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TRI-STATE OPEN



Winner of the Tri-State Open are: Top row left to right: 10th Vickie Childers, 9th Judy Hawthorne, 8th Kyle Adams, 7th Ennis Penland, 6th Melvin Sanders, Bottom Left to right 4th Pam Matherson, 1st Mike Parker, 2nd LaMont Fisher, 3rd Shirley Smith, and 5th Nancy Graves

The Tri-State Open benefiting the Make-A-Wish Foundation was a great success again this year and everyone had a great time. If you missed this cook-off you need to put it on your calendar for next year. Just ask anyone who attended this year. We had 128 cooks in all competing, coming from Colorado, Florida, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. We also had 17 corporate cooks. The weather was wonderful and the public came out in full force. I would like to thank everyone that helped with the cook-off. If I were to try to name them all I would forget someone so I won't try, but you know who you are. We had a great band that played all day; the silent auction had great items in it. The band had such a good time that they were still playing as the cooks were loading up their stuff and leaving.

Vickie Childress

CASI Hot Line
888-CASIHOT



If you have a cookoff coming up in the month of **April** your cookoff information must be in the hands of the CASI Upcomings Director by **February 15th** to meet the 30 day cookoff advertising requirement.



“A View from the Top of An Ole Chillihead”

February is the fifth month of the chili year. Theoretically we should all have a minimum of five points by now. I hope you have yours, I don't.

For the last fifteen years or more I have been trying to get the Great Peppers involved in our CASI chili history. To say the least, the interest has been lukewarm. I think there are a lot of reasons for this. Number one was probably money. A fear that you or your Pod would be asked for money to pay for a museum. A second reason is time, it's hard to get into writing and collecting material during your work week and of course the weekend is for cooking chili. I know, I should have written this article three or four months ago. Work can be a nasty four letter word sometimes, but we need to make money to afford our chili cooking habit. Is chili a drug? There have been times that make you wonder.

It's time to get serious. It's time to quit talking and do something now.

The time for procrastinating and screwing around on this subject has to end. We need to preserve our chili heritage. And the time is now. Our CASI President has secured the money to build this museum in Terlingua, so we don't need money from anyone. The building can be in place by next TICC. I am putting this into an article to all chili cooks instead of just writing a letter to the Great Peppers. We want support from all chiliheads for this project. That is what CASI stands for - all chili cooks, not just directors, great peppers, referees, etc. This is your organization, your heritage, your history. Let's preserve it. The support we need from you will be whatever you wish to contribute such as time, articles, collecting, just moral support, etc.

Here is what I want from each of you and this is very important. A simple vote for supporting a chili museum at Terlingua or a no vote. Please send your vote to me as soon as you read this article. You can e-mail me at: hrkintl@sbcglobal.net or phone me [210-410-7206](tel:210-410-7206) or write P O Box 351 - Seguin, Texas 78156. I will tabulate the votes and get them to our CASI board and publish the results in the next issue of the *Trails*.

See you on the trail to Terlingua, and maybe when we arrive we can visit the chili museum.

H. Ray King

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To Save or Not to Save

That is the question we must all ask ourselves. Do we want to save our history or let it go the way of the trash cans, shredders, and landfills?

While at TICC, a chili cook offered me a complete set of TICC posters. Did I tell him I wanted them? You better believe I did. These are priceless and many can never be replaced. They will look wonderful hung on the walls of the museum in Terlingua.

Since requesting bios for those whose names appear on the Memorial Board, I have received a few; not nearly enough, but it's a start. What better way to honor these individuals than to record their accomplishments for future generations to read. If you have background on anyone, please submit it to me.

It's said that history repeats itself. That may be true of some events, but the fact is our chili history will not be repeated. Each of us is a historian and it's our responsibility to see that this history is preserved.

Renee Moore



Important Insurance Notice

If you are holding a cookoff, please make sure the venue has their own insurance before having them listed as an additional insured on the CASI certificate for that event. Holding a cookoff at a location that does not have insurance, and basically sharing the CASI insurance for their liability, could have catastrophic consequences to our insurance and ability to continue holding cookoffs.

The purpose of CASI insurance is to protect CASI and is not to protect those too foolish to protect themselves.

Alan

CASI members, please check your personal information in the CASI Information System. Corrections and additions should be sent to CASI Data Manager, Joe Price at jdprice@tularosa.net

Alan Dean's *Chili Hot News* is now available on the web at:

www.chotnews.blogspot.com/

This newsletter is updated almost daily with the latest news about CASI, cookoffs, cooks, and much more.



ED Pondering

Help Wanted: CASI is looking for a pod or pods to host future Great Peppers Meetings. We need sites for 2009, 2010, and beyond.

The TIT, Black Sheep of Texas, and NOB Pods have been busy working together as they prepare to host this year's Great Peppers Meeting in Amarillo. There have been some preliminary requests for information from other prospective hosts but, as of now, we have no knowledge of anyone considering a bid for 2009 or beyond. We need your help.

Holding a Great Peppers Meeting in your hometown is not as formidable a task as you might think. You do need to find a meeting place and you need to do a little fundraising, but hosting a Great Peppers Meeting can be a real energizer for your pod. Bringing so many CASI veterans to your town to interact with your newer members and local cooks can be a great boost to their chili enthusiasm.

Organizers of recent meetings will be happy to share their experiences with you. They frequently forward documents, budgets, and organizational plans for you to learn from.

CASI has a Great Peppers Meeting Handbook with all of the detailed information to guarantee a successful meeting. If you might consider making a bid on an upcoming meeting, please let me know and I will forward a copy of the handbook to you.

I hope to see you at the cookoffs.

Alan

Didn't buy at TICC, you still can

Long Sleeve T-Shirts, Bandanas, Baseball Shirts, Tank Tops, Ladies T-Shirts, Bumper Stickers and Window Decals. Aprons, CASI Window Shades, Tote Bags. 2006 Posters and some previous years available.

Dorothy Williams 1-888-227-4468 or email Dorothy@hughes.net

CASI INSURANCE

Please make note: the contact for obtaining insurance certificates for cookoffs has changed. To get a certificate (proof of insurance) for your cookoff, please contact Michelle Moreau-Account Manager, or Mindy Hines, Consolidated Insurance Center, Inc., 11403 Cronridge Drive, PO Box 0664, Owings Mills, MD 21117-0664, Phone: 410-356-9500, Fax: 410-363-3520, Email: mmoreau@ciinc.com

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Murmurs from Mama



As we start the new year, I want to take a minute and acknowledge some very fine folks in my life and yours. I am talking about our Educators, our School Teachers and Coaches. Most of us were fortunate to have known Hut and Jackie Brown. This article is a tribute to them and other teachers who have left us. It is a further tribute to our teachers in the chili world that I am so fortunate to know. I salute Dan Bauer, Coach Davis, Alan Dean, Bobby and Patsy Elliott, Barbara Herrin, Kathy Killingsworth, Dewey Lawhon, Preston Nickle, Barbara Schueler, Barry Shaw, Shirley Stateczny, Kelly Talavera, and Reva Weatherly, all in the chili world.

I know some of you have retired, but I still thank you for all your contributions. Please, if I have missed anyone, it is not deliberate, as I have a very special place in my heart for all teachers, Sunday School Teachers, Little League Coaches, etc.

This is dedicated to all of you. I read this recently and wanted to share this as it is a straight shooting article.

The dinner guests were sitting around the table discussing life. One man, a big time businessman CEO, decided to explain the problem with education. He argued, what's some kid going to learn from someone who decided his best option in life was to become a teacher? He then stated, "Those who can, do. Those who can't, teach." He said to another guest, "Bonnie, you are a teacher, be honest, what do you make?" Bonnie, well known for honesty and frankness, paused for a second, and then began.

"You want to know what I make? I make kids work harder than they ever thought they could. I make a C+ feel like the Congressional Medal of Honor. I make kids sit through 40 minutes of class time when their parents can't make them sit for five without an iPod, Game Cube, or movie rental. I make kids wonder. I make them question. I make them apologize and mean it. I make them respect and take responsibility for their actions. I teach them to write and then I make them write. Keyboarding isn't everything. I make them read, read, read. I make them show all their work in math. I make them use their God-given brain, not the man made calculator. I make my students from other Countries learn everything they need to know in English while preserving their unique cultural identity. I make my classroom a place where all my students feel safe. I make my students stand, placing their hands over their hearts to say the Pledge of Allegiance to The Flag, One Nation under God, because we live in the United States of America. Finally, I make them understand if they use the gifts they were given, work hard, and follow their hearts, they can succeed in life. Then when people try to judge me by what I make, with me knowing that money isn't everything, I can hold my head up high and pay no attention because they are arrogant and ignorant. You want to know what I make? I MAKE A DIFFERENCE. What do you make, Mr. CEO?" His jaw dropped and he went silent.

Folks, WE CAN ALL MAKE A DIFFERENCE. So why don't we start the new year by being nicer, kinder, and more positive. Let's all teach a younger less experienced cook the ropes, the rules, and make them a part of us. Be upbeat. Those of you who are getting points might want to help them with their recipe. If you see me on the Trail, you might want to help me with mine, also. Have a great year. GOD BLESS US ALL, GOD BLESS OUR TEACHERS, AND GOD BLESS AMERICA.

Mama Sue



TallyWhackers

Back in the fall, I identified some areas on the cookoff paperwork for improvement this year. Let's see how we're doing.

Nobody's perfect #1: The cookoff identification information is vital to our operation. Without it, the whole process comes to a grinding halt. I had a problem with paperwork coming from a particular area. In Terlingua I had the opportunity to discuss the

situation with the responsible parties and made sure they understood the consequences of continued incomplete paperwork. Of course, upon my return from TICC, the very first cookoff to come out of that region was missing the identification information. Their injuries are healing nicely, and they should be back cooking soon.

Nobody's perfect #2: I also asked that we be more diligent with the recording of show team winners. To reiterate; show teams earn points, not the people who captain them. So these names, correctly spelled, are very important. I recently received paperwork that was very complete except the winning show team names were missing. Fortunately, the Show Team Entrant List was filled out and included so I could match the winning captains with their teams, but that takes extra time. Oh, the cookoff referee; a very high ranking CASI official. I sure will enjoy the Lone Stars he will be buying me when next we meet.

Nobody's perfect #3: I asked that the secondary cookoff statistics (charity and money raised, and attendance) be sent to me, even if not available at the time the paperwork is submitted. I will not hold up the processing of a cookoff's paperwork for this information, but we do consider it important and want to be able to track it. I do understand there are times when it is quite difficult to pry that information from the cookoff promoter (happens here too), but I'll just ask that you try.

