robert Nelson, Crawford TX
 SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
 1 Pjg Pen Chili, Jones OK
 Deborah (Debbie) Bond
 2 Rock And Roll Chili, Crawford TX
 Mavis Nelson
 3 B.J. Cathouse Chili, Shawnee OK
 Bettie Spears

Nov 22, 2003-002 - Tucson AZ
 Basha's/Wal-Mart Cookoff, 20 CHILIS
 CHILI WINNERS

1 Karen Thomas, Oro Valley AZ
 2 Genee R. Jolliffe, Tucson AZ
 3 Wayne R. Jolliffe, Tucson AZ
 4 Rick Thomas, Alto NM
 5 Tom Esford, Riverview FL
 6 Greg Monger, Sierra Vista AZ
 7 Frances Sullivan, Ennis TX
 8 Peter J. Braly, Tucson AZ
 9 Charles C. (Chuck) Dugan
 Sierra Vista AZ
 10 Dick Bruce, Tucson AZ
 SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
 1 Hang 'em High, Sierra Vista AZ
 John C. Johnson
 2 Lobo Chili, Tucson AZ
 Lupe Elmquist
 3 G Bar W Ranch, Tucson AZ
 Wayne R. Jolliffe

Nov 22, 2003-003 - Rowlett TX
 6th Annual Texas Holiday Chili, 52 CHILIS
 CHILI WINNERS

1 R. Bruce Stewart, Hurst TX
 2 Lynette R. Graff, Allen TX
 3 Darrell Baxter, Grand Prairie TX
 4 Harvey Meeks, Lewisville TX
 5 Robert E. (Bob) Coats, Irving TX
 6 Michele Goodwin, Waxahachie TX
 7 Tom (Tommy) Hornsby, Benbrook TX
 8 Nina Bennett, Fort Worth TX
 9 Bert Paine, Keller TX

10 Drucella "Dru" Stewart, Hurst TX
 SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
 1 Booze Brothers, Garland TX
 Bill Lester
 2 Bull Rush, Irving TX
 Ginny Williams
 3 Flaming Chef, Avinger TX
 Eric Cook

Nov 22, 2003-004 - Katy TX
 5th Annual Katy Elks Lodge Chili, 52 CHILIS
 CHILI WINNERS

1 G. Taylor Miller, Baytown TX
 2 Don Hoy, Cuero TX
 3 Pat Krenek, Houston TX
 4 Vince Slominski, Caldwell TX
 5 Teena G. Miller, Baytown TX
 6 Randy Ordner, Corpus Christi TX
 7 Ava Horan, Tomball TX
 8 Cindy Reed Wilkins, Houston TX
 9 Chuck Spishock
 Clear Lake Shores TX
 10 Bruce Wilkins, Houston TX
 SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
 1 Bloody Mary's Chili, Brookshire TX
 Rick McCool
 2 Lone Star Chili Chix, Houston TX
 Pat Krenek
 3 UNCLAIMED

Nov 28, 2003-001 - Victoria TX
 Day After Thanksgiving Cookoff, 27 CHILIS
 CHILI WINNERS

1 Phillip Hoefling, Meyersville TX
 2 Ronald Rerich, Weimar TX
 3 Patricia K. King, Seguin TX
 4 Dianna Hoy, Cuero TX
 5 Pete Drake, Houston TX
 6 Barry Karnei, Weesatche TX
 7 Susan (Suzy) Weber, McHenry IL
 8 Wayne Roessler, Victoria TX
 9 H. Ray King, Seguin TX
 10 Janita Hinds, Del Rio TX
 SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
 1 Scarlett Chili, Martindale TX
 Karen Reinke
 2 Frau Lion Foodies, Houston TX
 Karin Barnes
 3 UNCLAIMED

Nov 29, 2003-001 - Wichita Falls TX
 Voiture Locale 939 of the 40-8 CCO, 32 CHILIS
 CHILI WINNERS

1 R. Bruce Stewart, Hurst TX
 2 Linda Buschel, Irving TX
 3 Suzie Manske, Arlington TX
 4 Jo Ann Gaines, Wichita Falls TX
 5 Donell Dickerson, Shawnee OK
 6 Joe Spears, Shawnee OK
 7 Tim Collier, Snyder TX
 8 Darrell Baxter, Grand Prairie TX
 9 Bill Buschel, Irving TX
 10 Judy Walker, Wichita Falls TX
 SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
 1 Heartburn Chili, Wichita Falls TX
 Don Barfield
 2 Mad Hatter, Wichita Falls TX
 Nancy Graves
 3 UNCLAIMED

Nov 29, 2003-002 - Southlake TX
 Annual Gobbler Gathering, 37 CHILIS
 CHILI WINNERS

1 Stephanie Brockman, Yukon OK
 2 Clif Dugan, Denison TX
 3 Sharon Neff, Irving TX
 4 Shirley Sexton, Dallas TX
 5 Kris Hudspeth, Irving TX
 6 Amy Lambright, Irving TX
 7 Robin Goodman, Waxahachie TX
 8 Charles Breeden, Alvarado TX
 9 Eric Williams, Terrell TX

10 Dan Grannan, Waxahachie TX
 SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
 1 Booze Brothers, Garland TX
 Bill Lester
 2 Beer Queen Chili, Rowlett TX
 Dani C. Medlin
 3 Hell's Fury, Dallas TX
 Shirley Sexton

Nov 29, 2003-003 - Victoria TX
 22nd Annual VASA Pod Cookoff, 35 CHILIS
 CHILI WINNERS

1 Richard Hinds, Del Rio TX
 2 Bert "Bubba" Reinke, Martindale TX
 3 Janita Hinds, Del Rio TX
 4 Russell Bethke, Weesatche TX
 5 Don Hoy, Cuero TX
 6 Ashley Hoefling, Meyersville TX
 7 Lenora Martignomi, Victoria TX
 8 Karen Reinke, Martindale TX
 9 Ronald Rerich, Weimar TX
 10 Marolyn Blair, Houston TX
 SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
 1 Scarlett Chili, Martindale TX
 Karen Reinke
 2 Back Country Wildlife Taxidermy
 Victoria TX
 Joe Bonneau
 3 Frau Lion Foodies, Houston TX
 Karin Barnes

Nov 30, 2003-001 - Victoria TX
 Morning After Cookoff, 23 CHILIS
 CHILI WINNERS

1 Richard Hinds, Del Rio TX
 2 Don Hoy, Cuero TX
 3 Vince Slominski, Caldwell TX
 4 Glen Volkmer, Victoria TX
 5 Bert "Bubba" Reinke, Martindale TX
 6 Barry Karnei, Weesatche TX
 7 Don Weber, McHenry IL
 8 Ronald Rerich, Weimar TX
 9 Nadine Karnei, Weesatche TX
 10 Janita Hinds, Del Rio TX
 SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
 1 Scarlett Chili, Martindale TX
 Karen Reinke
 2 Damn Yankee, Weesatche TX
 Nadine Karnei
 3 Unlawful Entry, McHenry IL
 Susan (Suzy) Weber

Nov 30, 2003-002 - Wichita Falls TX
 Toys For Tots Chili Cookoff, 29 CHILIS
 CHILI WINNERS

1 Linda Buschel, Irving TX
 2 Joe Spears, Shawnee OK
 3 Bettie Spears, Shawnee OK
 4 Don Walker, Wichita Falls TX
 5 Bob Luney, Iowa Park TX
 6 Terri Edge, Wichita Falls TX
 7 Suzie Manske, Arlington TX
 8 Bill Buschel, Irving TX
 9 Jerry D. Dickerson, Shawnee OK
 10 David Manske, Arlington TX
 SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
 1 Nurse Ophilya Good
 Wichita Falls TX
 Jan Hodge
 2 Heartburn Chili, Wichita Falls TX
 Don Barfield
 3 Hat Lady, The, Wichita Falls TX
 Nancy Graves

Dec 6, 2003-001 - Crawford TX
 Central Texas Chili Pod Cookoff, 23 CHILIS
 CHILI WINNERS

1 Jimmy Harper, Ennis TX
 2 Doug McNeese, Granbury TX
 3 Sherrie Davis, South Houston TX
 4 Ava Horan, Tomball TX
 5 Robin Goodman, Waxahachie TX

6 Donna Conrad, Crawford TX
 7 Earl W. "Who?" Gorhum
 Montgomery TX
 8 Bill Lester, Garland TX
 9 Suzie Manske, Arlington TX
 10 Linda Harper, Ennis TX
 SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
 1 Red Robin Roadshow, Waxahachie TX
 Robin Goodman
 2 Grand Prize, Waxahachie TX
 Ray Calhoun
 3 Bite Me Chili Company, Ennis TX
 Jimmy Harper

Dec 6, 2003-003 - North Little Rock AR
 Rudy's Oyster Bar Chili Cookoff, 17 CHILIS
 CHILI WINNERS

1 Linda Nickle, North Little Rock AR
 2 Bo Prewitt, North Little Rock AR
 3 Bruce Smith, Little Rock AR
 4 Clifton Nickle, Philadelphia MS
 5 Mary Ashe, Horn Lake MS
 6 Debbie Blanks, Little Rock AR
 7 Karen Bonner, Horn Lake MS
 8 Lee Jackson, Little Rock AR
 9 Allen Light, Little Rock AR
 10 Erma W. Smith, Fort Smith AR
 SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
 1 Waggie T's, Little Rock AR
 Dick Wagner
 2 Line Gang Chili, Fort Smith AR
 Guy E. Smith
 3 Arkansas River Chili
 Little Rock AR
 Allen Light

Dec 6, 2003-004 - Sierra Vista AZ
 Sierra Vista Christmas Parade CCO, 44 CHILIS
 CHILI WINNERS

1 Kimberly A. (Kim) Dunn
 Sierra Vista AZ
 2 Vicki Esford, Riverview FL
 3 Tobie Brown, Sierra Vista AZ
 4 Charles C. (Chuck) Dugan
 Sierra Vista AZ
 5 Sally Hite, Hereford AZ
 6 Pat Rau, Hereford AZ
 7 Peter J. Braly, Tucson AZ
 8 John C. Johnson, Sierra Vista AZ
 9 Ted Fichtl, Sierra Vista AZ
 10 Ron Phillips, Sierra Vista AZ
 SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
 1 Jelly Bean Chili #2, Hereford AZ
 Sally Hite
 2 Doug's Road Show, Sierra Vista AZ
 Douglas L. (Doug) Thuma
 3 G Bar W Ranch, Tucson AZ
 Wayne R. Jolliffe

Dec 6, 2003-005 - Las Vegas NV
 CIN Pod 1st Annual Cookoff, 15 CHILIS
 CHILI WINNERS

1 H. Ray King, Seguin TX
 2 Diane Spence, Pahrump NV
 3 R. Bruce Jones, Canyon Lake TX
 4 Teena G. Miller, Baytown TX
 5 Honey K. Jones, Canyon Lake TX
 6 G. Taylor Miller, Baytown TX
 7 James B. "JB" Barker, Pahrump NV
 8 Bruce Wilkins, Houston TX
 9 Anita Bilnoski, Huntsville TX
 10 Jerry Douzat, Las Vegas NV
 SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
 1 Firehouse Chili, Las Vegas NV
 Jerry Douzat
 2 Snakebreath Chili, Houston TX
 Don Meehan
 3 Coyote Chili Cooker II
 Huntsville TX
 Marcia Headrick

Dec 6, 2003-007 - Denton TX

Denton Elks Lodge Cookoff, 19 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Ed Green, Lewisville TX
 - 2 Linda Buschel, Irving TX
 - 3 Dani C. Medlin, Rowlett TX
 - 4 Lee Brett, Euless TX
 - 5 Amy Lambright, Irving TX
 - 6 Frank Gadberry, Lancaster TX
 - 7 Carl L. Grose, Quinlan TX
 - 8 Bill Buschel, Irving TX
 - 9 Vicki Sanders, Ennis TX
 - 10 Tom (Tommy) Hornsby, Benbrook TX
- SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 19th Hole Chili, Plano TX
Sam Singleton
 - 2 UNCLAIMED
 - 3 UNCLAIMED

Dec 6, 2003-008 - Wichita Falls TX
Elks Lodge Cookoff, 33 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Judy Hawthorne, Wichita Falls TX
 - 2 Nancy Graves, Wichita Falls TX
 - 3 Donell Dickerson, Shawnee OK
 - 4 Mike Bryan, Wichita Falls TX
 - 5 Jan Hodge, Wichita Falls TX
 - 6 Bettie Spears, Shawnee OK
 - 7 William E.(Bill) Riordan
Wichita Falls TX
 - 8 Michelle Adams, Iowa Park TX
 - 9 Mack Walker, Arlington TX
 - 10 Don Walker, Wichita Falls TX
- SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 Mad Hatter, Wichita Falls TX
Nancy Graves
 - 2 Nurse Ophilya Good
Wichita Falls TX
Jan Hodge
 - 3 Rooster, Iowa Park TX
Dennis H. Jackson

Dec 7, 2003-001 - Crawford TX
Next Day Crawford Chili Cookoff, 18 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Earl W. "Who?" Gorhum
Montgomery TX
 - 2 Robert Nelson, Crawford TX
 - 3 Bill Lester, Garland TX
 - 4 Jimmy Harper, Ennis TX
 - 5 Mavis Nelson, Crawford TX
 - 6 Jim Trietsch, Waco TX
 - 7 Linda Harper, Ennis TX
 - 8 Dianne Stimson, Crawford TX
 - 9 Suzie Manske, Arlington TX
 - 10 Robin Goodman, Waxahachie TX
- SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 Red Robin Roadshow, Waxahachie TX
Robin Goodman
 - 2 Grand Prize, Waxahachie TX
Ray Calhoun
 - 3 Wink's Surprise, Crawford TX
Dianne Stimson