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Qualified As Of January 15, 2008

COOKS

- 47 Stephanie Brockman, Irving TX
- 48 Kary Fieseler, Irving TX
- 49 Clyde C Rogers, San Antonio TX
- 50 Larry "Doc" Kinnison
Marble Falls TX
- 51 Jim Trietsch, Waco TX
- 52 Melodie Smith, San Antonio TX
- 53 Susie Shaw, Parsons TN
- 54 Everett Crawford, Broken Arrow OK
- 55 Shirley Sexton, Dallas TX

- 28 Divine Bovine, Brooksville FL
- Dolan, Charles E. (Chuck)
- 29 Tall Boy, Rockdale TX
- Caffey, John
- 30 Spine Tingling Chili
- Marble Falls TX
- Kinnison, Carrie
- 31 Hot Muffler Chili, Austin TX
- Woodson, Gunter
- 32 Biker Babe Chili, San Antonio TX
- Smith, Melodie
- 33 Shady Lady, Wylie TX
- McElyea, Brenda
- 34 Native Texas Chili, Kaufman TX
- Gowins, James

SHOWTEAMS

- 26 Hell's Fury, Dallas TX
- Sexton, Shirley
- 27 Wink's Surprise, Crawford TX
- Stimson, Dianne



CASI Membership Report

John Goforth - Membership Chairperson



Thank you to all of our members who have renewed their annual dues. If you have a question about your membership, please call me (830) 832-5070 or email me (membership@chili.org.) 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.
PLEASE NOTE: ADDRESS FOR MEMBERSHIP- P.O. BOX 841, COMFORT, TX 78013-0841

Our New CASI Members

Dick Blinzler - Rio Rancho, NM
Gene Broyles - Amarillo, TX
Sandy Broyles - Amarillo, TX
Vicki Bryan - Lubbock, TX
Mark Glover - Mineral Wells, TX
Arlon Nipp - Tyler, TX
Beatrice White - Ponder, TX
Sarah White - Ponder, TX
Toni White - Ponder, TX
Russell Williams - Amarillo, TX

Renewing Members

Doris Angell - Cedar Park, TX
Ronald Angell - Cedar Park, TX
Duke Armendariz - San Antonio, TX

Vickie Blackburn - Sanger, TX
Tim Brown - Indianapolis, IN
City of Commerce - Commerce, TX
Johnny Dark - Raytown, MO
Stacey Davis - Pasadena, TX
Harford Field - Big Canoe, GA
Chris Gissendanner - West Monroe, LA
Ernest Hays - Irving, TX
Mark Holmes - Dallas, TX
Les Ingle - Keene, CA
Don G. Iverson - Nash, TX
Richard J. Keller - Austin, TX
Keith "Fro" Kilpatrick - Saginaw, TX
Roma Kilpatrick - Saginaw, TX
Bill Merrimann - San Antonio, TX
Mike Monte - Cedar Park, TX
Ronnie Phillips - Brownfield, TX
Ann Sanford - Ovilla, TX
Norman L. Smith - Memphis, TN

Edna M. Thompson - Houston, TX
George F. Thompson - Houston, TX
Rick White - Ponder, TX
Tom Williams - McKinney, TX

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

Remember if you're moving, let us know. Your *Trails* will not follow you without an address change. You can either call me (830-832-5070) or email me at membership@chili.org.

Need to know when your membership expires or how to get in touch with a friend? Visit the CASI Information Site (CIS). It can answer those questions and a whole lot more! I hope each of you will take the time to add your phone numbers and email addresses to your data. You never know who might give you a call!!!



Donations, Contributions and Memorials

The following memorials were made to the CASI Scholarship Fund:

In memory of Hut Brown: Mel & Sharon Neff, Carolyn & Doug Seelig, Hill Country Software & Support, Michael M. Strack Consultants, Highland Lakes Pod

In memory of Jerry Dickerson: Steve & Margaret Lopez, Mel & Sharon Neff

In memory of Roxanna Patton: Highland Lakes Pod

In memory of Bill Riley (Tex Riley's father): Highland Lakes Pod

In memory of Colleen Wallace: Highland Lakes Pod



Corporate Membership

John Goforth - Membership Chairperson

**PLEASE WELCOME
AND THANK THESE
CASI MEMBERS.**

They have invested in our Society as Annual Corporate Members. If you live in their area, PLEASE stop by and thank them personally.

Ballenger & Associates - DeLeon, TX
Big Bend Motor Inn - Terlingua, TX
Big Bend River Tours, Inc. - Terlingua, TX
Canyon Lake Medical Center - Canyon Lake, TX
Capital One, N.A. - Austin, TX
Carefree RV Resorts - Scottsdale, AZ
Cherokee Lakes, Inc. - Alexander, AR
Chisos Mining Co. Motel, Inc. - Terlingua, TX
Cycletek - Terlingua, TX
Dave's Pepper Place - Spring, TX
Desert Sports - Terlingua, TX
Dumb Blond Enterprises LLC - Kansas City, MO

El Paso Kid - St. Petersburg, FL
Far Flung Outdoor Center - Terlingua, TX
Goshawk Environmental Consulting, Inc. - Kyle, TX
Hut Brown, Director Emeritus - El Paso, TX
International River Runners - Austin, TX
Irving Elks #2334 - Irving, TX
Lake Country Lanes - Marble Falls, TX
Long Draw Pizza - Terlingua, TX
Lorina's Cantina - Del Rio, TX
Dr. Steve & Ann Meyer - Dallas, TX
Mitchell Resort & RV Park - Perrin, TX
Mockingbird Hill - Terlingua, TX
Monosite, Inc. - Odessa, TX
9 Fingers Jeep Tours - Odessa, TX
Passport America - Long Beach, MS
Pecan Grove RV Park - Alpine, TX
Pelican's On The Bayou - New Iberia, LA
Phoenix Country Club - Stanton, TX

Poochco Sportswear & Apparel - Ft. Worth, TX
Purple Haze Jeep Club - Gardendale, TX
Quilts, Etc. by Marguerite - Terlingua, TX
R&R Construction, Inc. - Monahans, TX
Rancho Fandango - Terlingua, TX
Red Lion Spicy Food Company - Red Lion, PA
Red River Conference Center - Red River, NM
Renfro Foods, Inc. - Fort Worth, TX
Rio Bravo Security - Terlingua, TX
Saltwater Cowboy Cantina - Terlingua, TX
San Antonio Pod CASI - San Antonio, TX
Southwest Abstract & Title Co. - Rankin, TX
Southwest Canopy of Texas - Houston, TX
Southwest Horn Toad Raisers Assn. - Odessa, TX
Study Butte Store - Terlingua, TX
T&K Dairy - Snyder, TX
Taylor Construction - Johnson City, TX
Ten Bits Ranch - Terlingua, TX
Terlingua Auto Service - Terlingua, TX
Texa-Chem Specialties of Midland - Midland, TX
Thunderbird Machinery - Odessa, TX
Unknown Toner - Midland, TX
Vineyards of Texas - Canyon Lake, TX
Wales Land Company, Inc. - Terlingua, TX
WPI Firefighter's Fund - Ft. Worth, TX



TALLYMASTER'S REPORT

YEAR-TO-DATE COOKOFF-STATISTICS

STATE	REQ PTS	COOKOFFS HELD	CHILIS JUDGED	MONEY RAISED
ARKANSAS	12	5	97	7,060.00
ARIZONA	12	5	91	10,431.00
CALIFORNIA	6	1	28	1,500.00
COLORADO	9	1	15	450.00
FLORIDA	9	4	79	11,800.00
IOWA	6	1	17	5,200.00
ILLINOIS	12	4	63	1,688.00
INDIANA	6	1	28	25,000.00
KANSAS	6	1	91	2,487.00
LOUISIANA	6	2	52	1,350.00
MARYLAND	9	3	61	6,550.00
MISSOURI	6	2	31	4,000.00
NORTH CAROLINA	9	1	17	1,200.00
NEW MEXICO	9	3	94	3,371.00
OKLAHOMA	12	4	68	16,875.00
SOUTH CAROLINA	6	1	15	13,000.00
TENNESSEE	9	3	52	22,300.00
TEXAS	12	104	3,245	197,957.00
VIRGINIA	9	2	39	600.00
GRAND TOTAL		148	4,183	332,819.00

DELINQUENT COOKOFFS - These are Cookoffs held before 12/01/07 that results have not been received for!

*** No Delinquent Cookoffs ***

CONDOLENCES

Please keep their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers

Roger Bains, Rankin, TX

Dick Slocumb, 1972 Men's State Winner, of Pasadena, TX

Remember Loved Ones

Contributions to the CASI National Scholarship Fund in memory of a loved one or to honor a birthday, wedding, anniversary or special occasion are always appreciated. Please feel free to utilize this form when submitting a donation.

A contribution is enclosed in the amount of \$ _____.

This contribution is in memory of or in honor of: _____

Please send acknowledgement to: _____ (Name)

(Street Address) (City, State, Zip)

Indicate acknowledgement is from: _____ (Name)

(Street Address) (City, State, Zip)



Nobody Told Me

My favorite part of CASI is our devotion to charity. I like being able to tell people that everything we do raises money for some charity. Of course it costs me some money to cook chili, but it feels better when I'm raising money for someone or some organization that needs money and will put it to good use. I've never got in trouble for giving my money away.

One of my favorite CASI charities is the CASI Scholarship Fund. This is a program that provides money to help kids pay for college. It is available to any high school graduate, without restriction of any kind. The only hurdle they have to overcome is the CASI Board of Directors that makes the decision on how many scholarships are awarded and the CASI Scholarship Committee that determines who gets the scholarships. And they have to go to an accredited college.

For several years, CASI bestowed a college Scholarship to the top graduating student from Terlingua High School, officially called Big Bend High School. At the 2000 Great Pepper's Meeting, that program was expanded to include graduating students from across the United States and beyond. The CASI Scholarship Fund was established to assist with this endeavor. A day of competition was added to our Terlingua International Chili Championship to help fund the scholarships. All of the money raised on Friday each year will be deposited in the fund.

Each year, applications are accepted until February 1, which are then reviewed by the Scholarship Committee. Approximately 100 applications are reviewed with the top 10 determined by the Committee. This year, the plan is to award five, four-year scholarships of \$1000.00 per year.

The application is available from the Resource Center on the CASI web site. It asks for such information as name and address of the applicant, what high school he or she attends, and what Grade Point Average they maintain. Then, the application asks for a list of honors received in high school, extracurricular activities, and community service or activities. The applicant also has to tell them what school he or she plans to attend, and what major field of study will be pursued. And the hard part of the application is a "250 word narrative about yourself and your future goals."

The application then must be submitted to the Interim Scholarship Chairperson, Alan Dean, who forwards it to the committee members.

There is no requirement to show financial need, and certainly no restrictions on race, creed, color, religion, or even love of chili. The application just has to show the committee that the scholarship will be well used and is likely to result in graduation.

Scholarships are not awarded until the money is in the bank for all four years. The payments are sent directly to the college and not to the student. The interest on the funds earmarked for future payments is sufficient to fund at least one scholarship each year.

We now have about thirty active scholarships, which obviously means that we spend about \$30,000 per year. If there is a better investment anywhere, I can't find it. Education is probably the most recession and inflation proof investment one can make, and when young people are the deserving recipient of that investment, the benefits go on for a long time. We can make a difference far beyond our own powers to add or detract.

It's just another reason why I'm proud to be a chili cook. Great people, big fun, and the opportunity to join with those great people to make the world a little bit better in our little corner of it. The chili trail is more than a bowl of red and a can of beer.

Steve Dowdy





Cook Off Winners



Nov 17, 2007-007 - Valley Mills TX
Annual Valley Mills CCO, 36 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Brad Ballenger, DeLeon TX
- 2 Jamie Ballenger, DeLeon TX
- 3 Gary Brignon, Waxahachie TX
- 4 Drucella "Dru" Stewart, Hurst TX
- 5 Dinah Beeson, Penelope TX
- 6 Ronnie Schimschat, Waco TX
- 7 Jim Taylor, Alvarado TX
- 8 Elmo Hite, Burnet TX
- 9 Kelly Brignon, Waxahachie TX
- 10 Mark Sanders, Ennis TX

SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

- 1 Hot To Trot
North Richland Hills TX
Sherree Duncan
- 2 Jelly Bean #1, Burnet TX
Elmo Hite
- 3 Stinkfoot, Waco TX
Jim Trietsch

Nov 18, 2007-004 - Valley Mills TX
Valley Mills Day After CCO, 20 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Sally Hite, Burnet TX
- 2 James (Jim) McCraw, Goldthwaite TX
- 3 Jamie Ballenger, DeLeon TX
- 4 Randall Lee (Randy) Duke
Valley Mills TX

- 5 Suzie Manske, Arlington TX
- 6 Ernie Nelson, McGregor TX
- 7 Angie Duke, Valley Mills TX
- 8 Shirley Sexton, Dallas TX
- 9 Brad Ballenger, DeLeon TX
- 10 Elmo Hite, Burnet TX

SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

- 1 Firebarn Chili, Goldthwaite TX
James (Jim) McCraw
- 2 Hell's Fury, Dallas TX
Shirley Sexton
- 3 Stinkfoot, Waco TX
Jim Trietsch

Dec 1, 2007-001 - San Angelo TX
12th Annual Toys and Food For Tots, 15
CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Rory Randolph, San Angelo TX
- 2 Sue Yates, San Angelo TX
- 3 Delana Gierisch, San Angelo TX
- 4 Fred Lazarus, San Angelo TX
- 5 Sherril Lloyd, San Angelo TX
- 6 Sammie Plant, San Angelo TX
- 7 Janice Miller, San Angelo TX
- 8 Cliff Miller, San Angelo TX
- 9 Susan Howell, San Angelo TX
- 10 Bill Hill, San Angelo TX

SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

- 1 Way To Go Ronnie, San Angelo TX
Ronnie Yates
- 2 Concho Canary, San Angelo TX
Sammie Plant
- 3 Sweet Meat, San Angelo TX
Sherril Lloyd

Dec 1, 2007-006 - Golden CO
7th Annual Downtown Golden CCO, 15
CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Robert Batie, Loveland CO
- 2 Christi Batie, Loveland CO
- 3 Lyman Wilkinson, Loveland CO
- 4 Karen Hendricks, Broomfield CO
- 5 Steve Lee, Longmont CO
- 6 Linda Wilkinson, Loveland CO
- 7 John Montgomery, Golden CO
- 8 Rocky Kimball, Highlands Ranch CO
- 9 Stephanie Lee, Longmont CO
- 10 UNCLAIMED

SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

- 1 Warriors of the Crimson Pepper
Longmont CO
Steve Lee
- 2 Chili Shack, The, Loveland CO
Lyman Wilkinson
- 3 4th Down and Goal, Golden CO
John Montgomery

Dec 1, 2007-008 - Sierra Vista AZ
High Desert Pod Annual Christmas, 21
CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Tobie Brown, Sierra Vista AZ
- 2 Sunny Fichtl, Sierra Vista AZ
- 3 Norm Dunn, Sierra Vista AZ
- 4 Mike Strack, Sierra Vista AZ
- 5 Francisco "Frank" Estrada
Albuquerque NM
- 6 Rick Thomas, Alto NM
- 7 Altarose Hite, Burnet TX
- 8 Elmo Hite, Burnet TX
- 9 Russ Hite, Sierra Vista AZ
- 10 Roy Fisher, Sierra Vista AZ

SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

- 1 Los Tres Pendejos, Sierra Vista AZ
Ben Berry
- 2 Jelly Bean #1, Burnet TX
Elmo Hite
- 3 Bear Paw Too, Alto NM
Rick Thomas

Dec 1, 2007-011 - Denton TX
Denton Elks Lodge, 17 CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Jena Whitehead, Dallas TX
- 2 Meredith Martin, Frisco TX

- 3 Duayne Price, Roanoke TX
- 4 Frances Sullivan, Ennis TX
- 5 Michael R. Burke, Fort Worth TX
- 6 Ray Calhoun, Waxahachie TX
- 7 Delora Goin, Valley View TX
- 8 Sarah White, Ponder TX
- 9 Vickie Blackburn, Sanger TX
- 10 Jim Trietsch, Waco TX

SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

- 1 Hillbilly Chili, Dallas TX
David Whitehead
- 2 Cowgirl Attitude, Sanger TX
Vickie Blackburn
- 3 None, Frisco TX
Mark Martin

Dec 2, 2007-002 - Kissimmee FL
Old Town's Truck N' For Toys CCO,
15 CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Tiffany Montgomery, Corsicana TX
- 2 Robbie Swart, Kennesaw GA
- 3 Candace (Candi) Arevalo
Wellington FL
- 4 John Parkinson, Kissimmee FL
- 5 Kenneth Swart, Kennesaw GA
- 6 Amy Beams, Homosassa FL
- 7 Bert Dunn, Homosassa FL
- 8 Charles E. (Chuck) Dolan
Brooksville FL
- 9 Keith Bennett, The Villages FL
- 10 Kyle Pietila, Kissimmee FL

SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

- 1 Mai Chai Chili, Kissimmee FL
Kyle Pietila
- 2 Divine Bovine, Brooksville FL
Charles E. (Chuck) Dolan
- 3 S.V.I.T. Chili, The Villages FL
Keith Bennett

Dec 2, 2007-003 - Wickenburg AZ
16th Rancher Bar CCO, 15 CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Roland Regeon, Phoenix AZ
- 2 Jerry D. Lee, Wittmann AZ
- 3 Dick Smith, New River AZ
- 4 Sandi Garner, Mesa AZ
- 5 Ken Brown, Gold Canyon AZ
- 6 Norman Schoenrad, New River AZ
- 7 David J."MadJack" Garner, Mesa AZ
- 8 Jeffrey Goekler, Phoenix AZ
- 9 Dennis Huff, Wittmann AZ
- 10 Val Velitschkowski
Apache Junction AZ

SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

- 1 Rancher Bar, Wickenburg AZ
Mike Andrews
- 2 Real Men, New River AZ
Norman Schoenrad

3 Grayhound Stew, Gold Canyon AZ
Ken Brown

Dec 8, 2007-002 - Irving TX
19th Annual Does Cookoff, 70 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Stephanie Brockman, Irving TX
- 2 Barbara "Babs" Johnson, Irving TX
- 3 Coby Davis, Garland TX
- 4 Morris Moss, Garland TX
- 5 Kary Fieseler, Irving TX
- 6 Kelly Brignon, Waxahachie TX
- 7 Teena "T.J." Friedel, Irving TX
- 8 Jena Whitehead, Dallas TX
- 9 Gary Brignon, Waxahachie TX
- 10 Kelly Killingbeck, Euless TX

SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

- 1 Trailblazer Cooking Team, Hurst TX
Beth Moon
- 2 Shady Lady, Wylie TX
Brenda McElyea
- 3 Dream Catcher, Irving TX
Teena "T.J." Friedel

Dec 15, 2007-001 - McGregor TX
Toys For Tots, 32 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Dianne Stimson, Crawford TX
- 2 Donna Conrad, Crawford TX
- 3 Michael A Mayorga, Seabrook TX
- 4 Johnnie L. Sullivan, Ennis TX
- 5 Coby Davis, Garland TX
- 6 Greg Martin, Leander TX
- 7 Frances Sullivan, Ennis TX
- 8 Larry "Doc" Kinnison
Marble Falls TX
- 9 Barbara Schueler, Leander TX
- 10 Carrie Kinnison, Marble Falls TX

SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

- 1 Ayi Mijo, Houston TX
Keith Karaff
- 2 Wink's Surprise, Crawford TX
Dianne Stimson
- 3 Fire Barn, Goldthwaite TX
Trey McCraw

Dec 16, 2007-001 - McGregor TX
Sunday Toys for Tots, 25 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS

- 1 James Bauer, Leander TX
- 2 Barbara Schueler, Leander TX
- 3 Donna Conrad, Crawford TX
- 4 Carrie Kinnison, Marble Falls TX
- 5 Dianne Stimson, Crawford TX
- 6 Keith Karaff, Houston TX
- 7 Michael A Mayorga, Seabrook TX
- 8 Neal Doss, Georgetown TX
- 9 Larry "Doc" Kinnison
Marble Falls TX

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Scholarship Update

As the semester comes to a close, I am just letting you know that school is going a lot better than earlier in the semester. I am taking Calculus II, calculus-based Physics I, Chemistry I, and an Engineering Physics programming class. Calculus and physics have been pretty good all semester; I have an A in both classes (but we still have finals! Just kidding, I will try really hard). Chemistry and the programming class have been a little difficult, but I got those grades up, and they should stay up. I know this year's classes were a tough load to take all at once, but I struggled through and I have learned not to do it again.

I have signed up for classes for next semester already, and I do believe that they are going to be a little easier, even though there are a couple more. I am taking Calculus III and Physics II, a multicultural class called "Schools: Society and Diversity", a computer graphing class, Economics of Engineering, and a weight lifting class. All through high school I remained in athletics, not just because it kept me in shape and to participate in school events, but I could relax from my Pre-AP and AP classes and not think about homework I have to do or a test I have to study for. I am hoping that this weight lifting class will help me in the same way it used to.

I am also thinking of changing my major. I want to do engineering but I don't know if it is really for me. I also wanted to get certified to teach either early elementary or secondary education. For secondary education, I would be certified in Physics, Calculus or Algebra, and American History. I like to be very diverse with my knowledge. If I do not stay in engineering, I will do teaching with my major being in physics and mathematics.

Things are going well here at Texas Tech. I am so excited that it is almost time for Christmas break, though. It has been a considerably short semester, and is a lot different than life in Tahoka, or even high school. It is a good experience so far.

I would again like to thank you everyone for my scholarship. It is a great financial help and I don't know what I would do without it. I will send a transcript of my semester grades as soon as I can. Thank you so much and Merry Christmas!!

Sincerely,

Sarah Draper

10 Steve Ashman, Bastrop TX

SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

- 1 Ayi Mijo, Houston TX
Keith Karaff
- 2 Fire Barn, Goldthwaite TX
Trey McCraw
- 3 Wink's Surprise, Crawford TX
Dianne Stimson

Dec 29, 2007-001 - Kingsland TX

American Legion Post 437 Ladies, 47

CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Clyde C Rogers, San Antonio TX
- 2 Larry "Doc" Kinnison
Marble Falls TX
- 3 James Bauer, Leander TX
- 4 Lynn Hejtmancik, Buda TX
- 5 Donna Conrad, Crawford TX
- 6 Tom Cook, Marble Falls TX
- 7 Jean H. Barkley, Weimar TX
- 8 Bill Dees, Bulverde TX
- 9 Barbara Benold, Dripping Springs TX
- 10 Tracie Ashman, Bastrop TX

SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

- 1 Biker Babe Chili, San Antonio TX
Melodie Smith
- 2 Tall Boy, Rockdale TX
John Caffey
- 3 Aunt Donna's Chili, Crawford TX
Donna Conrad

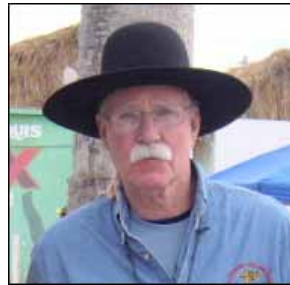
Dec 30, 2007-001 - Kingsland TX

American Legion Post 437 CCO, 52

CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Larry "Doc" Kinnison
Marble Falls TX
- 2 Alan Dean, Johnson City TX
- 3 Traci Bond, Kerrville TX
- 4 Wayne Copeland, Oglesby TX
- 5 Terry L. Tenery, Kerrville TX
- 6 Melodie Smith, San Antonio TX
- 7 Herb Ross, Marble Falls TX
- 8 James Bauer, Leander TX
- 9 Billy Doss, Georgetown TX
- 10 Larry Burruss, San Marcos TX



For Big Rog

As I Recall, the first time I met Big Rog Bains was in the Winter of 28. It was the middle of August, and we were competing in the Sno-Cone race from Presidio to Iraan. He was mushing a sled drawn by some high bred Chihuahau's, and I was driving a mixed bunch of Dashaunds. His side kick was a gal named Theadora, and my so called second was Brant Boy, for what he was worth. Snow was a foot deep, in Colorado

Canyon, and falling so thick that you couldn't see the dogs. But Rog had a lead dog called Lightning, and every so often his hair would stand up, and shoot out streams of light, that would help Big Rog stay the trail. We were West of Lajitas, at the bottom of the draw by the CASI site, when a Red wind blew in from South and melted all the snow. We stopped and started celebrating, the good weather, with a drink of Egg-Nog, when all of a sudden a Blue Norther swept in and froze the water on the highway. Well there was no way the dogs and sleds, could make it up the slippery hill, to Terlingua. It was darned important, that we got to Iraan before 6 P. M., that evening, cause Big Rog was playing back-up Piccolo, with Tommy Owens and The Good Old Boy's Band. Well lo and behold, in about an hour, a Walmart truck, with mud chains on, and offered us a ride. We all piled in the trailer and he took us all the way to Iraan.