Dec 7, 2003-002 - Wichita Falls TX
Elks Lodge Sunday Cookoff, 29 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Sylvia Riordan, Wichita Falls TX
 - 2 Nancy Graves, Wichita Falls TX
 - 3 Terri Edge, Wichita Falls TX
 - 4 Chuck Hawthorne, Wichita Falls TX
 - 5 Carol Gibbs, Grand Prairie TX
 - 6 Darrell Baxter, Grand Prairie TX
 - 7 Jerry D. Dickerson, Shawnee OK
 - 8 Joe Spears, Shawnee OK
 - 9 Jo Ann Gaines, Wichita Falls TX
 - 10 Donell Dickerson, Shawnee OK
- SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS
- 1 Bag Lady, Wichita Falls TX
Jackie Ralston
 - 2 Mutant Chili, Wichita Falls TX
William E.(Bill) Riordan
 - 3 Rooster, Iowa Park TX

Dennis H. Jackson

Dec 7, 2003-003 - Ocean City MD
Hots For Tots Chili Cookoff, 15 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Janie Bauer, Alexandria VA
- 2 Chip Welsh, Red Lion PA
- 3 Alan Dean, Bel Air MD
- 4 Susan Dean, Bel Air MD
- 5 John P. "Jack" Ware, Leesburg VA
- 6 Nancy Bremer, Upper Marlboro MD
- 7 Monica Parker, Alexandria VA
- 8 Beverly King, Woodbridge VA
- 9 Margie Magill, Annapolis MD
- 10 Jim Parker, Alexandria VA

Qualified Cooks

- 1 Honey K. Jones, Canyon Lake TX
- 2 Frances Sullivan, Ennis TX
- 3 Johnnie L. Sullivan, Ennis TX
- 4 Sherrie Davis, South Houston TX
- 5 Sharon Roy, Fredericksburg TX
- 6 Marcia Headrick, Huntsville TX
- 7 Bill Dees, Bulverde TX
- 8 Charles Breeden, Alvarado TX
- 9 Gloria Stevens, Homer Glen IL
- 10 Vicki Esford, Riverview FL
- 11 Ann Hanson, Las Cruces NM
- 12 Marion "Bud" Barrick, Organ NM
- 13 Sesario S. Ramos, Clovis NM
- 14 George K. Jowers III
San Antonio TX
- 15 Bob Marshall, Martinez CA
- 16 Jim Warford, Antioch CA
- 17 Wulf Reinhold, Santa Rosa CA
- 18 Phil Greenlees, Houston TX
- 19 Myrl Coultas, Tucson AZ
- 20 Charles E. (Chuck) Dolan
Columbus OH
- 21 Pete Sigler, Warren OR
- 22 Ryan Schmit, Portland OR
- 23 Kandi Cole, Portland OR
- 24 Wanda Cassini, Collierville TN
- 25 Kristina (Kristi) Knight
Lebanon TN
- 26 Carol Knight, Lebanon TN
- 27 Preston Shaw, Parsons TN
- 28 Bill Steghauer, Memphis TN
- 29 Guy Tension, Sierra Vista AZ
- 30 Bo Prewitt, North Little Rock AR
- 31 Scott Chudy, North Little Rock AR
- 32 Jeffery Neeley, Murfreesboro TN
- 33 Stuart Frye, Little Rock AR
- 34 Erma W. Smith, Fort Smith AR
- 35 Maria "Chudy" Swicegood
North Little Rock AR
- 36 Linda Nickle, North Little Rock AR
- 37 Phyllis Patton, Odessa TX
- 38 Colleen Lintner, Shawnee Mission KS
- 39 Paul Ostrom, Overland Park KS
- 40 Gregg Heuer, Lees Summit MO
- 41 Susan Dean, Bel Air MD
- 42 John P. "Jack" Ware, Leesburg VA
- 43 Hallie Kerr, Berkeley Springs WV
- 44 Evelyn Kight, Berkeley Springs WV
- 45 Randal D. (Randy) Moore
Gulf Shores AL
- 46 Renee F. Moore, Gulf Shores AL
- 47 Connie Sue Schrade, San Antonio TX
- 48 Doris Greenlees, Houston TX
- 49 Janita Hinds, Del Rio TX
- 50 Richard Hinds, Del Rio TX
- 51 R. Bruce Stewart, Hurst TX
- 52 Tom (Tucker) Snyder, Tulsa OK
- 53 Junior Johnson, Lamar MO
- 54 Dixie Johnson, Lamar MO
- 55 Linda Buschel, Irving TX

56 Alan Dean, Bel Air MD

**Qualified Show
Teams**

- 1 Waltz Across Texas Chili
New Braunfels TX
Walther, Nina
- 2 Udderly Ridiculous, Snyder TX
Collier, Connie
- 3 Nakid Brothers Pawn & Loan
Monument NM
Reid, Gary
- 4 Candi Kisses, Wellington FL
Knight-Arevalo, Candace (Candi)
- 5 Hell's Fury, Dallas TX
Sexton, Shirley
- 6 Chili Inferno, Santa Rosa CA
Yerion, Shelli
- 7 Knuckle Buster Chili, Victoria TX
Roessler, Wayne
- 8 Cloverleaf #1, San Antonio TX
Cielencski, Janet
- 9 Bear Paw II, Oro Valley AZ
Thomas, Karen
- 10 Rhino Chili, Portland OR
Schmit, Ryan
- 11 PCA Southeast, Columbia TN
Primm, Peggy
- 12 Wood-Chuckin Chili, Columbia TN

Rancho CASI City Hall Building Fund

Dear Friends:

As of December 1, we have received \$2,671.00 toward the Rancho CASI City Hall Fund. This represents 12 Pods and 5 individuals. I am excited at this beginning.

The building is something we really need. It will serve our support personnel and us. I thank all of you who have contributed toward this effort and encourage others to help as you can.

Jimmy Taylor**FREE BEER!**

Now that I have your attention, I would like to announce my candidacy for CASI Director. My term as Old 320 Alcalde ends in November, and I feel that it is time for me to take on a greater task - that task being serving as a Director.

For those who aren't aware, I have been working closely with the current Board, as well as the previous two Boards, as the Old 320 Alcalde. I would be grateful for your support, if you feel that I would do a good job as Director.

As the time gets closer, I will issue more information, not only to let you know more about me, but also to remind you of my candidacy. Thanks for your time, and I hope to receive your vote for CASI director.

Robert "El Wappo" Schrade

**Ellis County
Childrens Advocacy Center
Presents**

**3rd Annual Cotton Patch Chili Cook-off
and Saturday Night Barn Bash**

Waxahachie, TX. – Ellis Co. Expo. Center

<i>Friday, Feb 06, 2004</i>	<i>Saturday, Feb 07, 2004</i>	<i>Sunday, Feb 08, 2004</i>
No Frills CASI Chili \$18	CASI Chili \$20 Turn In 1PM	CASI Chili Grind \$18
CHILI GRIND ONLY	CASI Shirt Size *	CHILI GRIND ONLY
Turn In 8:31 PM	Beans 50/50 \$10 Turn In Noon	Turn In 1 PM
	Jr. Chili Grind Only \$10 Turn In Noon	
	Novice Chili \$16 Turn In 1 PM	

Saturday Night Barn Bash Live Band Special Cook's Price
Snacks and Drinks Included \$15 per Couple

Silent Auction & Raffle. Plenty of RV parking; no hookups. Gates open 8:00 AM Friday, Feb 06. Inside or outside cooking: your choice. DIRECTIONS: Using 35E, exit 403 to Ft. Worth. STAY ON SERVICE ROAD. Coming from Ennis, using US 287, exit 35E. STAY ON SERVICE ROAD. From Ft. Worth on US 287 South, exit FM 664, turn LEFT over bridge. Turn LEFT, STAY ON SERVICE ROAD.

Contact Linda Harper, 972-646-5199 or Francis Sullivan, 972-378-2664
Make Checks Payable to E.C.C.A.C., c/o 316 Old Park Rd., Ennis, TX. 75119

MOTELS:

Best Western	IH 35E, Exit 401B	Waxahachie, TX	972-937-4202
Super 8	IH 35E, Exit 401B	Waxahachie, TX	972-938-9088
Holiday Inn	US Hwy 287 @ US77S	Waxahachie, TX	1-800-HOLIDAY

(Opens 12/01/2003)

NAME: _____

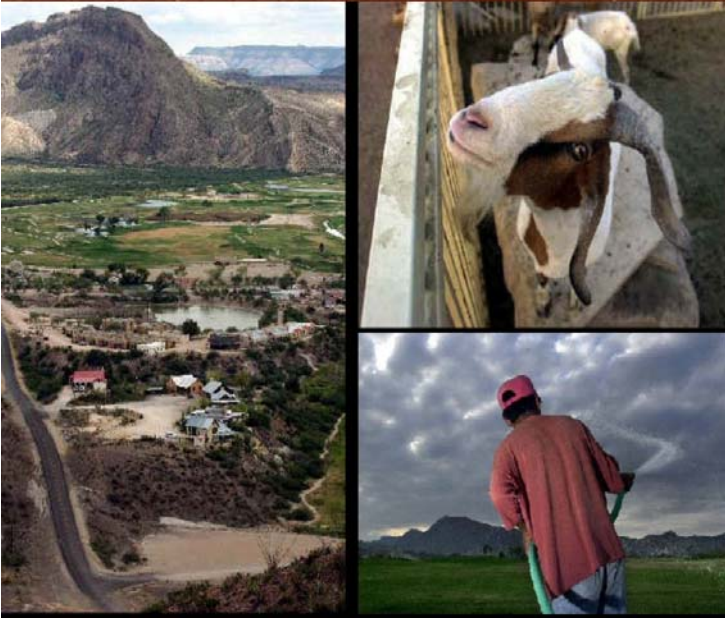
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ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

**Pre-registration must be received NO LATER THAN January 01, 2004 to receive shirt.*

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THE ULTIMATE HIDEOUT



MRS. RENFRO'S



**Mrs. Renfro's and
Mrs. Renfro's Salsa
2003 CASI TICC Sponsors**



5th Annual Veterans Memorial Cookoff: 1st - Phylliss Patton, Odessa; 2nd - Tim Collier, Snyder; 3rd - LeeRoy Childress, Odessa

Ron (Uncle Ronnie) Charlton

1942 - 2003



.....you all have heard by now that our Infamous "UNCLE RONNIE" has passed away and is now in Heaven telling TEX what to do to fix things...Of course, his way.....He was a Unique person to say the least..... A Great Debater.....(Smile)..... A Great Cook, A Great BBQ Cook, always feeding the masses, and always had a Joke or two or three for you..... I swore he belonged to the "Corniest Joke Book Club". He was a Great Friend to many of us..... We all will miss him for sure.....His family is allowing the "Checked Hat" to go the CASI Museum. Ron was a Great Pepper for The Houston Pod in 1982. Ron holds the First Lifetime Membership to CASI # 1.....Information about a scholarship fund in his name will be out soon. A Special Thank you to James and Kemah Blair for arranging the photo's and the portraits and having the checked Hat from his home to be at the Memorial and also James, you did a great job talking about our friend.....There were at least 200 plus at the service..... From All of Us... We love you Ron, God Bless and God Speed.

-Mayo Blair

RONALDD. CHARLTON a native Houstonian died Wednesday, November 26, 2003 in Houston at the age of 61. He was a 1st Lt. United States Army, Quarter Master Corp and a decorated Viet Nam Veteran. Mr. Charlton had a B.A. from Sam Houston State University and was a Real Estate Appraiser. He was a lifetime member of the Houston Livestock Association, 30-year member of CASI and a lifetime competitive Cook. He was preceded in death by parents Norman W. Charlton and Irma Ruth Holdner Charlton, brother Rodney Charlton and sister Sandra Charlton. Two brothers Norman and John Charlton; sister Carole Charlton Lubritz; numerous nieces and nephews survive Mr. Charlton.

-Houston Chronicle

Ron Charleton attended first Houston Pod Cook-off, 1973; Cooked first cook-off in Marble Falls, 1973; Started Show Team ROMAN RED CHILI in 1974 – undefeated 1975-1983; Developed first five event Cook-Off: Penthalon 1977-1983; Pepper Popper Houston Pod; Great Pepper Houston Pod, 1980; Helped develop CASI regional

and area referee system; Helped develop CASI Showmanship rules: 1978; Helped develop CASI rules Great Peppers Meeting: 1981; Received CASI Membership card #3 in 1981 Great Peppers Meeting; Developed CASI Organizational Chart -1982: Adopted 1985; Regional & Area Referee 1980-1985; Developed Life Membership CASI; CASI Life Member #1; Life Member: Houston Pod, PCP Pod, SAP-CASI Pod & ICS Past Member: Highland Lakes Pod & VASA Pod; Founding Member: Pasadena Pod, Montgomery County Pod; Texas State Champion ICS 1981, 7th in World Cook-Off ICS 1981; Director of Grounds & Parking Houston Pod 1976-1985; Director of CHILI HEAD HALL OF FAME 1980-1985; Member of CHILIHEAD HALL OF FAME 1978; CHILIHEAD OF THE YEAR AWARD 1978; CASI OUTSTANDING CHILI AW ARD 1982; Director and Head Judge: Showmanship CASI -Terlingua 1984; Team Member: LADY FOX CHILI TEAM; Team Capitan: "All Most Great Southeast Show Team" - Mexico International Winner; Member of Luckenbach Ballet Company (Non-Talent Show); Producer: "Waltz of the Luckenblimps" - Frank Fox and Ron Charlton; Scripted: The Tolbert Rules 1985; TEXAS STATE BAR-B-QUE RIB CHAMPION 1986& 1987; Represented HARRIS COUNTY METRO GO-TEXAN COMMITTEE at Houston Livestock Show Bar-B-Que Cook-Off 1992; Champion: Bar-B-Que Cook, Bean Cook, Stew Cook, Gumbo Cook, Pancake Cook, Spaghetti Cook, Dessert Cook, Potatoe Cook & Entree Cook. Eye Witness to: Moon Shots: Dog Luhn, Jim Atherton and Dave Winston; 1/2 Moon Shot: Lil Drake; Road Kill Chili: Hondo Crouch, Dare Devil Bad McFad., John Raven, Tex Schofield Dog Act at Campfire Flatonia, The Motleys; Holds record of 27 consecutive cook-off Marble Falls; Started and Help Fund: The Hal John Wimberly Scholarship - University of Texas; World Champion BBQ Cook Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo – 2000. Most Memorable moment in Chili: Wes Ritchey winning Terlingua Championship 1985"

- The Chili Register

Editors Note: Donations in Ron's memory can be made to the CASI City Hall Fund, c/o Jimmy Taylor, 493 Stonegate Drive, Johnson City, TX 78636-4713. Condolences should be sent to: Norm Charlton, 312 Estes Drive, Rockport, TX 78382.