Now I would tell this story and some people wouldn't believe it, but when Big Rog told it they would believe him.

Dave Boone



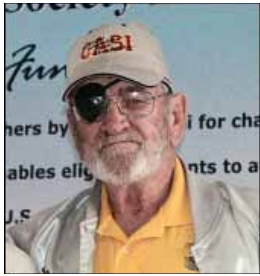
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Ken's Korner with Ken Large

I didn't know when I visited with Hut Brown back in November at Terlingua that it would be the last time I would see him. I knew that in the last couple of years, his step had grown slower and his stature had shrunk a bit, but he otherwise seemed to be in good health for his age.

I had first met Hut at a chili cook off in Hobbs, NM in the early months of 1987. Ed Kelley, Dennis Parish and I had traveled the 100 miles or so from Midland and arrived in Hobbs about the same time as a bitter north wind that had most cooks sitting in their respective vehicles, heater on. The cook off was being held in some Oil Service Company lot, and after some discussion the Service Company personnel moved some equipment out of one of the buildings and we moved the cook off inside. Out of the wind and with the heat from the stoves making the temperature of the building bearable, we started to socialize. I had noticed the big man in a 10 gallon hat and almost floor length duster as I had entered, and wanted to meet him. I'm big on first impressions, and I liked Hut from the start. He had a strong handshake, looked you in the eye when he spoke, and seemed interested in what you had to say. I had no idea at that time how many times our trails would cross in the next twenty years.

Hut ran for, and was elected to the office of Executive Director of CASI at the Great Peppers Meeting in 1990, and served in that office for eight years. As a Great Pepper, and later a member of the Board, I had many occasions to correspond with Hut on business matters and also to seek his advice on one thing or another. Hut had the ability to make you feel that your questions or input was the most important thing on his agenda. I never received any correspondence from him without a personal note attached. And I saved them all.

Hut formed the Pod of the Pass in El Paso in the late 1970's. He was also a member of the Black Gold Pod and when he retired from ED the Pod made him a life member, with Great Pepper Barbara Conaway citing his many worthwhile contributions to The Chili Appreciation Society International.

He was preceded in death by Jackie Brown, his wife of 50 years or more. You could tell they had been married for a long time because when Hut would start a tale, Jackie would finish it for him. Hut was cool and pretended this did not bother him, but it would have me.

Hut was born in the year of the Great Depression, finished high school at the age of 16, graduated from TCU and went into the education field. You knew he was good at what he did, coaching, teaching and later in administrative work, because of the many honors bestowed upon him. I mean from Coaches Hall of Fame to having a school named for you, you had to be good.

I always felt that Huts' heart was really in Law Enforcement and had he been born 20 or so years earlier he would have been. I can see him as a Texas Ranger, chasing crooks and banditos along the Rio Grande. He would have been good at that too.

So long, Hut. I am proud to have you as a friend.

Editor's Note

If you have articles or photos of cookoffs or events in your area you would like to share with the CASI community, please send them to me and I will publish them if space permits.

Bucky



Tales from the Ranch

Orale CASI, que pasa and how's everybody? Hope everyone had great holidays. We did, but that's history. We're glad to get back to normal; everybody's gone and things are peaceful now here at the ranch. My cats are back. They hid under the barn for a few days till all the company left. 2008 is here and let the good times roll.

It seems that our up and down economy hasn't affected everyone totally. Reading the last *Trails* looks like the chili world is running smooth. Cooks haven't slowed down on the traveling and participation has been pretty good. Some of you already have enough points for this year and next year also. Way to go if it's you. As for me, well I'm kind of nursing that nipple that's way over there in the very back, if you know what I mean. I get points the old fashioned way, one point at a time.

The spanking in Rankin, Texas Cookoff is coming up in a few days. Just to let you know, the toad round up is ahead of schedule and the toads should be in Rankin week after next. However, there was a minor setback this year with the round up. I'm going to be one toad dog short coming into Rankin this year. Everything is okay but let me explain so you can be at ease.

If you do not know toad dogs, let me shed some light on the subject. Toad dogs are very temperamental and romance is their weakness. All I have on the ranch is male toad dogs. Now my trusty companion and fellow rancher, Mr. Dave Boone, and I try to make this trip from Marathon, Texas to Rankin with as few interruptions as possible for these dogs. We feed them well, give them plenty of food and water, but the weather has been pretty unpredictable the last few weeks so we've been riding the herd hard and long hours trying to avoid the bad weather.

Well, my lead dog (his name is Jalisco) decided he don't need no stinking toad drive so he up and left. Yea, he did. This dang fool ran off with a mongoose of all things. It seems that we ran into a herd of mongoose about 10 miles south of Fort Stockton. It was dark and we had stopped for a cool one and that's when I noticed what had happened. Last I seen ole Jalisco he had a grin on him like Miss Sotol Sally coming out of Tex Riley's camper.

Me and my trusty companion and fellow rancher, Mr. Dave Boone, sat back and had a few cool ones and remembered the good times we shared with ole Jalisco. He's been replaced now with a new lead dog named Chiapas. We've decided to ride the herd only in daylight hours. I ain't got time to train new toad dogs right now. Mrs. Theadora Bains and (Elvira) Lisa are expecting these toads week after next.

The stock market has been down lately but on the bright side, toad stock has not been affected. One of our directors is Mrs. Dee Hay from Houston, Texas and she can take care of your toad portfolio if you need advice. She recently received her stock broker's license from her old alma mater in Ranger, Texas. If you are lucky, she might even do her old Rangerette dance for you.

Well, folks, I'm about to run out of English. Hope to see you soon. Keep cooking, even if you're qualified. Charities need the money. Bueno, bye.

AND NOW, WORDS OF WISDOM:

1. The true test of character is not how much we know how to do, but how we behave when we don't know what to do.
2. If all the world is a stage, where does the audience sit and, for that matter, who are they?
3. It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge.

Louis Gonzales

Mattheisen Ranch
Paint Rock, Texas



SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

- 1 Tall Boy, Rockdale TX
John Caffey
- 2 Spine Tingling Chili
Marble Falls TX
Carrie Kinnison
- 3 Copenhagen Lady, San Antonio TX
Connie Sue Schrade

Dec 30, 2007-002 - Terrell TX
DAM Pod Day Before The Bash CCO, 34
CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Rosa Gonzales, Corsicana TX
- 2 Shirley Sexton, Dallas TX
- 3 Doris Coats, Irving TX
- 4 Bonnie Loxterman, Rowlett TX
- 5 David Whitehead, Dallas TX
- 6 Kenneth Swart, Kennesaw GA
- 7 Kelly Killingbeck, Euless TX
- 8 Frances Sullivan, Ennis TX
- 9 Doris Greenlees, Houston TX
- 10 Coby Davis, Garland TX

SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

- 1 Chili Willi, Terrell TX
Eric Williams
- 2 Shady Lady, Wylie TX
Brenda McElyea
- 3 Native Texas Chili, Kaufman TX
James Gowins

Dec 31, 2007-001 - Kingsland TX
Ole Angzine CCO, 45 CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Larry "Doc" Kinnison
Marble Falls TX
- 2 Larry George, Livingston TX
- 3 Pat Krenek, Houston TX
- 4 Connie Collier, Snyder TX
- 5 Tim Collier, Snyder TX
- 6 Steve Ashman, Bastrop TX
- 7 Alan Dean, Johnson City TX
- 8 Donna Conrad, Crawford TX
- 9 Lynn Hejtmancik, Buda TX
- 10 Carrie Kinnison, Marble Falls TX

SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

- 1 Tall Boy, Rockdale TX
John Caffey
- 2 Aunt Donna's Chili, Crawford TX
Donna Conrad

- 3 Spine Tingling Chili
Marble Falls TX
Carrie Kinnison

Dec 31, 2007-003 - Terrell TX
19th Annual DAM Pod NYE Bash, 30
CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Kenneth Swart, Kennesaw GA
- 2 Mack Walker, Arlington TX
- 3 Meredith Martin, Frisco TX
- 4 Robert E. "Bob" Coats, Irving TX
- 5 Frances Sullivan, Ennis TX
- 6 Doris Greenlees, Houston TX
- 7 Kelly Killingbeck, Euless TX
- 8 David Whitehead, Dallas TX
- 9 Doris Coats, Irving TX
- 10 Rosa Gonzales, Corsicana TX

SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

- 1 Native Texas Chili, Kaufman TX
James Gowins
- 2 Chili Willi, Terrell TX
Eric Williams
- 3 Pink Lady Chili, Terrell TX
Tammy Williams

Dec 31, 2007-004 - Oklahoma City OK
2nd Annual Paint Horse Show CCO, 18
CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Susie Shaw, Parsons TN
- 2 Steve Cosgrove, Guthrie OK
- 3 Everett Crawford, Broken Arrow OK
- 4 Ruthann Newman Cosgrove, Guthrie OK
- 5 James Murry, Como MS
- 6 Preston Shaw, Parsons TN
- 7 Doug Atkins, Durant OK
- 8 Joe Spears, Shawnee OK
- 9 Mark Bass, Skiatook OK
- 10 Lorinda Crawford, Broken Arrow OK

Dec 31, 2007-006 - Amarillo TX
New Years Eve Chili & Black Eyed, 17
CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Scott Campbell, Amarillo TX
- 2 Garnier Albus, Amarillo TX
- 3 Margaret Lopez, Pampa TX

- 4 Millie Bingham, Amarillo TX
- 5 Aegina Elliott, Amarillo TX
- 6 Nita Hoff, Amarillo TX
- 7 Kristal Bingham, Amarillo TX
- 8 Toby Elliott, Amarillo TX
- 9 Tiffany Beaty, Amarillo TX
- 10 Pam Matheson, Amarillo TX

Dec 31, 2007-007 - Crawford TX
New Years Eve Cookoff, 19 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Angie Duke, Valley Mills TX
- 2 Ann Nelson, McGregor TX
- 3 David Lefler, Bardwell TX
- 4 Randall Lee (Randy) Duke
Valley Mills TX
- 5 Mark Sanders, Ennis TX
- 6 Wayne Copeland, Oglesby TX
- 7 Jim Trietsch, Waco TX
- 8 Ernie Nelson, McGregor TX
- 9 Sherrie Davis, South Houston TX
- 10 Earl W. "Who?" Gorhum
Montgomery TX

SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

- 1 River Rat Chili, Round Rock TX
Keith Copeland
- 2 Lilly Chili, Valley Mills TX
Debbie Morgan
- 3 Rock And Roll Chili, Crawford TX
Mavis Nelson

Dec 31, 2007-008 - Wichita Falls TX
B & B 3rd Annual Cookoff, 23 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS

- 1 William E "Bill" Riordan
Wichita Falls TX
- 2 Nancy Graves, Wichita Falls TX
- 3 Sherry Muhlbauer, Wichita Falls TX
- 4 R. Bruce Stewart, Hurst TX
- 5 Dennis H. Jackson, Iowa Park TX
- 6 Kyle Adams, Iowa Park TX
- 7 Clint Wooster, Wichita Falls TX
- 8 Carol Gibbs, Iowa Park TX
- 9 Suzie Manske, Arlington TX
- 10 Kenneth Hoepfner, Wichita Falls TX

Dec 31, 2007-009 - Glen Rose TX
Texas Music Nation Cookoff, 16 CHILIS
CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Bill Nash, Colleyville TX
- 2 Robin Goodman, Waxahachie TX
- 3 Alan Fox, Grand Prairie TX
- 4 Duayne Price, Roanoke TX
- 5 Charles Breeden, Alvarado TX
- 6 Cheryl Price, Roanoke TX
- 7 Dee Palmer, Mansfield TX
- 8 Wade Hatton, Arlington TX
- 9 Bill Lester, Garland TX
- 10 Michael R. Burke, Fort Worth TX

SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

- 1 Trailblazer Cooking Team, Hurst TX
Beth Moon
- 2 Red Robin Roadshow, Waxahachie TX
Robin Goodman
- 3 UNCLAIMED

Jan 1, 2008-001 - Palmyra VA
4th Annual Bearly Chili Cookoff, 19
CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Nancy Bremer, Upper Marlboro MD
- 2 Ghon Eckley, Frederick MD
- 3 Jenny Windsor, Baltimore MD
- 4 Jack Windsor, Baltimore MD
- 5 Jeremy Bauer, Clifton VA
- 6 Janie Bauer, Alexandria VA
- 7 Kim Eckley, Frederick MD
- 8 Daniel E. "Dan" Bauer
Alexandria VA
- 9 Monica Parker, Alexandria VA
- 10 Adrienne Grant, Durham NC

Jan 5, 2008-001 - Bastrop TX
American Legion Auxiliary 533 CCO, 38
CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Melodie Smith, San Antonio TX
- 2 Earl W. "Who?" Gorhum
Montgomery TX
- 3 Doyle Smith, San Antonio TX
- 4 Steve Ashman, Bastrop TX
- 5 Don Causey, Seguin TX
- 6 Chunkie Harwell, Seguin TX
- 7 Annell Causey, Seguin TX
- 8 Dwight Hamilton, Rockne TX
- 9 Charlie Bartley, Austin TX
- 10 John Caffey, Rockdale TX

SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

- 1 One-Legged Flamingo, Seguin TX
Sue Harwell
- 2 Hot Muffler Chili, Austin TX
Gunter Woodson
- 3 Biker Babe Chili, San Antonio TX
Melodie Smith

Jan 6, 2008-001 - Bastrop TX
Sunday American Legion Aux. 533, 30
CHILIS

CHILI WINNERS

- 1 Don Causey, Seguin TX
- 2 Tom Cook, Marble Falls TX
- 3 Chunkie Harwell, Seguin TX
- 4 Ruby Ross, Marble Falls TX
- 5 Earl W. "Who?" Gorhum
Montgomery TX
- 6 Barbara Benold, Dripping Springs TX
- 7 Billy Doss, Georgetown TX
- 8 John Caffey, Rockdale TX
- 9 Melodie Smith, San Antonio TX
- 10 Sherrie Davis, South Houston TX

SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

- 1 Biker Babe Chili, San Antonio TX
Melodie Smith
- 2 One-Legged Flamingo, Seguin TX
Sue Harwell
- 3 River Rat Chili, Round Rock TX
Keith Copeland





Cooking With CASI



Feb 1, 2008-001 - Waxahachie TX CASI. NOW Pod No-Frills Chili Cookoff Held at the Ellis County Expo Center, Hwy 287 N. exit #403 I-35E, Waxahachie, TX Gates open at 10am for your early arrival convenience. Lots of RV parking, no hookups. Inside cooking available. Benefits NOW Pod. Entry fee \$18, turn-in 8pm (CHILI GRIND ONLY). Join us for the Cooks party provided by the NOW Pod! Don't leave yet pardner, we got two more days of cookin' comin' up! See cookoff info for Saturday and Sunday. Contact: Theresa Haskovec 972-938-0075 thaskovec@aircanopy.net or Kay Lefler 972-646-5159 kay.lefler@elkcorp.com

Feb 2, 2008-001 - Fort Smith AR CASI. Arkansas State Women's Championship and Belch Amateur Chili Cookoff held at the Oaks, 5400 Massard Rd. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 1 PM. Info Guy or Erma Smith 479-650-9444 argsmith@prodigy.net.

Feb 2, 2008-002 - Fort Smith AR CASI. Arkansas State Women's Championship and Belch Amateur Chili Cookoff. Held at the Oaks, 5400 Massard Rd Entry fee \$20 turn-in 1 PM. Info Guy or Erma Smith 479-646-9444 argsmith@prodigy.net.

Feb 2, 2008-003 - Minden LA CASI. Louisiana State Championship 17th Annual St. Judes Chili Cookoff Held at Minden Civic Center down-town, 520 Broadway. Benefits the St Jude Children Research Hospital Entry fee \$20 turn-in 1 PM. Make advance checks to St. Jude Cookoff Automatic Qualifier for TICC. World-Class Cooks Gumbo Supper Friday night. Breakfast Saturday. Band Saturday. Goody bags for 1st 50 cooks. Awesome prizes. Last year 59 cooks. Fabulous opportunity to participate in St. Jude Auction Friday/Saturday, last year raised \$755,846, cars, trucks, tv's, trailers, never a dull moment. Contact George French III c/o Minden Medical Center, #1 Medical Plaza, Minden LA 71005. 318-371-5601 days 318-377-8369 evenings. george.french@lpnt.net.

Feb 2, 2008-004 - Glendale AZ CASI. 2008 Super Bowl Cookoff. Held at University of Phoenix Stadium, 1 Cardinals Dr., 101 Bethany Home. Entry fee \$10 turn-in 2 PM. Make checks payable to CASA Pod. Contact

Roland Regeon 635 W Hazelwood, Phoenix AZ 85013 r2chili@aol.com, 602-920-7254, 602-277-7306. Please register 2 months prior to event, Dec 1st

Feb 2, 2008-005 - Rankin TX CASI. 8th Horn Toad Round-Up & Chili Cookoff. Held at Tommy Workman Park. First place trophy is Bronze Horn Toad. 2-10th place nice trophies. Friday night fish fry, Saturday morning cooks breakfast, Saturday night stew and 42 tournament. Benefits the Rankin Museum. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 2 PM. Contact Karen Bains 432-693-2796 or 432-693-2242 Dave Boone 432-367-8423, 432-333-8907.

Feb 2, 2008-006 - Memphis TN CASI. Polar Plunge Chili Cookoff. Held at 57 N Mud Island Road. Benefits Special Olympics. Entry fee \$25 turn-in 2 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Salsa Contest. Info Rick Brenneman 901-251-0641, 901-601-7488 peakproducts@juno.com.

Feb 2, 2008-007 - Katy TX CASI. Super Saturday Chili CCO. Cancelled, date changed to April 6th.

Feb 2, 2008-008 - Plano TX CASI. Integra Super Bowl Chili Cookoff Held in Integra Hospital Plano Parking Lot. Benefits Integra Assistance Funds. Entry fee \$25 turn-in 2 PM. Make checks payable to Integra Hospital Plano. Contact Susan New 972-428-1682. Email snew@integra-health.com.

Feb 2, 2008-009 - Waxahachie TX CASI. 7th Annual Gingerbread House CCO Held at the Ellis County Expo Center, Hwy 287 N. exit #403 I-35E. Lots of RV parking, no hookups. Inside cooking available Benefits the Gingerbread House. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 1pm. Novice chili (18 years+) Entry fee \$16 turn-in 1pm. Junior chili (ages 8-17) (CHILI GRIND ONLY) Entry fee \$10 turn-in 1pm. 50/50 Beans - Entry fee \$10 turn-in Noon. There is a barn dance tonight - free for all you chili cooks. See cookoff info for Friday & Sunday. Contact Theresa Haskovec 972-938-0075 thaskovec@aircanopy.net or Kay Lefler 972-646-5159 kay.lefler@elkcorp.com

Feb 2, 2008-010 - Piedras Negras MX CASI. 23rd Annual Mexico International Cookoff.

Held at Casa Blanca, across from Eagle Pass TX. Benefit local orphanage. Entry fee \$50 (bus trip available). Turn-in 1 PM. 2 lbs chili grind furnished. Make checks payable to Purgatory Creek Pod. Contact Larry Burruss 1003 Crepe Myrtle, San Marcos TX 78666. 512-353-8895. CHILI GRIND ONLY.

Feb 3, 2008-001 - Waxahachie TX CASI. Cotton Patch Chili Cookoff Held at the Ellis County Expo Center, Hwy 287 N. exit #403 I-35E. Lots of RV parking, no hookups. Inside cooking available Benefits the Ellis County Children's Advocacy Center. Entry fee \$18 turn-in Noon (CHILI GRIND ONLY). Don't miss out on these unique cotton bale trophies (just like the real thing!). Cookoffs on Friday and Saturday also. Contact Theresa Haskovec 972-938-0075 thaskovec@aircanopy.net or Kay Lefler 972-646-5159 kay.lefler@elkcorp.com

Feb 9, 2008-001 - Water Valley TX CASI. St Valentine's Day Massacre Benefits Mosaic and goody bags. Location: Water Valley at Seymour Crossing Harper Park located on South FM 2034. Limit number of hook ups. \$20/night. Jackpot beans turn in at 12 noon, entry fee \$5.00. Chili turn in at 2 PM. Entry fee \$18. CHILI GRIND ONLY. There will be a cake auction and a 50/50 pot. Payable to Concho Valley Chili Pod. Info: Janice Miller, 3214 Oak Mountain Trail, San Angelo, TX 76904, 325 947 8753 or garjans@suddenlink.net.

Feb 9, 2008-002 - West TX CASI. Jack & Diane's Chili Cookoff. Held at Jack & Diane's BBQ and Burgers, 301 S Main St. Use I-35 Exit 353, go East toward town. Entry fee \$18.00. Turn in time 2 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Beans entry \$10 turn-in 1 PM. Cooks party Friday night potluck so bring your favorite covered dish or desert or both! DJ Friday night live entertainment Saturday night. Plenty of RV parking no hookups. For more information or directions contact Donna Conrad @ dangergail@aol.com or (254) 486-9206 OR Jack Barber (254) 722-7117 They came to US looking to hold a chili cook off and are very excited so come on all lets show them what CASI cooks can do!

Feb 9, 2008-003 - Bandera TX CASI. 15th Annual Alamo Area Pod CASI CCO held at Pioneer River Resort Hwy. 173 & 1203 Maple St. Bandera TX. For RV reservations call (866) 371-3751. Tent camping available. Benefits Frontier Times Museum. Cooks field trip to the 11th Street Bar Friday evening 7 pm - Door Prizes. Cooks breakfast Sat. morning. AA Pod CCO is limited to 70

Contestants. Pre-registration is recommended. Turn-in 2 pm. Entry fee \$20. Send pre-registration to Bruce Jones 1943 Blueridge Dr. Canyon Lake TX 78133-3407. For more info on Pod event contact Jennifer Lee at (210) 722-2227. Jackpot / Charity event held same location Sunday 1 pm turn-in. Contact Bruce Jones at clplbg@gvte.com or (830) 899-3353 for more information. Jackpot event is limited to cooks who have entered the Sat. event hosted by AA Pod.