Cooking With CASI



Jan 1, 2004-001 - Bel Air MD CASI. Annual Polar Bear Cookoff. Turn-in 3 PM. Best possible way to start the New Year. Join your chili friends for a day of chili competition, camaraderie, and holiday fun at the Dean house. Bring a side dish if you like. We'll keep the keg from freezing. Contact Alan Dean 410-879-6410 pepperdean@comcast.net.

Jan 1, 2004-002 - Gilchrist TX CASI. Chili When it's Chilly On The Gulf 2nd Annual Cookoff. Held at Mallet Beach House. Chili \$20 turn-in 2 PM. R.V. Parking no hookups. Charity TBA. Cook's party and a Pea Off held night before, 50/50 payback, \$5, turn-in 10 PM. Contact Cecil Mallet 281-383-2207. CHILI GRIND ONLY.

Jan 3, 2004-001 - Bastrop TX CASI. American Legion 3rd Annual Cookoff. American Legion Post 533, Loop 150E Across from State Park and Golf Course. Benefits Child Protected Services. Entry fee \$18, Turn-in 2 PM. Cook's party Saturday night- indoor Hall. Music 7:30 to 11:30 Raffle and Silent Auction. RV parking no hookups. Beans \$5 turn-in 1 PM, 100% payback. Contact Crystal Dear 512-321-5555. CHILI GRIND ONLY. See cookoff on Sunday same location.

Jan 3, 2004-002 - Water Valley TX CASI. Birthday Bash Cookoff. Held at Water Valley Park in San Angelo. Benefits the 2005 Great Peppers meeting. Chili \$20. Dry pinto beans \$5, no canned beans. Pot luck supper Saturday night. Celebrate Pat and Sammie's 50th birthday (again). 325-655-2147.

Jan 3, 2004-003 - Goldsmith TX CASI. 1st Annual Buckhorn New Year Cookoff. Held at the Buckhorn Saloon. Entry fee \$18 turn in 2 PM. Beans \$10 turn-in 1 PM, wings \$10 turn-in 1:30 PM. 50/50 Raffle Benefits VFD. Contact Troy Edwards 432-334-7837.

Jan 4, 2004-001 - Bastrop TX CASI. American Legion 3rd Annual Sunday Cookoff. Held at American Legion Post 533, 3003 Loop 150E, across from State Park & Golf Course. Entry fee \$12, turn-in 1 PM. RV parking no hookups. Indoor judging indoor bathrooms, cold beer. Come spend the weekend with us. Contact Crystal Dear 512-321-5555. CHILI GRIND ONLY. See cookoff on Saturday same location. Benefits Child Protected Services Aux.

Jan 4, 2004-002 - Water Valley TX CASI. Building Fund Cookoff. Held at Water Valley Park in San Angelo. Benefits City Hall Bldg. fund at Rancho CASI de los Chisos. Chili \$20, turn-in noon. Contact 325-656-8258 or 325-486-0891.

Jan 9, 2004-001 - Amarillo TX CASI. Tall In Texas Pod Cookoff. Held in Tri-State

Fairgrounds. Indoor cooking. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 9 PM. Contact Rodney Lilly 806-373-9774, Garnier Albus 806-353-0500. Cookoff held same location as Tri-State Open. CHILI GRIND ONLY.

Jan 10, 2004-001 - Amarillo TX CASI. Tri-State Open Chili Championship. Held indoors in Baxter Bldg at Tri-State Fairgrounds. Top 3 chilis & 1st place show will automatically qualify for Terlingua and receive travel money at TICC. Benefits Make A Wish Foundation of the Texas Plains. Drawing for free rooms with early registration post marked by December 20th. Cooks meal Friday night and cooks breakfast Saturday. Entry fee \$25, turn-in 1 PM. Make checks payable to Tri-State Chili Championship mail to Vickie Childers 4300 Olsen, Amarillo TX 79106. Info Vickie Childers 806-355-7387 vickiefromtx@aol.com or Garnier Albus 806-353-0500. galbus@amaonline.com.

Jan 10, 2004-002 - Memphis TN CASI. 1st VFW Post 4916 Chili Cookoff. Held at 847 Whitney. Contact 901-353-2118, Lynne Murry, 11 CR 529, Como MS 38619. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 1 PM. Make checks payable to VFW 4916. Motorhome parking, no hookups.

Jan 10, 2004-003 - Alamogordo NM CASI. Alamogordo Moose Cookoff. Held at South Florida Street. Benefits Moose Christmas Charities. Entry fee \$15 turn-in 2 PM. Make check payable to New Mexico Chili Society. Contact Bud Barrick 505-678-8943, teamorgan@zianet.com

Jan 10, 2004-004 - Houston TX CASI. 15th Annual Bar-B-Que & Chili Cookoff. Held at Trader's Village 7979 N. Eldridge Rd. RV parking no hookups at Cookoff site. Friday night Cook's party 7:30 PM. Entry fee CASI \$20 turn-in 2 PM, Junior chili \$10, turn-in 1 PM. Jackpot pinto beans \$5 turn-in noon. Fajitas \$15, turn-in 3 PM. BBQ on Sunday, Chicken \$15, Noon. Pork ribs \$15 1 PM. Brisket \$15 2 PM. Contact David Campbell phone 713-830-2509 or email david.campbell@pollocksummit.com for further information about cookoff. Make checks payable to HLS&R c/o Suzanne Bush P.O. Box 41001 Houston, TX 77241-1001. susanne.bush@pollocksummit.com. Phone 713-417-8227. Benefits Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo.

Jan 11, 2004-001 - Statesville NC CASI. Elks Lodge Chili Challenge. Held on Sunday at Statesville Elks Lodge, 1521 Radio Road. Benefits Elks charities. Entry fee \$20 for pod members, \$25 non members. Make checks payable to Piedmont Pepper Pod. Contact Adrienne Grant aig@duke.edu, 919-604-5262. Held indoors, tables and chairs provided Chili turn-in 2 PM.

Jan 17, 2004-001 - Rocky Point MX CASI. Sonoran Desert International Open Chili Cookoff. On the beach at Manny's Beach Club. Benefits the Local Elementary School. Entry fee \$25 turn-in 2 PM. Make checks payable to High Desert Pod. Fish fry Thursday. Cook's dinner Friday night. T-shirts to cooks. Contact Ben Berry P.O. Box 1298 Sierra Vista, AZ 85636. Phone 520-378-3692. Cookoff next day at Baja Cantina.

Jan 17, 2004-002 - Orland Park IL CASI. Chilly Willie Chili Challenge. Held at Orland Park Civic Center 14750 So. Ravinia Ave. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 2 PM. Charity for special needs programs. Make checks payable to Village of Orland Park. Contact Lee Ann Fisk 708-403-7275, 14650 Ravinia Ave. Orland Park, IL 60462. Email Lfisk@orland-park.IL.US

Jan 17, 2004-003 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. 11th Annual Wichita East Volunteer Fire Department CCO. Held at 2070 State Hwy 79 North. Cook's feed on Friday night at station. Entry fee \$20, turn-in 2 PM. Brisket \$15, turn-in 1 PM, Jackpot beans \$5, turn-in noon. Contact Carolyn or James King 350 Peterson Rd., Wichita Falls, TX 76730. Phone 940-767-4823 cell 940-733-9610, sunflowerfyd@aol.com James cell 940-733-9607.

Jan 17, 2004-004 - Greenvine TX CASI. Greenvine Chili Cookoff. CASI and local chili. Held at the Green Door on FM 2502 four miles south on Hwy 290 just west of Burton, TX. Entry fee \$18 turn in 2 PM. Benefits Washington County Horsewoman's Assn. Contact Pete Little. 979-836-8247. littlepete@chilitech.com. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Fish fry by hosts at 4 PM after announcements. On advertising probation per CASI rule V.A.2.

Jan 17, 2004-005 - Bay City TX CASI. Champion Riders Cookoff. Held at the Holding Pen, Matagorda County Fairgrounds, FM 2668. Benefits Matagorda Co. Mounted Drill Team. Chili \$18, turn-in 2 PM, Spare Ribs \$7 turn-in 11 AM. Jackpot (dry pinto) beans \$7 turn in Noon, Jackpot Salsa \$5 turn in 1 PM. Homestyle chili add. \$5 turn-in 2 PM, BBQ Brisket \$15 turn-in 4 PM. Registration starts 7 AM, cook's meeting 8 AM. Contact Ray 970-245-5932 or Henry 361-782-0129. RV parking available Electric hookup \$10, 1st come 1st serve. Second day cookoff next day same location. On advertising probation per CASI rule V.A.2.

Jan 17, 2004-006 - Marble Falls TX CASI. Rodeotown Cookoff. Held at Rodeotown, 6000 N. 281. Benefits American Junior Rodeo Assn. Entry fee \$18, turn-in 2 PM. Make checks payable to Rodeotown. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Friday night cook's party. RV parking, limited number of hookups. For hookups contact Mary Jo 830-798-0668. We have a Saturday night

Game Night planned at Lake Country Lanes, 4 miles south of Rodeotown. Come join us for a bowling tournament Tonk, 42 Game, Pool, dining & Bar. Guaranteed to be fun! Contact Tom or Gayle Cook 830-693-2106 or Ruby Ross email rross@tstar.net. See cookoff next day same location. On advertising probation per CASI rule V.A.2.

Jan 18, 2004-001 - Rocky Point MX CASI. Baja Cantina Day After Cookoff. Held at Baja Cantina & Hotel on the Beach. Benefits children's Christmas Fund. Entry fee \$20 Turn-in Noon. Includes breakfast and T-shirt. Make checks payable to High Desert Pod. Contact Ben Berry P.O. Box 1298 Sierra Vista AZ 85636. 520-378-3692. CHILI GRIND ONLY.

Jan 18, 2004-002 - Bay City TX CASI. Second Day Champion Riders Cookoff. Held at the Holding Pen Matagorda County Fairgrounds. Benefits Friends of the Animal Shelter. Chili \$18 turn-in 1 PM. Spare ribs \$7 turn-in 11 AM. Jackpot (dry pinto) beans \$7 turn-in Noon. Homestyle Chili Add. \$5 turn-in 1 PM. See cookoff previous day same location. On advertising probation per CASI rule V.A.2.

Jan 18, 2004-003 - Marble Falls TX CASI. Rodeotown Cookoff. Held at Rodeotown, 6000 N. 281. Entry fee \$18, turn-in Noon. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Benefits local charities. Contact Tom or Gayle Cook 830-693-2106 or Ruby Ross rross@tstar.net. See cookoff previous day same location. On advertising probation per CASI rule V.A.2.

Jan 24, 2004-001 - Canyon Lake TX CASI. 11th Annual Super Bowl of Chili Cookoffs. Held at VFW Post 8573 on SR2673 River Road in Sattler. Benefits VFW charities. Entry fee \$18, turn-in 2 PM. 8 AM Cooks breakfast at Barn. Entertainment and auction all afternoon with food and beverages. RV parking. Cookoff next day same location. Info VFW 830-964-3334.

Jan 24, 2004-002 - Las Cruces NM CASI. VFW #6917 Indoor Cookoff. Held at Hwy 70/325 N. Main St. Benefits VFW Charities. Entry fee \$15 turn-in 2 PM. Make checks payable to NMCS. Contact Bud Barrick 505-382-5107 P. O. Box 268 Organ, NM 88052-0268, or email teamorgan@zianet.com.

Jan 24, 2004-003 - Little Rock AR CASI. Arkansas State Open Chili Cookoff Championship. Held at the Little Rock Expo Center, 13000 Hwy I-30. Turn-in 1 PM, entry fee \$25 payable to CAP-CASI. No entry fee for 1st time cooks. Motorhome parking on first come basis. No hookups. Contact Bruce Smith 501-312-8715 or 501-517-1175. Benefits ARK Game and Fish Foundation.

Jan 24, 2004-004 - Fairfax Station VA CASI. Mid-Winter Chili Cookoff. Held at Christ United Methodist Church, 8285 Glen Eagles Lane. THIS IS AN INDOOR COOKOFF. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 3 PM. Benefits Christ Methodist Church Mission Program. Information contact Nancy Bremer 301-627-4349 or Jim Parker 703-765-8123. Directions to church available on web www.christchurchva.org/directions.htm.

Jan 25, 2004-001 - Canyon Lake TX CASI. 4th Annual Friends of Texas Ladies State Championship. Held at VFW Post 8573 in Sattler. Entry fee \$12, turn-in 1 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Info VFW 830-964-3334.

Jan 25, 2004-002 - Little Rock AR CASI. Sunday Survivors Chili Cookoff. Held at Little Rock Expo Center 13000 Hwy I-30. Entry fee \$15 turn-in Noon. Benefits local charities. Checks payable to CAP-CASI. Contact Bruce Smith 501-312-8715 or 501-517-1175.

Jan 31, 2004-001 - Minden LA CASI. Louisiana State Championship 13th Annual St. Jude Chili Cookoff. Held at Minden Civic Center, downtown. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 1 PM. Payable to St. Jude. World class Cooks Gumbo Supper Friday night. Band Saturday. Goody Bags 1st 50 cooks. CHILI GRIND ONLY. St. Jude auction Friday/Saturday, last year \$364,000 raised - cars, trucks, trailers, never a dull moment. Info George French III 318-371-5601 or 318-377-8369 evenings c/o Minden Medical Center, #1 Medical Plaza, Minden LA 71055. Really great top ten prize awards. Please bring extra chili for huge crowd.

Jan 31, 2004-002 - New River AZ CASI. 7th Annual Roadrunner Steakhouse Chili Cookoff and Arizona State Jalapeno Eating Championship. (Maybe Green Chili Cookoff Also). Contact Mad Jack 480-215-1449. azmadjack@prodigy.net.