Feb 9, 2008-004 - Paradise TX CASI. 17th Annual McChili Mc-Hog-In Held at 150 Country Road 3579. Have you even been to Paradise? Now's your chance. Overnight camping — no hook-ups. Jackpot beans (\$5.00) — noon turn-in. CASI chili (\$20.00) — 2:00 turn-in. "Cheeseburgers in Paradise" competition (no rules/entry fee) - - turn-in 7:00 p.m. Contact Mikie McGarity 817-975-2200. Benefits Cottdale VFD.

Feb 9, 2008-005 - Grayslake IL CASI. 4th Annual Winterfest Chili CCO Inside heated tent, downtown. Take Route 120 to Route 83. North on Route 83 to Center St (stoplight). Left on Center St across railroad tracks. Chili tent is on corner of Center & Whitney Sts. Benefits Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Fund. Entry fee \$25, turn-in Noon. Lake County Health Dept. meeting at 7:30 AM. Cooking begins at 8 AM. No venison, must be packaged meat. Contact Karen Christian-Smith 847-223-6888, fax 847-223-6895. business@grayslakechamber.com.

Feb 9, 2008-006 - El Paso TX CASI. Sign-Club Cookoff. Held at El Paso Community College. American Language Village, 919 Hunter. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 2 PM. Contact Eve DuMond, 915-345-4397, blackgarterchili@aol.com.

Feb 9, 2008-007 - Edmond OK CASI. David Curtis Memorial Mid Winter Classic Hooch Pod Cookoff. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 1 PM. Elks Division \$10. Held at Edmond Elks Lodge, I-35 to Waterloo, go East 1 mile. Contact Gene Bond 405-850-8524 bondve@oge.com or Joe Spears JoeSpookyJ@aol.com.

Feb 9, 2008-008 - Axtell TX CASI. Axtell Cookoff. Held at Jim's Cycle Shop on Hwy 31. Benefits Axtell baseball and softball assn. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 2 PM. 50/50 Beans entry \$10. Limited hookups available, for information contact Randy Duke 254-405-4333. randu2@clearwire.net or Tim Robinson 254-723-8291. Cookoff next day same location.

Use CIS for Your Cookoff Input

Have you used the CIS to input your cookoff? This is a quick and easy way to provide all the information needed. If you have any questions on this process, please contact Dorathy at dorathy@hughes.net

Feb 10, 2008-001 - West TX CASI. Jack & Diane's Next Day Cookoff held at Jack & Diane's BBQ & Burgers, 301 S Main St., use I-35 Exit 353, go East toward town. Entry fee \$18.00 Turn in Noon. CHILI GRIND ONLY! Plenty of RV parking no hookups For information or directions contact either Donna Conrad @ dangergail@aol.com or 254-486- 9206 or Jack Barber 254-722-7117 Make checks payable to Jack Barber

Feb 10, 2008-002 - Paradise TX CASI. Day After McChili McHog-In Held at 150 Country Road 3579. Another day in Paradise! Omelet-off (\$5.00) — turn-in 10:00. Bloody Mary-off (\$5.00) — turn-in 10:00. CASI chili (\$20.00) — turn-in noon. Grind only. Info Mikie McGarity 817-975-2200. Benefits Wise County VFD.

Feb 10, 2008-003 - Axtell TX CASI. Sunday Axtell Cookoff. Held at Jim's Cycle Shop on Hwy 31. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 1 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Benefits CTC Pod. Contact Randy Duke 254-405- 4333 or Angie 254-405-4334. Email angdu2@clearwire.net.

Feb 15, 2008-001 - Terlingua TX CASI. Friday Terlingua Chili Cookoff. Held at the Terlingua Community Center. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 7 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Benefits Terlingua School. Contact Mel FitzHenry 432-371-2163. Cooks dinner Friday night 5 PM.

Feb 16, 2008-001 - Terlingua TX CASI. Roadrunner Chili Cookoff. Held at the Terlingua Community Center. Entry fee \$20, turn-in 2 PM. Benefits Carolyn Hejtmancik Activity Fund at the Big Bend High School. Fish Fry sponsored by the Big Bend High School served at Noon. Contact Dorathy Williams 432-371-2595.

Feb 16, 2008-002 - Hernando MS CASI. Mississippi State Cookoff At The Barn. For the Lion's Club. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 1 PM. Contact Lynne Murry 662-526- 5722. lynne_murry@yahoo.com.

Feb 16, 2008-003 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. American Legion Auxiliary Post 120 This is a 2 day CCO. Held at 4601 Lake Shore Drive. Saturday benefits the American Legion Auxiliary Post 120 Charities. Jackpot Beans Turn in at 1200 Noon, Chili Turn in at 2:00 PM Sunday will benefit the American Legion Post 120 Building fund and will be Chili only. Turn in will be at 1200 noon. Climate Controlled inside cooking available. RV Parking available, Limited Electrical hook ups with plenty of water. There will be a cooks party Friday night beginning at 7:00 PM. Saturday there will be a Continental Breakfast from 8-10 AM. Saturday night will be a cook's Pot Luck Dinner. Legion will furnish Brisket and Beans. Table games will follow (42 and Texas Holdem). Sunday morning will be a Continental Breakfast from

8-10 AM. Chili Grind Only FMI Contact Peggy Gahagen at 940-691-3798.

Feb 16, 2008-004 - Kokomo IN CASI. Red Hot & Wild Kokomo 2008 CCO Held at the Johanning Civic Center, 1500 N Reed Rd, US 31. This event is sponsored by and benefiting the Kokomo/Howard County Chamber of Commerce. Make Checks payable to the Howard Co. Chamber of Commerce. Registration and set-up begins at 8:00 AM. Mandatory Cooks Meeting at 9:00 AM. CASI Chili Turn IN at 1:00 PM, CASI Showmanship Judging at 1:00 PM. Doors Open and Public tasting begins at 1:00 PM. For more information check out our website www.kokomochamber.com or contact Rhonda Eastman/Interm President Kokomo/Howard Co. Chamber of Commerce 1-765-457- 5301, reastman@kokomochamber.com

Feb 16, 2008-005 - Sherwood AR CASI. 3rd Annual Sherwood Bowl CCO. Cancelled. Date changed to February 23rd.

Feb 16, 2008-006 - Bastrop TX CASI. Bastrop Country First Responders Cookoff. CANCELLED.

Feb 16, 2008-007 - The Woodlands TX CASI. Special Angels of The Woodlands CCO Held at Papa's Ice House, 314 Pruitt. For directions see below. After several years, we are back at Pappa's Ice House. Many of you may remember the fantastic cookoffs that were held there. We are now in his new place. Turn in Saturday is 2 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Entry fee \$20. Motorhomes welcome but there are hookups. You wont need your popups for this as we have a huge covered area to cook. Special Angels of the Woodlands has many things planned including, raffle, silent auction, food and fun. There will be live music and SA will be holding a "Post Valentines Day Dance" Saturday night. Come on in Friday and stay for the weekend. Directions to Papa's. Heading North on 145, exit Rayford-Sawdust. Make the u-turn under 45. Look for the pink signs. Pruitt is on the right. You can't miss it. Turn right on Pruitt, go about a block and there is Papa's on the right. The building is huge and is VERY PINK. This is a first time cookoff for this group and they are looking forward to having a fantastic time. Contact Keith Karaff kdkone@aol.com. Use "Special Agnels" in the subject line.

Feb 16, 2008-008 - Apache Junction AZ CASI. Superstition Mountain Chili Cookoff Held at 4650 N. Mammoth Mine Rd. The Goldfield Ghost Town is hosting the 10th Annual Superstition Mountain Chili Cook Off. Competition Categories include CASI Red Chili, Green Chili, Salsa, Peoples Choice and CASI Showmanship. \$15.00 entry fee covers all events. Bring lots of Peoples Choice Chili, last year we served over 500 chili lovers! Free camping for cooks, no hook-ups. Cooks Party Friday Night @ 6:30

PM. 02/15/2008. Bring a favorite dish to pass. The Ghost Town will provide the meat. Contact Tom Klug for more information at 480-288-4375 or chiliklug@msn.com or Craig Hardy at 480-507-2035. Make check payable to Desert Breeze Pod.

Feb 16, 2008-009 - Garland TX CASI. Fifth Annual Colder than Hella Two day cookoff held at Hella Temple. Entry fee \$20, turn-in 1 PM. Jackpot beans 50/50 entry fee \$5, turn-in Noon. Benefits Shriner charities. Full RV hookups (12) are first come first serve at \$12 per day. Depending on weather, you can cook inside or outside. Additional prize for first place winner. Make checks payable to Directors Staff and mail to Roy Harper P.O. Box 206, Skellytown TX 79080. For directions or information email request to royharper41@yahoo.com 972-467-6231.

Feb 17, 2008-001 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. Amer Legion Aux Post 120 Bld Fund This is the 2nd day of a two day CCO. Held at 4601 Lake Shore Drive. Saturday benefits the American Legion Auxiliary Post 120 Charities. Jackpot Beans Turn in at 1200 Noon, Chili Turn in at 2:00 PM Sunday will benefit the American Legion Post 120 Building fund and will be Chili only. Turn in will be 12:00 PM. Climate Controlled inside cooking available. RV Parking available, Limited Electrical hookups with

plenty of water. There will be a cooks party Friday night beginning at 7:00 PM. Saturday there will be a Continental Breakfast from 8-10 AM. Saturday night will be a cook's Pot Luck Dinner. Legion will furnish Brisket and Beans. Table games will follow. Sunday morning will be a Continental Breakfast from 8-10 AM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. FMI Contact Peggy Gahagen at 940-691 3798.

Feb 17, 2008-002 - Garland TX CASI. Sunday Colder than Hella CCO. Held at Hella Temple. Entry fee \$18, turn-in Noon. Full RV hookups (12) first come first served. Depending on the weather you can cook inside or outside. Additional prize for first place winner. Make checks payable to Directors Staff and mail to Roy Harper P.O. Box 206, Skellytown TX 79080. For directions or info email request to royharper41@yahoo.com, 972-467-6231. See cookoff previous day.

Feb 23, 2008-001 - Comstock TX CASI. 3rd Annual Richard Hinds Memorial Scholarship Cookoff. Desert Hills RV Park, 2 miles West of Comstock on US Hwy 90. 432-292- 4451 for reservations. Limited hookups with plenty of dry camping and some rental units. Benefits Comstock School Scholarship Fund. 1st place Chili Trophy is Bronze Panther by Lloyd Goldwire. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Turn in 2 PM, entry fee \$18. Make checks payable to Black Gold Chili Pod. Cooks supper Friday night. 42 Domino tournament Saturday night and

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washer pitching tournament Saturday afternoon. Dessert auction after judging. Contact Janita Hinds 830-703-0096 or rjhinds@gmail.com Pot luck supper Saturday night with meat being furnished. See cookoff next day same location.

Feb 23, 2008-002 - Round Rock TX CASI. SPSHS NJROTC Chili Cook-Off Hosted by The cadets and families of Stony Point High School NJROTC. This is a one-day cook-off on campus at the Stony Point 9th Grade Center. Registration is \$18, chili grind only. Turn-in 2 PM. Music, children's games and activities, a silent auction, and great chili! Bring friends and family, your best chili recipe, and come out and compete! Stony Point High School 9th Grade Center is located at 1901 Sunrise Road in Round Rock, at the corner of Sunrise and Bowman, I-35 to Hwy 79 East, left on Sunrise Rd. The cadets would like to thank the members of CASI, especially the SOT Pod, for support and participation in our first cook-off. We look forward to seeing you all again on February 23! Contact Julie Lewin 512-671-6650. stonypointnjortc@yahoo.com Benefits SPSHS NJROTC Booster Club Make checks payable to CCBC.

Feb 23, 2008-003 - Jackson TN CASI. Madison County CASA Volunteers Chili Cookoff. Held at The Barn parking lot, 141 Pleasant Plains, off US 45 Bypass north and Oil Well Rd. GROUND MEAT ONLY. RV parking space available. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 1 PM. Make checks payable to Madison County CASA. Contact George Tubb 231 Tuckahoe Rd, Jackson TX 38305. 731-984-8463, 731-217-8489, gijochili@yahoo.com. Benefits the Madison County Court Appointed Special Advocates.

Feb 23, 2008-004 - El Paso TX CASI. American Legion Post 58 CCO. Held at 4274 Vulcan. Make checks payable to Pod of the Pass. Entry fee \$18, turn-in 2 PM. Benefits American Legion charities. Contact Bobby Elliott 915-755-4419 915-588-9558, coachili@aol.com.

Feb 23, 2008-005 - Sherwood AR CASI. 3rd Annual Sherwood Bowl CCO. Held at 1111 West Maryland Ave. in Sherwood Forest. Take JFK/107 north off I-30. Go to Maryland Ave take left. Go to Sherwood Forest, take right into parking lot. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 1 PM. Make checks payable to Sherwood Rotary Club. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Contact

Preston or Linda Nickle 501-791-2191, 501-425-6389 Inickle@cityofsherwood.net.

Feb 23, 2008-006 - Mitchell NE CASI. 9th Annual Pepe's Pod Winter Chili CANCELLED. New date is April 5th.

Feb 23, 2008-007 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. Eagles Cookoff. Held at Eagles Lodge 4128, 5396 Seymour Hwy. Entry fee \$20 turn in 2 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Cooks party Friday. Jackpot Beans \$5 turn-in Noon. Contact Dale Dorman 940-632-7322. Benefits Max Bear Fund.

Feb 23, 2008-008 - Quartzsite AZ CASI. Arizona State Womens Open Championship. Held 13 miles East of Blythe CA. on I-10. Take exit marked for Hwy 95. Go 1/4 mile South of I-10 on State Rd 95, turn right at first light, look for chili sign. It's Chili In Quartzsite, AZ State Mens and Womens Open. Arizona State SALSA Championship. Special Best of Show Award in memory of Guy "Pumpkin Man" Tennison. Entry fee \$15, make checks payable to C.A.S.A. Peoples Choice Chili turn-in Noon. Salsa turn in turn-in Noon. Womens Turn in 1 p.m. Show 11 AM to Noon. R.V. Hook ups furnished at no charge, water and electric only. Cook on site. Cooks

party Friday nite, compliments of Quartzsite Business C of C. Info Dick Smith dsmyway@aol.com, 623- 465-9353.

Feb 23, 2008-009 - Quartzsite AZ CASI. Arizona State Mens Open Championship. Located 13 miles East of Blythe CA. on I-10 take exit marked Hwy 95. Go South over freeway turn right at light, look for chili sign. It's Chili In Quartzsite Mens and Womens Open Chili Cookoff. Arizona State SALSA Championship, and Special Best of Show Award in memory Guy "Pumpkinman" Tennison. Presented by The Quartzsite Business C OF C. Peoples Choice turn-in Noon. Show 11 AM-12:00. Salsa turn in Noon. Mens turn in 2 PM. Entry fee \$15. Make checks payable to C.A.S.A. RV Hookups, water and electric only furnished @ no charge, cook on site at R.V. Cooks party Fri nite, compliments of Quartzsite business C of C. Contact Dick Smith 923-465- 9353 dsmyway@aol.com. Benefits Quartzsite Town Playground.

Feb 23, 2008-010 - Annandale VA CASI. 2nd Annual Knights of Columbus Chili Challenge. Held at Holy Spirit School Gymnasium, 8800 Braddock Rd. Take the



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Happy faces of all of the children who recieved the Christmas presents which were donated by CASI Cooks. . A huge Thank You to all the CASI members from Kathy Killingsworth, Terlingua School Superintendent...

(Editor's Note: Thanks to Vickie Childress for coordinating the collection of the gifts for the Terlingua School Children.)



Calling all "Chili Friends"

This is a request for photos of any & all stoves painted by me, Wendell Rankin. I am in process of building a Web Site and would like to include as many stove photos as possible. My best records indicate that I have

Painted over 800 stoves for chili cooks, including prize & raffle & individual stoves. According to the number of photos in my albums, there are approximately 130 stoves not accounted for. If you have or know someone that has a WR painted stove (regardless of condition/appearance) I would love to have photos of them. After compiling the collection of photos for my website, I will then apply for a place in the Guinness Book of World Records. You can snail-mail or email a copy of your photo to me.

I will keep you posted on the progress of this project. Hopefully WendellRankin.com will be up in the near future. Thank you for the past two decades of support through stove raffles and personal stoves and/or chili stands.

I look forward to receiving a photo of your chili stove.

Sincerely, Wendell

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RETARDED GRANDPARENTS

After Christmas, a teacher asked her young pupils how they spent their holiday away from school. One child wrote the following:

We always used to spend the holidays with Grandma and Grandpa. They used to live in a big brick house but Grandpa got retarded and they moved to Florida. Now they live in a tin box and have rocks painted green to look like grass. They ride around on their bicycles and get to wear name tags because the don't know who they are anymore.

They go to a building called a wreck center, but they must have got it fixed because it is all okay now. They do exercises there, but they don't do them very well. There is a swimming pool too, but they all jump up and down in it with their hats on.

At the gate, there is a doll house with a little old man sitting in it. He watches all day so nobody can escape. Sometimes they sneak out and go cruising in their golf carts.

Nobody there cooks, they just eat out. And they eat the same thing every night—early birds.

Some of the people can't get out past the man in the doll house. The ones who do get out bring food back to the wrecked center for pot luck.

My Grandma says that Grandpa worked all his life to earn his retardment and says I should work hard so I can be retarded someday too. When I earn my retardment, I want to be the man in the doll house. Then I will let people out so they can visit their grandchildren.

Submitted by Cindy George



Bess' Best



Hello to one and all and a great big Happy New Year to everyone from Ole Harry and me here in storm ravaged and still beautiful Lamar, Missouri. When the sun shines now on Truman Corners, you can really see it. The ice storm really did a number on the trees in the neighborhood. All those big maple trees that line Truman Avenue, of which I write about our leaf cleaning and burning parties we have in the fall, are all topless now. Harry and I figured everything was ruined, but the longer time goes the better they look. I will bring you up to date more on the storm a little later.

The ending of 2007 and the starting of 2008 haven't really been the best for Harry and me, and I am not referring to the weather. Yes, 2007 was a record setter for the Bulls Eye Area; the name the National Weather Service has given the four corners of the four states where we live. 2008 has not opened like all the people with knowledge (and that includes Harry) and *The Old Farmers Almanac* have predicted. This year is a La Nina year and it is also a year that ends in the number 8. News articles and weather records show that the years that end in 8 and are La Nina years bring serious weather.

A new cycle of Sun Spots (which usually run for 10 year cycles) have already started showing up. The original studies and reports had them starting in the last of March. To show you how much I know, I thought Sun Spots were spots on the sun but Harry informed me that it is a release of energy from the sun that causes inference to electrical communication items on earth. The length of time the interference occurs depends on the amount of energy that is released. Five to ten minutes is the average time but some in the past have lasted up to an hour. Can you imagine what being without your cell phone, computer or anything else that has a signal transmitted thru the air is going to be like?

Harry and I, along with about 6000 other people in Lamar, sure got caught sleeping, or with "our pants down", or several other phrases we use when something unexpected happens to us. If you recall, back in 2007 I wrote about a bad and serious weather condition that was forecast for our area. I told you how we had everything in order and we were going to be prepared for anything that was coming in. We had gas for the Coleman stoves and lantern, we purchased batteries for the small television and radios, we had both of the vehicles gassed up, and the heavy winter clothes laid out; then it passed us by.

Well in December we were caught napping. Former President Franklin Roosevelt said "December 7 will be a day that will go down in history, a day that we will not be forgot." Well there are a lot of people in the Lamar area that will remember December 9, 2007. What was forecast as a slight chance of freezing rain and drizzle ended up being one of the worst, if not the worst, ice storms to hit the central part of the United States with ice covering everything. Lamar was covered with 2 inches plus.

Yep, you guessed it, we were only half prepared. The biggest part of Lamar was without phone or electricity for 12 days. We took heavy damage to our house, lost all the food in our two freezers, had six large holes in our roof, lost our entire chain link fence from falling tree limbs, and had no heat. I am not going into a lot of detail nor have a pity party because others also had problems. But when I saw things were not improving, I was able to borrow a cell phone and call Renee and tell her no way could I get a column to her.

Harry and I are giving the White Hat Award to all the electrical workers who drive the big white trucks and came in to assist Lamar; 7 states sent 685 workers and over 150 bucket trucks to Lamar's aid. In every misfortune, good overshadows the gloom. Lamar has two motels, two go in and sit down and eat places, and the normal fast food places. Of course I am stretching it, but I think 500 of the workers ate at the Fire Station.

Harry was paged out for several fire calls starting at 2:00 a.m. that morning and by 8:00 a.m., we had converted the detail shop into a Chili Parlor. I have no idea how many gallons of chili and vegetable stew we cooked in the first seven days of the storm. Talking about pulling together, there were people we had never seen before (and Harry knows about everyone in Lamar) bringing gas for the stoves, meat, and vegetables. It ended up the Fire Station was the only place inside the city limits you could get a hot meal and it was all free.

Continued next column

We did do some campaigning for CASI and chili. Who knows, maybe someday the next winner of Terlingua just might have been one of those workers we served during the ice storm. I also mentioned earlier of how many people lost their lives by the misuse of gasoline generators in the other storm. Lamar and Barton did not lose a life or have a serious injury to any of the workers or residents; many sore muscles but that will heal with time.

Forgetting about the storm, 2007 ended and 2008 started with Harry and me losing some dear and very close members of our big chili family. Yes, they are gone from us physically, but the memories and good times we had together we wouldn't trade for any amount of money. I urge all in reading this to keep those who have left us in your prayers.

Happy Valentines Day from Harry and me! If possible, we would be at your front door on the 14th with a big box of chocolates and a big bouquet of roses, so if we miss you remind us the next time we all cook together. Coming up on the 16th, I will have put up with Harry for another year. How many of you know how long we have been married? Well when Harry and I were married, gasoline was 19 cents a gallon, Busch Beer was not on the market yet, and people were not afraid to go to the grocery store and leave their keys in their car; 46 years.

We had our cabbage and black eyed peas for dinner on New Years Day, so maybe we will be blessed with good fortune and able to see more of you on the chili trail this 2008. For now, "Thank You for Your Time This Time" and until next time "Remember to Start Slow & Then Taper Off."

Bess & Harry

TRI-STATE OPEN



1st Place Show winner: Chiloha,
Mark Montgomery, Amarillo, TX.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

Do you realize that in about 40 years, we'll have millions of old ladies running around with tattoos and pierced navels? (Now that's scary!)

"Do your housework in the nude. It gives you an incentive to clean the mirrors as quickly as possible."

After a certain age, if you don't wake up aching somewhere...you may be dead.

The only two things we do with greater frequency in middle age is urinate and attend funerals.