Feb 6, 2004-001 - Waxahachie TX CASI. NOW Pod No Frills Cookoff For Early Arrivals. Gates open 8 AM. Ellis County Expo Center. Hwy 287 N, exit #403 I35E. Plenty of RV parking no hookups. Entry fee \$18 turn in 8:30 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Come join us for a cook's party & fun. Live band for listening and dancing. Jimmy, Blue & Johnny are cooking dinner. Contact Linda Harper 972-646-5199 or Francis Sullivan 972-878-2664. Make checks payable to E.C.C.A.C. c/o 816 Old Park Rd. Ennis, TX 75119.

Feb 7, 2004-001 - Waxahachie TX CASI. 3rd Annual Cotton Patch Cookoff. Benefits the Ellis County Children Advocacy Center. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 1 PM. Novice chili \$16 turn-in 1 PM, Junior chili \$10 (chili grind only) turn-in Noon. 50/50 Beans \$10 turn-in Noon. Saturday night Barn Bash Special price \$15 per couple. Snacks and drinks provided. Held at Ellis County Expo Center. Hwy 287N, exit #403 I35E. Follow the signs. Contact Linda Harper 972-646-5199 or Francis Sullivan 972-878-2664. Make checks payable to E.C.C.A.C. c/o 816 Old Park Rd. Ennis, TX 75119.

Feb 7, 2004-002 - Rankin TX CASI. 4th Horn Toad Round-up & Chili CCO. Held at Tommy

Workman Park. First place Bronze Horn Toad, 2nd - 10th nice trophies. Friday night fish fry, Saturday AM cook's breakfast covered pavilion with tables and chairs. Saturday night stew night, also "42" tournament. Benefits Rankin Museum. Entry fee \$17 turn-in 2 PM. Contact Karen Bains 432-693-2242 or 432-693-2796, Dave Boone 432-367-8423 or 432-333-8907.

Feb 7, 2004-003 - Nuevo Laredo MX CASI. 19th Annual Mexico Int'l Cookoff. Tamaulipas, MX. Held at Fiesta Inn (formerly Hacienda). CHILI GRIND FURNISHED. Entry fee includes fuel table, chairs, buffet Friday night and goody bag to first 75 cooks. Entry fee \$50/person. Benefits CASA HOGAR a home for girls in Nuevo Laredo. Cookoff entry deadline is postmarked by 1/26/04. Rooms and a bus trip available. Contact Larry Burruss for more information 512-353-8895 or 1004 Crepe Myrtle, San Marcos TX 78666.

Feb 7, 2004-004 - Fort Smith AR CASI. BELCH AMATEUR Chili Cookoff. Held at The Oaks, 5500 Massard Rd. 1st road past Ben Geren Park off of Zero. Benefits children's Service League. Turn-in 1 PM. Entry fee \$20. Contact Guy Smith c/o Belch Pod P.O. Box 5211 Fort Smith, AR 72913. Phone home 479-646-9444, cell 479-650-9444.

Feb 7, 2004-005 - El Paso TX CASI. 14TH Annual Southwestern International Livestock Show and Rodeo Chili Cookoff. Held at El Paso County Coliseum on Paisano Dr. Cooks meeting 10 AM. Turn-in 2 PM. Entry fee \$15. Indoor cooking Contact Hut Brown 915-772-2379 hutcasi@aol.com. Benefits The Scholarship for youths involved in agriculture.

Feb 8, 2004-001 - Waxahachie TX CASI. Day After Chili Cookoff. Held at Ellis County Expo Center. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Entry \$18 turn-in 1 PM. See previous days cookoff same location. Contact Linda Harper 972-646-5199 or Francis Sullivan 972-878-2664. Make checks payable to E.C.C.A.C. c/o 816 Old Park Rd. Ennis, TX 75119.

Feb 8, 2004-002 - El Paso TX CASI. 14th Annual Southwestern International Livestock Show and Rodeo Chili Cookoff. CANCELLED DATE CHANGED TO FEBRUARY 7th.

Feb 14, 2004-001 - Tucson AZ CASI. 26th Annual Old Tucson Chili Cookoff. Held at Old Tucson Studios, 201 South Kinney Road. Benefits Asthma Foundation. Entry fee \$15 red chili, turn-in 2 PM. Peoples choice \$5, 11 AM to 1 PM. Make checks payable to CHOA. Contact Nancy Coultas 520-298-6838.

Feb 14, 2004-002 - Hernando MS CASI. Hernando's Lions Club Cookoff. Held Hwy 51 South. Benefits the Lions Club. Entry fee \$20 turn in 1:30 PM. Make checks payable to Lions Club. Contact Ed Daniels 3775 Hwy 51 S. Hernando, MS 38632

Feb 14, 2004-003 - Nacogdoches TX CASI. Hot To Trot Chili Cookoff. Held at Nacogdoches County Expo Center. Benefits Nacogdoches Co. Heritage. Entry fee \$20. Turn-in 2 PM. Novice

chili \$20 turn-in 1 PM. Jackpot beans \$5 turn-in 11 AM. Showmanship 12 to 1 PM. Public tasting starts 10 AM. Make checks payable to Nacogdoches Co. Heritage Festival. Contact Leisha Bryant 936-560-4359 or Pam Russell 936-564-6016. CHILI GRIND ONLY.

Feb 14, 2004-004 - Medina Lake TX CASI. Valentine's Day on Medina Lake. Held at Pop's Place. Benefits CASI Scholarship Fund. Turn-in 2 PM. \$20 or \$36 for both days. Payable to Alamo Area Pod. Contact Bruce Jones 830-899-3353 or Sally Lee 210-490-4436. Reservations for RV or Cabana sites contact Cheri at Pop's Place 830-535-4366. No daily parking fee for day cooks. Cook's party Friday night. See cookoff following day same location. CHILI GRIND ONLY.

Feb 14, 2004-005 - Weesatche TX CASI. 2nd Annual Sweetheart Cookoff. Held at Weesatche Dance Hall, 140 E FM 884. Charity TBA. Entry fee for CASI and Homestyle Chili \$20 turn-in 3 PM. Contact Nadine Karnei, P.O. Box 231 Weesatche, TX 77993. Bean Cookoff turn-in Noon Salsa turn-in 1 PM. Wings turn-in 2 PM. Plenty of RV parking some hookups for \$10 a night. Friday nights cooks party. More details to follow. See next day cookoff same location. 361-564-3148.

Feb 14, 2004-006 - Marble Falls TX CASI. Rodeotown Cookoff. Cancelled. Date changed to January 17, 2004.

Feb 14, 2004-007 - San Angelo TX CASI. Valentine Massacre Chili & BBQ CCO. Held at Water Valley Park. Friday night cooks supper. Benefits Concho Valley Pod charities. Entry fee \$18 chili, Dry jackpot pinto beans \$5. WTBA BBQ, \$15 each category. Turn in time Chicken Noon, Beans 12:30, Pork Spare ribs 1 PM, Chili 2 PM, Brisket 3 PM. 80% payback on BBQ. Raffle & 50/50 drawings. Contact Donna Hill 8625 Dilly Road, San Angelo, TX 76901. 325-657-2979 d_dhill@hotmail.com or Pat Holland 325-655-7463.

Feb 15, 2004-001 - Medina Lake TX CASI. After Valentine's Day Cookoff. Held at Pop's Place. Benefits MS Turn-in 1 PM. Entry fee \$20 or \$36 for both days. Payable to Alamo Area Pod. Contact Bruce Jones 830-899-3353 or Sally Lee 210-490-4436. Reservations for RV or Cabana sites contact Cheri at Pop's Place 830-535-4366. No daily parking fee for day cooks. CHILI GRIND ONLY. See cookoff previous day same location.

Feb 15, 2004-002 - Weesatche TX CASI. 2nd Annual Sweetheart 2nd Day Cookoff. Held at Weesatche Dance Hall 140 E. FM 884. Charity TBA Entry fee \$18 turn-in 1 PM. Info Nadine Karnei P.O. Box 231 Weesatche, TX 77993. CHILI GRIND ONLY. See cookoff previous day same location. 361-564-3148.

Feb 15, 2004-003 - Southlake TX CASI. 15th Annual McChili McHog-In CCO. Held at McGarity's Pepper Top Farm 2050 N. Shady Oaks Drive. Benefits CASI City Fall Fund. Turn-in Noon. Entry fee \$20. Bloody Mary-Off, Omelet-Off. Turn-in 10 AM for both entry fee

\$5 each. Contact Mikie McGarity 817-975-2200, or email mikiem@flash.net. We will be running a CASI Certification school for officials and referees after announcements.

Feb 15, 2004-004 - Seattle WA CASI. 2nd Annual Pike Place Market BBQ & Chili Cookoff. Held at Pike Place Market. Benefits Market Foundation Entry fee \$20 CASI, \$10 Family Style if you enter CASI also. Make checks payable to Joe Canavan 1600 43rd Ave E. #210 Seattle, WA 98112. 206-623-3678. Email worldclasschili@qwest.net. CHILI GRIND ONLY.

Feb 21, 2004-001 - Terlingua TX CASI. Bronze Roadrunner Chili & BBQ CCO. Held at New Location, the Community Center, behind the Post Office. Benefits Terlingua School. \$18, turn-in 2 PM. WTBA entry fee \$20 per category. Turn-in chicken 12 Noon, Ribs 1 PM, Brisket 3 PM. Payback 50%, 1 thru 3 places. Bronze Roadrunner trophy for first place chili and BBQ Grand Champion. Contact Dorothy Williams 432-371-2595 or Boomer Kingston 432-366-1777. Stay over for cookoff next morning same location. Plenty of parking, indoor judging. Clean restrooms.

Feb 21, 2004-002 - Edmond OK CASI. David Curtis Mid-Winter Memorial Held at Elks Location. Benefits the Elks Charities. Entry fee \$25 turn-in 1 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Make checks payable to Hooch Pod. Contact Ruth Ann Newman, phone 405-217-1520 or Gene Bond phone 405-850-8524.

Feb 21, 2004-003 - Apache Junction AZ CASI. 6th Annual Superstition Mountain Cookoff. Held at the Goldfield Ghost Town. Cooks party Friday night. Cooks meeting 10 AM. Peoples choice chili serving 11:30 AM Salsa turn-in Noon. Green chili turn-in 1 PM. CASI chili turn-in 2 PM. Free camping for cooks. No hookups. Entry fee \$10 Contact Tom Klug 480-288-4375 or chiliklug@msn.com or Craig Hardy 480-507-2035.

Feb 21, 2004-004 - Homosassa FL CASI. 2nd Annual Seagrass Pub & Grill CCO at 10432 W. Halls River Rd. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 2 PM. Cabin rental available. Tiki bar on waterfront. Contact Susan 1-866-732-4727 or 352-628-3595 or Rocky Rockwell at 904-737-3723. www.seagrasspub.com

Feb 21, 2004-005 - Henderson NV CASI. 1st Annual Elks Chili Cookoff. Held at 631 E. Lake Mead Pkwy. 1/2 mile E. of Boulder Hwy, 3/4 E. of US 95 at Elks Lodge. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 1 PM. Show TBA. Salsa turn-in Noon. Benefits Elks Foundation Charities. Car show, music and fun. Breakfast available, bar open Noon to 5 PM. Request registration by Feb. 14th Contact Jean Rippon, 3192 Tularosa Lane, Las Vegas, NV 89122-3345. 702-451-1683 or 702-219-5261 jeanerrz@aol.com. Limited dry camping for RV's.

Feb 21, 2004-006 - Pasadena TX CASI. Pasadena Metro Go Texan Committee Fish Fry & Chili Cookoff. For the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Educational Funds. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 2 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Location TBA.

Fish Fry \$8 plate, serving 11 AM to 5 PM. Contact Teena Miller 832-414-9699 email tmiller@ci.pasadena.tx.us. No RV parking.

Feb 21, 2004-007 - Kokomo IN CASI. 4th Annual Red, Hot & Wild Kokomo Chili Cookoff. Held at Johanning Civic Center, 1500 N. Reed Rd. (US 31 N.). Cook's meeting 9 AM. Doors open at 1 PM for tasting. Contact Melanie Showalter, Kokomo/Howard County Chamber of Commerce 325 Main St. Kokomo, IN 46901-4621. Phone 765-457-5301 mshowalter@kokomochamber.com. 765-452-4564 FAX. Entry fee \$22, \$150 for corporate teams.

Feb 21, 2004-008 - Ithaca NY CASI. Great Downtown Ithaca Chili Cookoff and Winterfest. Downtown Ithaca Commons (map available at web site www.downtownithaca.com). Benefits Downtown Partnership. Entry fee \$10 Payable to Ithaca Downtown Partnership. Turn-in Noon. Each booth size is 10 by 10. Space after Feb.6th is on a first come first served basis, if available. Music, entertainment, mechanical bull, winter sports. Please register by Feb. 6th. Contact Kristen Ciferri 171 East State St. Box 136 Ithaca, NY 14850. 607-277-8679 or 877-710-3949. Meat must be USDA Proof required. Bob Griffin, info@nyschili.com. Kristen@downtownithaca.com.

Feb 21, 2004-009 - Mineral Wells TX CASI. Crazy Chili Showdown CCO. Held at Palo Pinto County Livestock Assoc. Bldg on FM 1821 Beans, Brisket, Ribs & Chicken. Chili entry fee \$18. Contact Carolyn Harrison P. O. Box 292 Mineral Wells, TX 76068. Phone 940-325-1522.

Feb 21, 2004-010 - Jacksonville TX CASI. 8th Annual Jacksonville Jaycees CCO and LSBS BBQ. Held at Showbarn S. Loop 456 W. Benefits Local Food Supply Pantry, H.O.P.E. Chili Entry fee \$22 BBQ entry fee \$70. Turn-in chili 1 PM, 1/2 Chicken 1 PM, Pork Spare Ribs 2 PM, Brisket 3 PM. 80% payback on BBQ. Contact Cindy Terry 903-683-9754 ctaz1268@yahoo.com. BBQ contact Cari Tobler 903-586-3180 email caritobler@aol.com.

Feb 22, 2004-001 - Henderson NV CASI. 1st Annual Elks Chili Cookoff. CANCELLED Cookoff being held on February 21st.

Feb 22, 2004-002 - Terlingua TX CASI. Morning After Terlingua Cookoff. Morning after the Bronze Roadrunner Cookoff. Turn-in Noon CHILI GRIND ONLY. Entry fee \$15. Dorothy Williams 432-371-2595.

Feb 28, 2004-001 - Tucson AZ CASI. Saguaro Rotary Club Chili Cookoff. Held at Casa Blanca Plaza 6010 North Oracle Road. Benefits the Rotary Club Charities. Entry fee \$10 red, turn-in 2 PM. Peoples choice Chili \$5, 11 AM to 1 PM. Make checks payable to CHOA. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Contact Peter Braly, pjbraly@cs.com.

Feb 28, 2004-002 - El Paso TX CASI. Annual American Legion Post #58 Chilii Cookoff. Held at 4724 Vulcan. Benefits Legion charities. Cook's meeting 10 AM. Turn-in 2 PM.

Showmanship 12 to 1 PM. announcements immediately after judging. Entry fee \$13. Contact Carol Straughan 915-852-3599. caroleptx@aol.com.

Feb 28, 2004-003 - Yoakum TX CASI. Land of Leather Days Cookoff. Held downtown Yoakum on Lott and Grand Ave. Benefits Bluebonnet Youth Ranch. Make checks payable to Yoakum Area Chamber of Commerce Entry fee \$19 turn-in 2 PM. Jack pot beans turn-in 11 AM. Dessert turn-in 8 AM. Arts & crafts, entertainment, kids games & fund for the whole family. Set up & cooks party Friday night. Contact Yoakum Area Chamber of Commerce. 361-293-2309.

Feb 28, 2004-004 - Commerce TX CASI. First Annual Cowhill Chili Fest. Downtown Commerce. Call or email for directions. Approximately 60 miles East of Dallas. Benefits local charities. Entry fee \$25 Make checks payable to City of Commerce. Turn-in 1 PM. Cook's party Friday night. Live band. Info Jeanie Putman 903-886-1126 903-886-1100. jputman@koyote.com.

Feb 28, 2004-005 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. Graham Central Station Colder Than Hell Cookoff. Held at #4 Eurika Circle. Benefits Wichita Falls Museum & Art Center. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 2 PM. Chili Grind only. Make checks payable to WFMAC. Contact Glyn Gaines #7 Bandera Circle, Wichita Falls, TX 76302 940-767-2273.

Feb 28, 2004-006 - Quartsite AZ CASI. It's Chili in Quartsite. Benefits the Quartsite Chamber. Entry fee \$15 turn-in 2 PM. Make checks payable to RT 66 Chililheads Use USDA Beef. Contact Tim Wasik P.O. Box 8202 Hualapai AZ 86412.

Feb 28, 2004-007 - Axtell TX CASI. Michael Terrall Medical Expense Fund. Held at Jim's Cycle Shop Hwy 31, Axtell, TX. Limited elec. hookups. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 2 PM. Make checks payable to CTC Pod. Contact Donna Conrad or Dianne Stimson 330 S. Ave. B. Crawford, TX 76638. 254-486-9206. dangergail@aol.com. Chili Grind only. See cookoff next day same location.

Feb 29, 2004-001 - Axtell TX CASI. CTC Pod Cookoff. Held at Jim's Cycle Shop Hwy 31 Axtell, TX. Make checks payable to CTC Pod. Charity TBA. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 1 PM. Contact Donna Conrad or Dianne Stimson 330 South Ave. B, Crawford, TX. 76638. Phone 254-486-9206. dangergail@aol.com CHILI GRIND ONLY. See cookoff previous day same location.

Mar 6, 2004-001 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. Eagles #3580 14th Annual Chili Cookoff. Held at 1625 Archer City Hwy. Benefits Eagle's State Project. Make checks payable to Eagles #3580. Entry fee \$18 turn in 2 PM. Beans \$5 turn-in 1 PM. Show 12 to 12:30. Contact Linda Kent P.O. Box 4681 Wichita Falls TX 76308-0681. 940-692-9816 lkent1219@yahoo.com. Cook's party Friday night 7 PM.

Mar 6, 2004-002 - Casa Grande AZ CASI. 26th Annual Arizona Open Chili Championship. Held at the Dave White Regional Park. RV parking dry camping only in paved parking lot. Friday night cook's party bring your own meat everything else is provided. Cooks meeting 9 AM sharp Saturday AM. Classic car show between 11 AM & 3 PM. Live entertainment 1 PM to 6 PM. Park located at 2121 N. Thornton RD in Casa Grande. Peoples choice turn-in 11 AM to 1 PM. Entry \$5 if cooking CASI chili, \$25 if not. CASI entry \$25 turn-in 2 PM. Make checks payable to CHOA. Contact Peter Braly 8401 South Kolb Rd #433 Tucson, AZ 85706-9119. Email pjbraly@cs.com

Mar 6, 2004-003 - Irving TX CASI. Irving Elks Annual Cookoff. Held at 2015 N Britian Rd. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 2 PM. Bean turn in Noon. Benefits Elk's charity. Make checks payable to Irving Elks Contact Horrace Jones 2015 N. Britian Rd. Irving, TX 75061 972-579-0005. Plenty of hookups Cooks party Friday night, breakfast Saturday morning. See next day cookoff same location.

Mar 6, 2004-004 - Austin TX CASI. 22nd Annual Sightfest Cookoff. Held at Travis County Sheriff's Posse Rodeo Area, S Hwy 183, just south of 812-183 intersection. Benefits Austin Lions Sight Conservation. Entry fee \$18 turn in 2 PM. Make checks payable to ALSCC. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Beans \$5, 60/40 payback turn-in 1 PM. Please bring old eyeglasses. Cook's party Friday night. Saturday breakfast. Raffle and auctions. Donations gladly accepted. Pot luck Saturday night. RV parking no hookups. Contact John/Sue Caffey 2256 CR 434 Loop, Rockdale, TX 76567. 512-446-2364, email caffeycasa@msn.com.

Mar 6, 2004-005 - Little Rock AR CASI. VFW 9095 Chili Cookoff. Held at VFW Post 9095, 1121 Gamble Road. Benefits Veterans Home. \$20 entry fee turn-in 1 PM. Checks payable to VFW 9095. Contact Sgt/Major Burks 501-225-9849, Kanis & Gamble, Little Rock, AR 72209.

Mar 7, 2004-001 - Irving TX CASI. Irving Elks PER Cookoff. Held at 2015 N. Britian Rd. Entry fee \$18 turn-in Noon. Benefits Irving Elks PER Assoc. Makes checks payable to Irving Elks PER. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Info Horrace Jones 2015 Britian Rd. Irving TX 75061. 972-579-0005.

Mar 7, 2004-002 - Austin TX CASI. No Frills Fest Cookoff. Held at Travis County Sheriff's Posse Area, S Hwy 183, just south of 842-832 intersection. Entry fee \$18 turn in Noon. Benefits Local Lion charities. Make checks payable to ALSCC. Biscuits and gravy by Caffey's breakfast. Pot luck Saturday night. Indoor bath rooms and judging. RV parking no hookups. Bring old eyeglasses. Contact John/Sue Caffey 2256 CR 434 Loop, Rockdale, TX 76567. 512-446-2364. caffeycasa@msn.com. CHILI GRIND ONLY.

Mar 13, 2004-001 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. American Legion Post 169 Cookoff. Held at 4005 Lake Shore Drive. Benefits Legion Charities. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 2 PM. Beans \$5

turn-in Noon. Make checks payable to Post 169. Contact Glyn Gaines 940-767-2273. CHILI GRIND ONLY.

Mar 13, 2004-002 - Memphis TN CASI. VFW 4935 Chili Cookoff. Held at 1942 Lynnbrook. Make checks payable to charity VFW 4935 Post. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 1 PM. Hot wing contest \$10 entry with chili, \$20 without. Friday night cooks party 7 PM - til? Motorhome parking no hookups. Contact Rodney Jones 6500 Riverbirch, Walls, MS 38680.

Mar 13, 2004-003 - Sweetwater TX CASI. Rattlesnake Roundup Cookoff. Held at 1699 Cypress. Entry fee \$25 turn in Noon. Make checks payable to Sweetwater Jaycees. Contact Julie Hurn 700 CR 181 Maryneal, TX 79535, 325-288-4464

Mar 13, 2004-004 - Caballo NM CASI. Del Valle Eagles Cookoff. Held at Caballo Eagles Aerie. Benefits Eagles Charities. Entry fee \$15 turn in 2 PM. Make checks payable to NMCS. Contact Bud Barrick P. O. Box 268, Organ, NM 88052-0268, phone 502-382-5107 teamorgan@zianet.com.

Mar 13, 2004-005 - Point TX CASI. Thousand Trails Tawakoni Cookoff. Held at 1246 Rains County Rd 1470. Benefits Christmas for Kids. Turn in 1 PM. Entry fee \$18. Make checks payable to Thousand Trails Tawakoni. Bean turn-in 11 AM entry fee \$5. Free camping Friday and Saturday with full hookups. Let us know if you plan to attend so we can save spots, contact Linda Buschel 2620 Quail Valley, Irving TX 75060, 972-986-6211 of Jack Schultz 903-447-4662. Email Linda blbusch@evl.net. Pot luck dinner Friday night about 7 PM Pod will furnish main dish. Stay for day after cookoff.

Mar 13, 2004-006 - San Angelo TX CASI. St.Patty's Day Chili Cookoff. Held in Verizon Parking lot on Johnson St. next to San Angelo Stadium. Benefits the Rangel Family. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 2 PM Dry Pinto Beans \$5, turn-in 1 PM. Cake raffle, 50/50 drawing, raffle items. Contact Laura Coad phone 325-944-7715.

Mar 13, 2004-007 - Comfort TX CASI. Hermann Sons Retirement Home's 15th Annual Chili Cookoff & 10th Annual Bean Cookoff. Held at Hermann Sons Retirement Home. Benefits the Hermann Sons Scholarship Fund. Entry fee \$10 Beans, \$20 CASI chili \$15 Amateur Chili. Turn-in time 1 PM Beans, 2 PM Chili. Make check payable to Hermann Sons Retirement Home. Contact Edward Albrecht 830-995-2724 or Tubby Wilcox 830-995-4351. Cook's and visitors party Friday evening w/food, drinks and dancing. RV's welcome no hook ups.

Mar 14, 2004-001 - Point TX CASI. Thousand Trails Tawakoni Day After Cookoff. Held at 1246 Rains County Rd 1470. Entry fee \$18 turn-in Noon CHILI GRIND ONLY. Pot luck supper Saturday night. Contact Linda Buschel 972-986-6211. See cookoff previous day.

Mar 20, 2004-001 - Crawford TX CASI. St.Paul Memorial Park Cookoff. Held at Tonkawa RV Park on Hwy 185 Entry fee \$18 turn-in 2 PM.

50/50 Beans \$5 turn-in Noon. Silent auction, raffle, cook's supper on Saturday night. Contact Mavis Nelson 254-486-2487. CHILI GRIND ONLY. See Sunday cookoff Same Location. rdnmrn@hotmail.net.

Mar 20, 2004-002 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. Elks National Foundation Cookoff. Held at 4505 Seymour Hwy. Benefits Children's Hospital. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 2 PM. Beans \$5 turn-in Noon. Make checks payable to Elks Lodge #1105. Friday nite cook's party, and Sunday brunch. Contact Glyn Gaines No. 7 Bandera Circle, Wichita Falls, TX 76302. Phone 940-767-2273. CHILI GRIND ONLY. See cookoff Sunday same location.

Mar 20, 2004-003 - Las Cruces NM CASI. Las Cruces Eagles Cookoff. Held at North 17th St. Benefits Eagles Charities. Entry fee \$15 turn-in 2 PM. Make checks payable to NMCS. Contact Bud Barrick P. O. Box 268, Organ NM 88052-0268 502-382-5107, teamorgan@zianet.com

Mar 20, 2004-004 - Englewood FL CASI. Englewood Beach Chili Cookoff. Held on Manasota Key at Chadwick Park. Details to follow. Contact Denise Saunders 941-587-1608.

Mar 20, 2004-005 - Tyler TX CASI. Tyler Rotary Club's 2nd Annual CCO. Held at 1620 S Broadway in United Heritage Credit Union Parking lot. Cook's party Friday Night, fun, food and fellowship. Saturday 8 AM registration. Turn in 1 PM. Entry fee \$15. Neat prize awards. Goody bags. Live band. Must have fire extinguisher. Limited RV parking. No hookups. Benefits various Club projects. Please preregister name, chili name address & phone, this will help us with planning. Send info to Fran Hall Exec. Secretary Tyler Rotary Club P.O. Box 131444, Tyler, TX 75713. Make checks payable to Tyler Rotary Club. Email Fran at tylerrotarysec@hotmail.com. Check out pictures of last years event at www.tylerrotary.org. Stay and enjoy the Azalea Trails. Arts and Crafts Show across the street.

Mar 20, 2004-006 - San Antonio TX CASI. San Antonio Pod Cookoff. Held at VFW-7108, 8795 FM 1560. Benefits various charities. Chili entry \$20 turn-in 2 PM. Bean entry \$10 90/10 split, turn-in 11 AM. Lone Star Barbeque Assn, entry fee \$50 for one or all, 60/40 split. Turn in 1/2 chicken Noon, pork spare ribs 1 PM, beef brisket 3 PM. Friday night cook's party. Friday night 9 PM will be Marguerita-off. Saturday morning Irish coffee-off 9 AM, Bloody Mary Off 10 AM. Contact George Jowers 210-696-2555 or GJowersIII@aol.com

Mar 20, 2004-007 - Pasadena TX CASI. Pasadena Pod's 26th Annual Cookoff. Details to follow. Contact Ralph Hay 713-475-1660, rdhay16@juno.com. or Teena Miller 832-414-9699 tmiller@ci.pasadena.tx.us.

Mar 20, 2004-008 - Arlington TX CASI. The Lost Patrol Chili & Bean Cookoff. Cancelled. Cookoff moved to Sunday March 21st.

Mar 20, 2004-009 - Bartlett TN CASI. 4th Annual Bartlett Animal Shelter Cookoff. Held

at Singleton Community Center (indoors) 7266 Third Road. Entry fee \$20, childs division \$5. Turn in 1 PM. Benefits Bartlett Animal Shelter. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Contact Joe or Wanda Cassini 673 Silverman, Collierville, TN 38017. 901-853-8811.

Mar 21, 2004-001 - Crawford TX CASI. Central Texas Chili Pod Cookoff. Held in Tonkawa RV Park on Hwy 185 See cookoff March 20 same location CHILI GRIND ONLY. Entry \$14 turn-in 1 PM. Contact Mavis Nelson. 254-486-2487 or email rdnmrn@hotmail.net.

Mar 21, 2004-002 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. Elks Sunday National Foundation CCO Held at 4505 Seymour Hwy. Benefits Megan Ledue Guardian Angel Found. Entry fee \$18, turn-in Noon. Make checks payable to Elks Lodge #1105 Friday night cook's party, Sunday Breakfast. Contact Glyn Gaines 940-767-2273 See cookoff previous day same location. Chili Grind Only.

Mar 21, 2004-003 - Seguin TX CASI. Spring Fling Cookoff. Country Cabaret - 839 FM 467. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 1 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Make checks payable to Classic CASI Pod, 214 Signal Hill, Seguin, TX 78155 Info Annell Causey 830-379-6565 or Pat King 830-303-1755. Benefits local charities.

Mar 21, 2004-004 - Arlington TX CASI. The Lost Patrol Chili & Bean CCO. Held at Arlington Elks Lodge #2114 601 W Pioneer Parkway. Benefits Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 137. Make checks payable to VVA #137. Entry fee \$20 turn in 2 PM. Beans entry \$5 turn-in Noon. Raffle, auction. 1st place chili winner receives two tickets on Southwest Airlines. Over night parking no hookups. Contact Dean Reynolds c/o VVA #137, P. O. Box 224746, Dallas, TX. 75222. Phone 972-262-0610 or 214-857-1291.

Mar 27, 2004-001 - Johnson City TX CASI. TEXAS MEN'S STATE CHILI CHAMPIONSHIP at Blanco County Fairgrounds. Entry fee \$35 if postmarked by 12/01/03, \$45 after 12/01/03. NO ENTRY CUTOFF. Cook's gift guaranteed if postmarked on or before 02/01/04. Cook's party Friday night. Plenty RV parking no hookups. Park opens 8 AM Thurs. Cook where you camp. Make checks payable to Texas Men's State c/o Bob Horan, P.O. Box 1115, Tomball, TX 77377-1115. Please include shirt size on entry. Contact Jimmy Taylor 830-868-2223, taylor@moment.net, or Bob Horan 281-357-0175. Or email Bob Horan Texasmens@riata-homeinspect.com Further details to follow.

Mar 27, 2004-002 - Tyler TX CASI. Rose City Cookoff Rose City Pod Cookoff. Details to follow. Wanda Feliciano. 903-534-5992.

Mar 28, 2004-001 - Johnson City TX CASI. Day After Men's State Cookoff. Held at Blanco County Fairgrounds Hwy 281 just South of the bridge over the Pedernales River. Entry fee \$18 turn in Noon. Make checks payable to Pod on the

Pedernales, Pod Cookoff. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Pot luck dinner Saturday night after Men's State. Contact Barbara C. Taylor 493 Stonegate Dr. Johnson City, TX 78636 830-868-2223, 512-577-5528.

Apr 2, 2004-001 - Gulf Shores AL CASI. State of Alabama Pod Cookoff. Location to be announced. Benefits SOAP Pod. Turn-in 8 PM, followed by Cook's party. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Entry fee \$18. Contact Renee Moore at rmoore@ci.gulf-shores.al.us or 251-949-7000.

Apr 3, 2004-000 - Comfort TX CASI. Horseshoe Pub & Pizza Cookoff. Held at 429 Front St. Benefits Senior Center & Comfort Youth Baseball. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 2 PM. Jackpot beans \$10 turn-in Noon. Checks payable to Horseshoe Pub & Pizza. Contact Dennis Bynum 830-995-5150.

Apr 3, 2004-001 - Odessa TX CASI. American Legion Post 430 Cookoff. Held at 2701 East 8th. Benefits Ladies Auxiliary Projects. Entry fee \$18, turn-in 2 PM. Cook's pot \$2 going to 4th place. Maverick BBQ \$10. Only one BBQ item, turn in 3 PM. Some RV parking some electric. Contact Larry or Phyllis Patton 432-362-3585. Pinto Beans \$5 turn-in Noon.

Apr 3, 2004-002 - Gulf Shores AL CASI. 12th Annual Alabama State Chili Held at Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo, Highway 59. Cook inside the Zoo with all proceeds benefiting the Zoo. Turn-in 1 PM. Entry fee \$18 CHILI GRIND ONLY. CASI and Open chili. Contact Renee Moore email rmoore@ci.gulf-shores.al.us, or 251-949-7000.

Apr 3, 2004-003 - Emory TX CASI. Rains County Farmers Mrket CCO. Held at Hwy 276 from Lake Tawakoni or off Hwy 69 S., 1/4 mile West in Emory at Rains Co. Heritage Center Benefits local charities. Friday night supper 7-9. Entry fee \$18 Turn-in 1 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Beans entry \$5, 50/50 payback for first place, turn-in Noon. Checks payable to Rains Farmers Market. RV parking, no hookups. Contact Carl or Jackie Grose 5640 Hwy 34 S Quinlan, TX 75474-3228. Phone 903-883-4916.

Apr 3, 2004-004 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. CHI Omega Hot to Trot Cookoff. Held at #4 Eurika Circle. For Make A Wish & CHI Omega charities. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 2 PM. Contact Glyn Gaines #7 Bandera Circle Wichita Falls, TX 76302-1322 940-767-2273. Chili Grind Only. Make checks payable to CHI Omega.

Apr 10, 2004-001 - Kerrville TX CASI. Kerrville Chili & BBQ Classic Easter Fest on the River. Held at Flat Rock Lake Park, 2840 Riverside Drive. RV parking no hookups. CASI chili \$18, Local chili \$10, Jackpot beans \$5, IBCA BBQ Chicken, Ribs, Brisket \$25 each or \$65 for all three. Payable to KCBC. Turn in times, beans noon, Chili 2 PM, Chicken 1 PM, Ribs 2 PM Brisket 3PM. Peoples choice competition, Live Music, Vendors and Children's Games and Easter Egg Hunt for all the kids. Benefits Kerr Co. Women's Chamber Scholarship Fund. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Cook's party Friday night.

Contact Traci Nix 830-257-2086. tracinix@kctc.com.

Apr 17, 2004-001 - Seguin TX CASI. 34th Annual Texas Ladies State Chili Championship. Benefits the Rose and The Christian Cupboard Held in Starke Park East, off TX Hwy 123 Business, on the banks of the Guadalupe. Overnight camping No Hookups. No Open Fires. Friday night cook's party. Entry fee \$30 entry form/flyer can be obtained at www.pineywoodspod.org/tlscflyer-2004.pdf. No fee for former Texas Ladies State Champions, no entry cutoff date, however, guaranteed Cook's Gift for all entries postmarked by March 6, 2004. Checks payable to Texas Ladies State Championship, c/o Ann Roberts, 213 Parker, Italy TX 76651. Further details to follow. Contact Boomer Kingston 4 32-366-1777 or www.pineywoodspod.-org.

Apr 17, 2004-002 - Memphis TN CASI. St. Jude Funfest 2nd Annual Chili Cookoff. Held at Misty Hollow Farm benefits St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Turn-in 2 PM showmanship 11:30 to 1:30. Checks payable to St. Jude Hospital. Info Mike Tarpley 5375 Cornstalk Cove Memphis, TN 38127. 901-358-5710 901-872-5520, schappy3@juno.com.

Apr 17, 2004-003 - Pawnee OK CASI. 9th Annual Pawnee Folk & Springfest Cookoff. Held on the County Courthouse Lawn. Benefits the Folk & Springfest. Entry fee \$15, turn-in 2 PM. Fiddler contest in Gazebo, parade. Camping equipment for first five Chili winners. Contact Trailboss 918-762-4437 or Theodore Morgan 918-762-2493. No alcoholic beverages allowed. Apr 17, 2004-004 - Clovis NM CASI. Elks Lodge #1244 Cookoff. Held at 3rd and Sycamore Sts. Benefits Elks Charities. Entry fee \$15 turn-in 2 PM. Make checks payable to NMCS. Contact Bud Barrick P.O. Box 268 Organ NM 88052-0268. 502-382-5107, email teamorgan@zianet.com.

Apr 18, 2004-001 - Seguin TX CASI. Classic CASI Pod Memorial Cookoff. Held in Starke Park East. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 1 PM. Charity Christian Free Clinic. Make checks payable to Classic CASI Pod 214 Signal Hill - Seguin, TX 78155 CHILI GRIND ONLY. Contact Annell Causey 830-379-6565 or Pat King 830-303-1755.

Apr 24, 2004-001 - Houston TX CASI. 33rd Annual Hal John & Judy Wimberly Memorial Cookoff. Held at Trader's Village. Contact Keith Karaff 281-955-2603 email kdkone@aol.com. Details later.

Apr 25, 2004-001 - Houston TX CASI. Houston Pod Day After Cookoff. Held at Trader's Village. Contact Keith Karaff 281-955-2603 email kdkone@aol.com. Details to follow.

May 2, 2004-001 - Berryville VA CASI. CASI Virginia State Championship. Held at Veramar Vineyard, Quarry Rd, Rte 612 1 mile South of Rte 7. Benefits Clarke County Athletic Assn. Entry fee \$19 in advance \$22 day of cookoff. Make checks payable to George Rockwell. Info Rocky Rockwell 904-737-3723 email

rockyr323@msn.com. Contact address 9085 Barrister Ct. Jacksonville, FL 32257. Live music, local vendors, Apple Blossom Festival nearby. One hour from DC. RV and camping nearby.

May 8, 2004-001 - Memphis TN CASI. Variety Club Cookoff. Held at 1648 Sycamore View. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 1 PM. Make checks payable to Variety Club. Contact Jerry Gwynn 901-323-2220 1648 Sycamore View, Memphis, TN 38134. Hot wing contest entry fee \$10 turn-in Noon.

May 15, 2004-001 - White Sands NM CASI. White Sands Annual Cookoff. Held at White Sands Missile Range Volunteer Park. Benefits Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Fund. Entry fee \$15 turn-in 2 PM. Make checks payable to NMCS. Contact Bud Barrick P.O. Box 268, Organ NM 88052-0268 502-382-5107 teamorgan@zianet.com.

May 15, 2004-002 - Manchaca TX CASI. 6th Giddy-Ups Chili Cookoff at Giddy Ups Saloon, Manchaca Rd. Entry fee \$18 turn in 2 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Benefits underprivileged elementary school kids. Cook's party Saturday night. Auction, raffles. RV parking no hookups-information call Bea at 512-280-4732 or Ken Rodd phone 210-887-8827, casihotrodd@aol.com. Cookoff next day same location.

May 15, 2004-003 - Granbury TX CASI. Canyon Creek Cannonball Chili Plunge. Held at Canyon Creek Clubhouse, 2300 Club Drive. Benefits Pecan Plantation Volunteer Fire Dept. Entry fee \$23 at door, \$17 if registered by May 1st. Turn in 2 PM. Checks payable to Canyon Creek P.O.A. Sandra McNutt or P.O.A. 2300 Club Drive, Granbury, TX 76048. Phone 817-573-3371 or 817-279-9022 metro/fax. Preregistration dead line May 1st, \$17.

May 15, 2004-004 - Ingleside TX CASI. Ingleside Round-up. Held in Live Oak Park. Benefits Public Library. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 1 PM. Make checks payable to Ingleside Chamber of Commerce. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Contact Margo Smith 2710 Avenue F Ingleside, TX 78602. 361-776-7338. See cookoff next day same location.

May 16, 2004-001 - Manchaca TX CASI. 5th Friends of Texas Ladies State Chili Cookoff. Entry fee \$12 turn in 1 PM. Information call Bea 512-280-4732 or Ken Rodd phone 210-887-8827, casihotrodd@aol.com. See cookoff previous day.

May 16, 2004-002 - Ingleside TX CASI. Ingleside Round-up Cookoff. Held in Live Oak Park. Benefits Ingleside Fire Department. Entry Fee \$15 turn-in Noon. Make checks payable to Ingleside Chamber of Commerce. Contact Margo Smith 2710 Avenue F, Ingleside, Tx 78602 361-776-7338. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Cookoff previous day same location.

May 29, 2004-001 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. Southwest Open Chili Championship. Held at Wichita Falls RV Park on 5th St. Full hookups, cable TV, swimming pool, showers \$20 per nite

Entry fee \$25, turn-in 2 PM. Benefits the Shrine. Friday night supper and Breakfast Saturday AM, supper Saturday night and breakfast Sunday AM. Info call Glyn Gaines 940-767-2273. RV spots reserved by calling park 940-723-1532. Tell them you are a chili cook. A drawing will be held for 2 motel rooms for one night or 2 RV spots for one night. Mail entries to Bob Luney 2351 Peterson Rd., Iowa Park, TX 76367. Advise which drawing you would like, motel or RV.

May 30, 2004-001 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. NOB Pod Cookoff. Held at Wichita Falls RV Park on 5th St. Turn-in 1 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Entry fee \$18. Info Glyn Gaines phone 940-767-2273. Southwest Open Chili Championship previous day same location.

May 30, 2004-002 - San Angelo TX CASI. Memorial Day Cookoff. Held at Water Valley Park. For the Concho Valley Food Bank. Saturday May 29 WTBA BBQ. Entry fee \$15 per category, Turn in chicken 1 PM, pork spare ribs 2 PM, brisket 3 PM. 80% payback. Sunday Chili entry fee \$18 plus 3 cans of food turn-in 2 PM. Junior chili \$5 turn-in 12:30 PM, Dry Jackpot Pinto beans \$5 turn-in 1 PM. Cake raffle, 50/50 drawing & raffle items. Contact Donna Hill 325-657-2979 d_dhill@hotmail.com

Jun 5, 2004-001 - Alamogordo NM CASI. Alamogordo VFW Cookoff. Held at Hwy #70 East. Benefits VFW Charities. Entry fee \$15 turn-in 2 PM. Make checks payable to NMCS. Contact Bud Barrick P.O. Box 268 Organ, NM 88052-0268 teamorgan@zinet.com 502-382-5107.

Jun 5, 2004-002 - Converse TX CASI. 11th Half Way Point Cookoff. Held at American Legion Post 593. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 2 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Benefits Legion charities. RV parking no hookups. Cook's party Friday night. Contact post at 210-658-1111 or Ken Rodd 210-887-8827 casihotrodd@aol.com. Cookoff next day same location.

Jun 6, 2004-001 - El Paso TX CASI. Annual Pod of the Pass Cookoff. Benefits Pod of the Pass charities Cooks meeting 10 AM. Turn-in 2 PM Entry fee \$13. Details to follow. Contact Carol Straughan phone 915-852 3599, C 915-491-2766 carolelptx@aol.com.

Jun 6, 2004-002 - Converse TX CASI. 10th Annual Ladies Auxillary Chili Cookoff at American Legion Post 593 Entry fee \$18, turn in 2 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Benefits Ladies Auxillary Programs. Contact Post 210-658-1111 or Ken Rodd phone 210-887-8827, casihotrodd@aol.com Cookoff previous day same location.

Jun 11, 2004-001 - Parkers Crossroads TN CASI. Cannons and Cookpots Cookoff. See directions to June 12, 2004 10th Annual Battleground Cookoff (3 day event). Benefits Ladies Auxillary PCBA. Entry fee \$15 turn-in 8 PM. Make checks payable to Hot Pod CASI. Contact Preston Shaw 731-847-7208 or Richard Knight 615-449-6676. CHILI GRIND ONLY.

Jun 12, 2004-001 - Parkers Crossroads TN CASI. 10th Annual Battleground Cookoff & Mid-South Regional Open. Exit 108 On I-40 North on Hwy 22 to Parkers Crossroads City Park on right. Benefits Parkers Crossroads Battle- field Assn. Entry fee \$20, turn-in 1 PM. Checks payable to Hot Pod CASI. Contact Preston Shaw 731-847-7208 or Richard Knight 615-449-6676. More details to follow in future ads.

Jun 13, 2004-001 - Parkers Crossroads TN CASI. Hot Pod Cookoff. See directions to June 12, 2003 10th Annual Battleground Cookoff. (3 Day event). Benefits Hot Pod. Entry fee \$15 turn-in Noon. Make checks payable to Hot Pod CASI. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Contact Preston Shaw 731-847-7208 or Richard Knight 615-449-6676.

Jun 19, 2004-001 - Chugwater WY CASI. 19th Annual Chugwater Chili Cookoff held in Staats Park on 2nd & Bowie downtown Chugwater. Benefits Chugwater Economic Development, Community Center, Ambulance, Fire Dept, & Historical Group. Make checks payable to Chugwater Chili Cookoff. Entry fee TBA, turn-in 12:30 PM. New for 2004 - lots of camping spots for RV's. Contact Chugwater Town Hall 307-422-3345 307-422-3493, chugwater@coffey.com

Jun 19, 2004-002 - Greer AZ CASI. Greer Cookoff. Held at Snowy Mt. Lodge. Dry Camping. Entry fee \$15 turn-in 3 PM. Make checks payable to Alpine Chili Society. Contact Dick Seehusen, P.O. Box 77 Alpine, AZ 85920. 928-339-1840.

Jun 26, 2004-001 - Grand Lake CO CASI. Colorado State CASI Chili Championship. Cook at 8,400 feet adjacent to Rocky Mt. Park. This event is held under trees, on grass, in the Town Park in beautiful Grand Lake. Awards for top ten CASI red, top three green and top three show. \$25 for CASI red or green chili, \$10 for green when also entering CASI red competition. All cooks who register and pay their fee by June 5, 2004 will receive a special 21st year memento. Checks payable to Colorado Chili Pod. Mail to John Montgomery 1600 Broadway, Suite 2500, Denver CO 80202. For info please contact Lyman Wilkinson 720-890-9600 or John Montgomery 303-831-5000. Red turn-in 1 PM, 2 PM for Green.

Jun 26, 2004-002 - Bastrop TX CASI. Int'l River Runner's 3rd Annual Chili Cookoff. Held at American Legion Post 533, 3003 Loop 150 E. Across from State Park & Golf Course. Charity TBA. Make checks payable to American Legion Aux. Entry fee \$18, turn-in 2 PM. Cooks party Saturday night indoor hall. Raffle & silent auction. RV parking no hookups. Strong rumor River Runners will cook also. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Contact Crystal 512-321-5555. See Sunday cookoff same location.

Jun 27, 2004-001 - Bastrop TX CASI. Int'l River Runner's 3rd Annual Sunday Cookoff. Held at American Legion Post 533, 3003 Loop 150E, across from State Park & Gold Course. Charity TBA. Makes check payable to American

Legion Aux. Entry fee \$12, turn-in 1 PM. RV parking no hookups. Cook's party Saturday night. Contact Crystal Dear 512-321-5555. See Saturday cookoff same location. CHILI GRIND ONLY.

Jul 3, 2004-001 - Englewood FL CASI. 2nd Annual Burr Smidt Memorial Chili Cookoff. Held at Chadwick Park. Turn at McDonald's off Hwy 776, on to Beach Road, go over two bridges to Manasota Key, turn left at "Y" on Gulf Blvd, then left again into park. No glass bottles please. Covered cooking area. Entry fee \$20, turn-in 12 Noon. Park open 8 to 5 PM. For overnight parking contact Scott Johnson 941-266-3799 or Denise Saunders 941-587-1608 for details. Walking distance to stores and watering holes. No pets. Charity TBA.

Jul 4, 2004-001 - Sierra Blanca TX CASI. Annual 4th of July Celebration. Held in City Park Hwy 1111. Benefits Chamber of Commerce Scholarships. Cooks meeting 9 AM Entry fee \$13 turn-in 1 PM. Contact Carol Straughan phone 915-852-3599, c 915-491-2766 Details to follow.

Jul 10, 2004-001 - San Angelo TX CASI. Firecracker Chili Blow Out. Held at Water Valley Park. For the Concho Valley Pod Charities. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 2 PM. Dry Pinto Beans \$5, turn-in 1 PM. Raffle & 50/50 Drawing. Contact Donna Hill 325-657-2979 d_dhill@hotmail.com, or Pat Holland 325-655-7463.

Jul 17, 2004-001 - Olive Branch MS CASI. Olive Branch Shrine Cookoff. Held on Goodman Rd. Benefits Shrine Children's Charities. Make checks payable to Olive Branch Shrine. Entry fee \$20, turn-in 2 PM. Info Tanna Jones 6500 River- birch, Walls MS 38680. Phone 662-781-1414.

Jul 17, 2004-002 - Golden City MO CASI. Missouri State Chili Cookoff. Held in City Park. Entry fee \$20 turn-in Noon. Junior chili \$5, Salsa \$5. Party Friday night at 601 Truman, Lamar, Mo. Contact Dixie Johnson 417-682-5432 email jrj8@ipa.net.

Jul 17, 2004-003 - Cash TX CASI. 6th Annual Greenville Elks Lodge Chili Cookoff. Held 6 miles south of Greenville, eight miles North of Quinlan on Hwy 34 (Cash TX area) Entry fee \$18, turn-in 1 PM. Jack pot beans \$5 turn-in noon, 50/50 first place only. Goodie bags to first 30 paid entries. Limited paid electric hookups. Checks payable to Greenville Elks Lodge. Mail checks & info to Carl or Jackie Grose 5640 Hwy 34, Quinlan TX 75474-3228. Phone 903-883-4916 days & nights til 9 PM. Also, see Sunday cookoff. Benefits local improvements.

Jul 18, 2004-001 - Cash TX CASI. 6th Annual Morning After Greenville Elks Lodge Chili Cookoff. Held 6 miles south of Greenville and 8 miles north of Quinlan on Hwy 34 (Cash, TX area). Benefits the Children's Hospital Charities. Entry fee \$15 turn-in noon. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Checks payable to Greenville Elks Lodge. Mail checks & info to Carl or Jackie Grose 5640 Hwy 34 Quinlan TX 75474-3228.

903-883-4916 days or evening until 9 PM. Limited paid electric hookups.

Jul 24, 2004-001 - Memphis TN CASI. VFW 4935 Ladies Auxiliary Cookoff. Held at 1942 Lynnbrook. Make check payable to charity VFW 4935 Entry fee \$20, turn-in 1 :30 PM. Salsa contest turn-in Noon, \$5 entry with chili, \$15 without. Friday night cooks party 7 PM til. Tanna Jones 6500 Riverbirch, Walls MS 38680. RV parking no hookups.

Jul 24, 2004-002 - CloudfroftNM CASI. Annual Cloudfroft Cookoff. Held at Ski Cloudfroft Lodge. Benefits NMCS. Make checks Payable to NMCS. Entry fee \$15, turn-in 2 PM. Contact Bud Barrick P.O. Box 268, Organ NM 88052-0268 502-382-5107 teamorgan@zianet.com.

Jul 24, 2004-003 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. American Legion Auxiliary Unit 120. Held at 4601 Lakeshore Dr. Benefits Auxiliary Charities. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 2 PM. Make checks payable to American Legion Auxiliary 120. Contact Jan Hodge P. O. Box 3441 Wichita Falls, TX 76301. Friday night cook's party. Saturday breakfast good but cheap. RV park no hookups. CHILI GRIND ONLY. See cookoff Sunday next door at Post 169. Contact Jan Hodge 940-704-0565. wfcitygal@yahoo.com.

Jul 25, 2004-001 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. American Legion Auxiliary Unit 169. Held at 4650 Lakeshore Dr. Benefits American Legion Auxiliary. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 1 PM. Make checks payable to American Legion Auxillary CHILI GRIND ONLY. Contact Yvonne Jones 3711 S H 258 East, Wichita Falls, TX 76301. 940-692-0939. RV parking no hookups. Cooks party Saturday night, breakfast Sunday morning. See cookoff previous day next door at Post 120.

Aug 21, 2004-001 - Terlingua TX CASI. Bronze Buzzard Chili & BBQ CCO. Details to follow. Contact Dorathy Williams 432-371-2595.

Aug 21, 2004-002 - Red River NM CASI. Red River Chili Cookoff. Held in Brandenburg Park. Contact Kim Buchanan, Town of Red River 505-754-1708 info@redriver.org. Toll free 877-754-1708. Details to follow.

Aug 21, 2004-003 - Alpine AZ CASI. Alpine Cookoff. Held at Rodeo Grounds, dry camping Benefits Alpine Volunteer Fire Dept and Elementary School Projects. Make checks payable to Alpine Chili Society. Entry fee \$15 turn-in 1 PM. Contact Dick Seehusen P.O. Box 77, Alpine, AZ 85920. 928-339-1840.

Aug 28, 2004-001 - Anthony TX CASI. 2nd Annual American RV & Marine Border Chili Cookoff. Vinton exit west of El Paso. Cooks meeting 10 AM. Entry fee \$13 turn-in 2 PM Charity TBA. All day activities details to follow. Full RV hookup Contact Carol Straughan phone 915-852-3599 c 915-491-2766. caroleptx.aol.com.

Aug 28, 2004-002 - Jackson TN CASI. West Tennessee STAR Center Third Annual KidsFEST Chili Cookoff. Held in Fairgrounds, about 70 miles east of Memphis and 140 miles

west of Nashville, off I-40 exit 80A eight miles south on Hwy 45 Bypass. Entry fee \$22 turn-in 1 PM. Make checks payable to The Star Center. CHILI GRIND OR GROUND ONLY. Please bring extra throwdown chili. Goodie bags for first 15 paid cooks RV parking limited hookups. Site open 27th after 5 PM and Saturday after 7 AM. Cooks meeting 10 AM. Please bring anything chili and children related for silent auction Benefits Star Center, largest non profit assistive technology center in country. Petting zoo, kids crafts, live entertainment, kids rides, health screening, vendors, games, clowns, puppets, finger painting. Bring the kids. CASI and open chili. Showmanship. Contact George Tubb 731-664-6339.

Sep 4, 2004-001 - Aransas Pass TX CASI. 4th Annual Labor Day Chili Cookoff. Held at ICW RV Park, 427 Ransom Rd. Great bird watching & fishing 360 FT. pier. AC Rec. room. Ransom Rd is located approx 2 miles south of Port Aransas highway intersection, State Highway 35 and downtown Aransas Pass on State Rd 361, same as going to Ingleside. On corner of Ransom Rd & State Rd 361 is the Sun Rise Market & Exxon, turn east onto Ransom, the RV park is 1/4 mile on right. For RV & cookoff info contact Bobbie Jo at 361-758-1044. For other info contact Bubba Reinke at 512-357-6227. Details to follow. CHILI GRIND ONLY.

Sep 5, 2004-001 - Aransas Pass TX CASI. 4th Annual Day After Labor Day CCO. Held at ICW RV Park, 427 Ransom RD see directions on previous day cookoff same location. Details to follow. RV Park reservations and cookoff info call Bobby Jo phone 361-758-1044. Other info call Bubba Reinke 512-357-6227. CHILI GRIND ONLY.

Sep 11, 2004-001 - West Tawakoni TX CASI. 10th Annual Chili By the Lake Cookoff. Held at Tawakoni City Park, 9 miles east of Quinlan on Hwy 276. Benefits Tawakoni Park Board for park improvements. Entry fee \$18, turn-in 1 PM. Jackpot Beans entry \$5, turn-in Noon, 50/50 1st place only. Cooks party Friday night 7 to 9. Limited paid electric hookups, first come first serve. Info Carl & Jackie Grose 5640 Hwy 34 South, Quinlan, TX 75474-3228, 903-883-4916. Also, See Sunday cookoff same location.

Sep 12, 2004-001 - West Tawakoni TX CASI. Morning After 10th Annual Chili By the Lake Chili Cookoff. Benefits Merchants Association for merchants local charities. Entry fee \$15, turn-in Noon. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Checks payable to City of West Tawakoni. No beans cookoff on Sunday. Info Carl or Jackie Grose 5640 Highway 34 South, Quinlan, TX 75474-3228 903-883-4916. Saturday cookoff same location.

Sep 25, 2004-001 - West Memphis AR CASI. Main Street Fall Festival Cookoff. Held at 231 E. Broadway. Take Missouri St. until it dead ends into Broadway, take a left, it will be on the right. Benefits Main Street. Entry fee \$25, turn in 2 PM. Salsa contest \$10. Cook's Party Friday night. Come early and enjoy. Next to contest site limited motorhome space, first come first served.

Contact Debra Griggs 870-735-8814 or Kelvin Hazel 870-735-4443.

Sep 25, 2004-002 - Columbus NM CASI. Pancho Villa's Last Chance CCO. Held in Pancho Villa State Park. Benefits Friends of the Pancho Villa State Park. Make checks payable to NMCS. Entry fee \$15 turn-in 2 PM. Contact Bud Barrick P.O. Box 268, Organ NM 88052-0268 502-382-5107, teamorgan@zianet.com

Sep 26, 2004-001 - San Angelo TX CASI. Blaine's Last Chance Chili Cookoff. Held at Blaine's Pub. Benefits Meal's on Wheels. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 2 PM, Dry Jackpot pinto beans \$5, turn-in 1 PM. Contact Laura Coad 325-944-7715 or Blaine Martin, Blaine's Pub 325-653-7074.

Oct 2, 2004-001 - Blytheville AR CASI. 25th Annual Chickasaw Cookoff. Held in downtown Blytheville. Entry fee \$30, turn-in 12 Noon. Makes checks payable to Mainstreet Blytheville. Contact Bret Sparks 210 W. Main St. Blytheville, AR 72315.

Oct 23, 2004-001 - San Angelo TX CASI. Concho Valley Fall Festival. Held at Water Valley Park. For the Great Pepper's Meeting. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 2 PM. Dry Jackpot Pinto Beans \$5 turn-in 1 PM. Raffle, 50/50 drawing, cake raffle. Contact Donna Hill 325-657-2979 or Pat Holland 325-655-7463.

Dec 4, 2004-001 - Crawford TX CASI. Toys for Tots 2nd Annual Cookoff. Held at Tonkawa RV Park. Full hookups. Benefits Toys for Tots. Make checks payable to CTC Pod. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 2 PM. Junior chili \$10 turn-in 1 PM. Beans \$5 turn-in Noon. Contact Donna Conrad or Dianne Stimson 330 S. Ave. B, Crawford, TX 76638. dangergail@aol.com. CHILI GRIND ONLY. See cookoff next day same location. 254-486-9206.

Dec 5, 2004-001 - Crawford TX CASI. CTC Pod Cookoff. Held at Tonkawa RV park full hookups. Charity TBA. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 1 PM. Make checks payable to CTC pod. Contact Donna Conrad or Dianne Stimson 330 S. Ave. B Crawford, TX 76638. 254-486-9206. dangergail@aol.com. CHILI GRIND ONLY. See cookoff previous day same location.

Dec 11, 2004-001 - El Paso TX CASI. 4th Annual Cowboy Christmas at La Hacienda 1720 W. Paisano. Cooks meet 10 AM. Entry fee \$13 turn-in 2 Pm announcements 4 PM. From Noon to sundown entertainment. Charity TBA. Contact Carol Straughan 915-852-3599 c 915-491-2766 or Elvia Hernandez 915-533-1919 c 915-253-6171.



Ms. Pepperhead, aka Carolyn Oliver; Elmer Fudd, aka J.T. Pitman, and Snowbunny, aka Candi Knight-Arevalo - who says it doesn't get cold in Florida?



Randy Moore and Sheldon Guidrey



26th Annual Arizona State Open Chili Championship

and 6th Annual Classic Car Show

SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2004
CASA GRANDE, AZ



Cook's Meeting 9:00 a.m.
Classic Car Show 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
People's Choice Cups on Sale 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (1st - 3rd Place)
Cooks' Showmanship 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. (1st - 3rd Place)
Red Chili Competition (turn in at 2:00 p.m.) (1st - 10th Place)
Competition Chili Cups on Sale at 2:00 p.m.
Live Entertainment 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**For a HOT time, contact the Greater Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce
(800) 916-1515 or (520) 836-2125 or chamber@cgmailbox.com**

While in Springfield this week (and since I had gotten a new credit card), Bess and I decided to go to the mall and look about doing some Christmas shopping. Both of us knew better. There are 3 times a year that you don't go to the mall: when the schools in the area are closed, during the summer months when there is no school, and on Wednesdays - that is Senior Citizen and Double Coupon Day.

I did get some shopping done, but what I saw more of was people walking around with small parcels or none at all. I don't know how many sales clerks I heard asking customers if they could help them and the reply was, "No, just looking" and then all the news programs tell us things are on an upswing. Well they aren't in our area.

I guess times are supposed to change, but the Christmas season was different when Bess and I were in the White House. In past years by this time in December I can safely say we had three dozen or more Christmas cards. This year we've received maybe 14 thus far. Christmas cards used to be a way you kept in touch with others. For many that was the only way. You didn't write or call someone, but you always sent out a card and in many of the cards were pictures of family members. But when you compare the price to send a Christmas card to what it was 5, 10, 15 years ago, it's getting too expensive. Perhaps the United Postal Service should take the hint from Ole Harry and make a special rate for cards during the Christmas season.

The Christmas card is becoming a thing of the past like the free calendar. It used to be every business that was anything put out a calendar. Now when you ask for a calendar, you get the answer, "We don't put them out any more". I think it's time for me to get off the Christmas subject, as it is a depressing time of year for me.

Growing up and having blue-collar parents, there were many things I wanted and wished for that I never got. Now that I am grown (I know some may have other thoughts) and in better financial condition, my thoughts are no one should have to want or wish for anything, and I try to follow that up. Perhaps that is why Bess gets so upset at me this time of year.

Speaking of the past, I recall glass ash trays were something that most people had the urge to slip in their purse or under their shirt and take home with them and you felt guilty all the way home that they were going to come after you. Motels, hotels, restaurants, truck stops, etc., all had the glass ashtrays with advertising on them somewhere. Then there were the matchbooks, wooden pencils, fly swatters, and ball point pens just to mention a few. How many of you recall that when you wanted to go somewhere or know where someplace was you went to the local gas station and picked up a free road map? Try picking up a free map today; they are few and far between.

Cars were found a lot less among the high school students back then compared to now. I can recall we used to pool all nickels, dimes and quarters to buy enough gas to fill the tank of the car of one of the lucky kids who had one; we'd ride the week then fill someone else's car the next week and so on.

Speaking of gasoline, the GMC doesn't run on fumes, and we have to go to my doctor tomorrow and it needs gas. So what I think I better do before dark is get the John Deere out and put the little cart on behind it and take Bess up and down the streets in Lamar picking up aluminum cans. With the snow on the ground, it's the best time to look for cans, as they will be on top of the snow and easy to find.

I would like to throw in a little item at the close of the column each month if I don't forget. I don't know how many of you have CD burners or even if you have a computer, but if you are like Harry, every once in a while you will ruin a CD or you get all this junk through the mail on CD's.

Tip of the Month from Harry

Don't trash those CD's. Save and use them for coasters when company comes. That's what Bess and I do. If you have several, turn them over so the writing doesn't show and you will have a matched set or make wind chimes out of them.

Note: For those who read the column last month when Bess wrote about having a new roof put on the house. YES, IT LEAKED AND IS STILL LEAKING!

Let me get serious. Listening to the sounds of that popular 1951 song by Les Paul /Mary Ford, "How High is the Moon" I need to get out of here. I will probably write again next month, as it seems we always wait till the deadline to get this to Renee and Bess will be in the hospital. I ask all of you to keep Bess in your prayers.

So Thank You For Your Time This Time & Until Next Time, Remember Start Slow & Then Taper Off!

Bess and Harry

Early Announcement For Reelection to Board

CASI Members:

I am running for reelection to the CASI Board of Directors this September at the Great Peppers' meeting in Baltimore, MD. I feel the CASI members deserve to know my intentions at the earliest date.

The first year of my two year term was a year of education as well as work. I have listened to recommendations of members and worked to get them implemented. When suggestions were not possible I provided an answer as to why it could not be implemented.

The job of public relations, although not considered a "high tech" position, has kept me busy responding to numerous inquires from individuals and organizations wanting information about CASI. I have developed some guidelines on how to start a cookoff from scratch and am constantly revising the guidelines with new ideas and methods. Sharing idea's on how cookoffs can increase their income for charities is ongoing.

My monthly column in the Terlingua Trails, "Corporate Member Spotlight" has provided information about these important members products and services. This recognition has increased the renewal rate and brought in new corporate members. I am sending a "Welcome Letter" to individuals joining CASI; hopefully, this will assist in getting the new members off to a positive start in our organization.

I enjoy the challenge and work in making TICC more enjoyable for the CASI members and guests. Each year we get better - who would have ever thought a few years back of "Krazy Flats" having an "Open House" as part of the TICC Schedule? Yes, their will be a 2004 special edition T-shirt for Krazy Flats.

I feel accountable to you, the CASI members, at the Board of Directors meetings. I have and will continue to explain my position on issue's before the Board when asked. If I don't have an answer to something, I will get you an answer as soon as possible.

I ask for your support for my reelection and your PODS vote in September.

Ken Rodd

Director - Public Relations

Chili Appreciation Society International, Inc.

Cell Phone: 210-887-8827

Email: casihotrodd@aol.com

Where Have They Gone?

Renewal membership postcards were recently sent to the following and were returned to me. If you know how to contact any of these people, please advise me either by phone (817-975-2200) or by email (mikiem@flash.net). Your help will be very much appreciated.

Dr. Bruce Davis - Alamo Heights, TX
Giles County Chamber of Commerce - Pulaski, TN
Michael L. Harpold - Hanover, PA
Keith Holbrook - Abingdon, MD
Jimmy Jennings - Overton, TX
K.C. Hearthland - N. Kansas City, MO
Stephen O. Moore - Farmington, AR
Bobby Parker - San Angelo, TX
Chester Robinson - Euleus, TX
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Cooks Name: _____
 Chili Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____
 Email Address: _____
 Contact Number () _____ Showmanship: Y N
 Show Team Name: _____
 Shirt Size: _____ (What you select is what you get)
 Alternate*: _____

Alternate may only pick up Cook's Gift.
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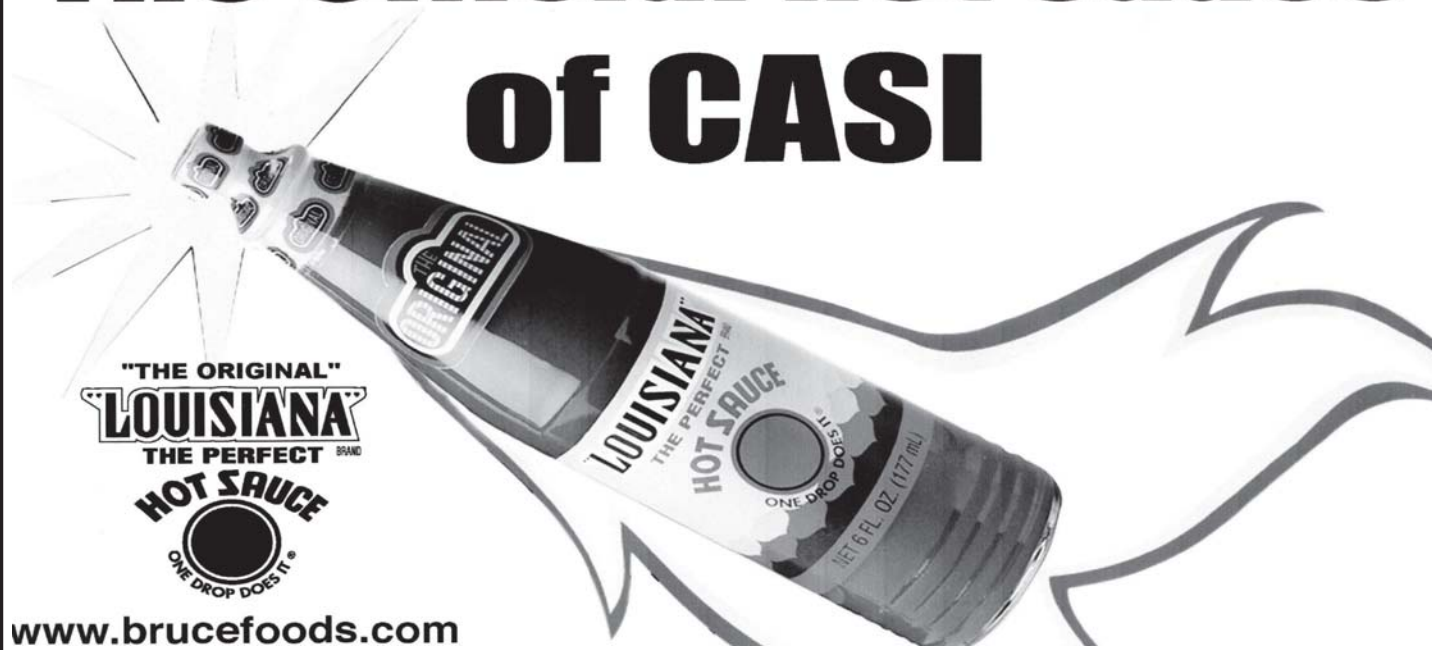
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 Name: _____ Showmanship: YES NO
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Home Phone: () _____ Work: () _____
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Name: _____ Your CASI No. _____
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Chili Team Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Street Address or PO Box: _____ Telephone No: (____) _____

City, State, Zip+4: _____ E-Mail: _____

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Date and City: _____

Cookoff Name: _____

Street Address/Location: _____

CASI Sanctioned: _____ Charity: _____

Turn-in Time: _____ Entry Fee: _____

Checks Payable to: _____

Information Contact: _____

Contact Address: _____

Preregistration Deadline (If Applicable): _____ Special Meat: _____

Mail Judging Packet to: _____

Need Rule Book: (Yes) or (No) Chili Grind Only: (Yes) or (No)
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