Braddock Road (West) exit off the Washington Beltway, I-495. Benefits various Knights of Columbus Northern Virginia Charities. Entry fee CASI \$20, Juniors \$5, Free Style \$10. Make advanced checks payable to Capital Pod. Judging time 5:30 PM. Cooks meeting at 1:30 PM. This is an indoor cookoff where we will be warm and well protected from the elements. Tables and chairs will be provided as well as carts for moving cooking gear. The school kitchen will be available for washing up. Contact Dan Bauer 703-360-9296 or Jim Parker 703-765-8123

Feb 23, 2008-011 - Yoakum TX CASI. Land of Leather Days 21st Annual Chili Cookoff and Festival. Held at the Community Center. Registration starts 5:30 Friday night. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 2 PM, Bean entry \$5, turn-in 11:30 AM, Dessert turn-in 8 AM, No entry fee. Showmanship 11 AM to 1 PM. Cooks party at 6:30 in side the Community Center. There will be entertainment throughout the day. Arts & Crafts booths, Food booths, a Carnival, Leather Factory Tours and entertainment for all ages. Info Yoakum Area Chamber of Commerce, 361-293-2309. info@yoakumareachamber.com. On advertising probation per CASI Rule V.A.2.

Feb 24, 2008-001 - Comstock TX CASI. Comstock School Library Cookoff. Held at Desert Hills RV Park, 2 miles West of Comstock on US Hwy 90. Call 432-292-4451 for rsvns. Limited hookups, but plenty of dry camping and some rental units Benefits Comstock School Library. CHILI GRIND ONLY, turn-in Noon, entry fee \$18. Make checks payable to Black Gold Chili Pod. Sunday breakfast furnished by Lorina's Cantina. Contact Janita Hinds 830-703-0096 rjhinds@gmail.com. See cookoff previous day same location.

Mar 1, 2008-001 - Austin TX CASI. Austin Lions Sightfest 26th Annual Lions Sightfest Chili and Bean Cook Off. New location, held at Giddy Ups located South of Slaughter Lane on Manchaca Road. Cooks party Friday night and Breakfast both Saturday and Sunday. See cookoff next day. RV parking, no hookups. Benefits Austin Lions Sight Conservation. Entry fee \$18, turn in 2 PM. Make checks payable to ALSCC. Contact Sue/John Caffey cell 512-760-8789, 512-446-2346 caffeycasa@msn.com. CHILI GRIND ONLY.

Mar 1, 2008-002 - San Angelo TX CASI. Texas Independence Day Celebration. Held at El Paseo de Santa Angela Pavilions & Grounds on Washington & S. Oaks. See ad in Trails for more details. Contact John Luce 325-653-6919 or email Sammie at sanangeloplant1@msn.com for entry forms. See you there.

Mar 1, 2008-003 - Odessa TX CASI. American Legion Auxillary Girls State cookoff. Held at East 8th St. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Benefits

Girls State Program. Junior chili and beans turn-in 1 PM. CASI chili 2 PM. Make check payable to American Legion Auxillary. Contact Phyllis Patton 432-553-1403. If the weather is bad, we'll cook indoors.

Mar 1, 2008-004 - Little Rock AR CASI. VFW 9095 Chili Cookoff. 1121 Gamble Road, Little Rock, Arkansas 72211. \$20.00 entry, 1:00pm Turn in. Benefits VFW 9095 Scholarship Fund. Motorhomes on first come first serve basis. No hookups. Contact Jim Smith at VFW 501-224-8037 for available space. NO Outside liquor. Bar is inside with beverages. Contact Bruce Smith 501-312-8715 or Jim Smith at 501-224-8037

Mar 1, 2008-005 - Casa Grande AZ CASI. Arizona State Open Championship. Benefits Dorothy Powell Senior Adult Center. Held at Ed Hooper Park, Pinal/Rodeo Dr. CASI and/or People Choice \$25, T-shirt included. Turn in CASI 2 PM. Start serving Peoples Choice at 11 AM. We really need Peoples Choice Chili to support the huge crowd. RV parking, cook at your RV. Hotels nearby. Cooks party Friday night 6 PM...bring something to grill. This is a big event with arts & crafts vendors, food vendors and live band. Make checks payable to CHOA. Contact Carson Smith 1989 S. St. Michael Dr, Tucson AZ 85713 520-792-0005. tucsonchili@yahoo.com.

Mar 1, 2008-006 - Gresham TX CASI. Half Moon Grill & Saloon CCO. Held at Half Moon Grill & Saloon, 16884 FM 2493, at 4 way stop (FM 2943 & 2813) a beautiful suburb 5 miles south of Tyler. This Bean, Wings, and Chili cookoff benefits the Gresham Baptist Youth Group. No RV or overnight parking Entry fee \$20 turn-in 1 PM. Registering starts at 8 AM no early entries. Beans \$5, 50/50 payback turn-in Noon. Wings \$10 entry turn-in 2 PM 50/50 payback. Wings will be provided and may be picked up at registration. Contact Pam Clark 903-839-4023 pamtheorganizer@yahoo.com or Jan Young 903-780-5767, moe091960@yahoo.com for more info and directions. Keep updated at www.halfmoongrill.com.

Mar 2, 2008-001 - Austin TX CASI. Lions No Frillsfest/Sot Pod CookOff New location, held at Giddy Ups South of Slaughter Lane and Manchaca Road. Cookoff Saturday. Come and spend the week end with us. Entry fee \$18 turn-in Noon. Benefits Sot Pod Charities. Make checks payable to ALSCC. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Contact Sue/John Caffey cell 512-760-8789, 512-446-2346 caffeycasa@msn.com.

Mar 2, 2008-002 - San Angelo TX CASI. Independence Day Chili Cookoff Next Day Cookoff after the Texas Independence Day Celebration. Held at Farmers Market on S. Oakes St. Chili Only Sponsored by both the Concho Valley Pod and San Angelo Cookers Association FMI Janice 325 947 8753 Or Sammie 325 656 8299 Entry fee \$18, turn-in Noon. Benefit various charities

Mar 2, 2008-003 - Corpus Christi TX CASI. Texas Independence Day Chili CCO. Held at the Texas State Aquarium in conjunction with Clear Channel Country Station K-99/KRYS hosting of the 2nd annual Texas Independence Day Celebration. The event will include live music, food/art vendors, and family fun. Entry fee and turn-in time for chili TBA There will also be Peoples Choice chili. Benefits the STARS scholarship fund. Contact Ashley Torans 361-289-9111 ext 147, or 361-288-9118. Visit the online www.k99country.com keyword Texas.

Mar 8, 2008-001 - Benton AR CASI. VFW 2256 Ladies Auxillary Held at VFW #2256, 5323 Sleepy Village Rd. Entry fee \$20.00. Turn in at 1:00pm. Benefits VFW 2256 Ladies Auxillary Scholarship Fund. No outside alcohol. Bar on site. Contact Bo Prewitt 501-771-1704 or bop@goldeneagleofark.com.

Mar 8, 2008-002 - High Springs FL CASI. O'Leno Ole Chili Cookoff. Held at 410 SE O'Leno Park Rd. Benefits Friends of O'Leno Inc. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 1 PM. Info Harriet Walsh, P.O. Box 2879 High Springs FL 32643, 386-454-4806, friendsolenowindstream.net

Complimentary breakfast 7 to 9 AM Registration for cooks 9 to a0 AM

Mar 8, 2008-003 - Sweetwater TX CASI. Sweetwater Jaycees Rattlesnake Roundup Cookoff. Held in Newman Park. Entry fee all categories \$125. Brisket, Ribs & Chicken \$75 CASI Chili only \$25, Rattlesnake only \$25, Individual meat entry \$35. Electric hookups are 1st come 1st serve, \$20 camping fee. Chili turn in 2 PM. Benefits Sweetwater Jaycees Childrens Activities. Contact Daryl Mullican, 809 Crescent, Sweetwater TX 79556. 325-725-3042.

Mar 8, 2008-004 - Caballo NM CASI. Annual Caballo Eagles Aerie CCO. Held at Eagles Aerie Lodge. Travel I-25 North or South. Take the Caballo State Park Exit to the stop sign. Turn west and proceed two miles to the Eagles Aerie Lodge. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 2 PM. Make checks payable to NMCS. Benefits Eagles Charities. Contact Joe Price P.O. Box 238 LaLuz NM 88337. jdprice@tularosa.net. 575-443-3313.

Mar 8, 2008-005 - Tyler TX CASI. Tyler Elks Lodge #215 7th Semi- Annual Cookoff, at 3815 Hwy 64 W From intersection of NNW Loop 323 & Hwy 64 W, 2nd driveway from Sonic. Across the street from Wal-Mart. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 2 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Beans \$5, turn-in Noon. Bean cooks split the pot. 1st thru 10th place chili trophy or prize. Showmanship 1st thru 3rd place trophy or prize. Peoples Choice trophy or prize. Bring extra chili for tasting. 8 hookups available no sewage. Contact Betty Horbelt or Roy Scott 903-592-6508, 903-595-2575. elks215tylr@aol.com. For Scholarships, veterans, childrens camps. Make checks payable to Tyler Elks Lodge 215.

Mar 8, 2008-006 - Foley AL CASI. Habitat for Humanity Chili Cookoff Held in John B. Foley Heritage Park, corner of Hwy 59 and Hwy 98. Cook open and CASI chili for one entry fee. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Entry fee \$50 turn-in Noon. Benefits Habitat for Humanity. Make checks payable to Habitat for Humanity. There will be entertainment, a



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SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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Hamburger Supper (Side dishes & desserts appreciated)	Bloody Marys * \$5
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ENTRY	AMOUNT
SATURDAY:	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Chili \$20	\$
SUNDAY:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Casserole (no entry)	\$ 5.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Bloody Mary \$5	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Chili \$20	\$
TOTAL ENCLOSED	\$

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Nobody's perfect #4: Here's one we all can work on – communications. We (CASI) hold the Regional Referee accountable for each cookoff listed in his/her region. They are to make sure the cookoff paperwork is sent in for processing. If, for whatever reason, the cookoff is not held, they are responsible for making sure CASI has been apprised of the situation. Last month I was disappointed to report two delinquent cookoffs from October 2007. As it turned out, neither one of those cookoffs took place. I was unaware of that until after the report had been sent to the *Trails* Editor.

Nobody's perfect #5: Have you moved? Please communicate that information to us. One of the annual fall rituals is tracking down new addresses for individuals whose TICC invites have been returned. Unfortunately, many of these returned mailings don't come back until November or December. Simply putting your new address on the Entrants List will not get your CASI records updated, especially if you don't place at the cookoff. If you let me, John Goforth, Joe Price, or Ralph Hay (Old 320 members) know of your address change, your *Terlingua Trails* and points can follow you. If you do change addresses, throw away the return address stickers you have. Don't register for cookoffs with them. That just might get your address "unchanged."

The end of 2007 and early 2008 was a sad time with the all too frequent news of the passing of another CASI cook. Jerry Dickerson was a friend. Jerry used to say, "Every day I wake up and don't smell dirt is a good day." Jerry's courage and attitude should be an inspiration to all of us.

Many people have had a part in shaping CASI self. No one had a more prominent part than Hut Brown. Hut was ED when we started the Chillini Pod in Illinois, and as the first Regional Referee, I looked to Hut for guidance. My first TICC was in 1993 and one of the first people I was introduced to was Hut. That was on Thursday and although it was November 4, there was a Halloween Party in progress. So, I meet the CASI ED dressed as the Dali Lama, and the first thing he says to me is "expletive deleted." How can you not like a guy like that?

Life goes on, and CASI will go on a better organization because of Hut and Jerry, and Guy Tennison, Bill Garbutt and Roger Bains.



Bill Pierson
 CASITallyMaster

book sale, bake sale and silent auction. Peoples Choice will be awarded, so please bring extra chili for serving beginning at 11 AM. Judging will be at Noon. Renee Moore 251-949-7000.

Mar 9, 2008-001 - Point TX CASI. Sunday Thousand Trails Tawakoni Pod Cookoff. Benefits Thousand Trails Tawakoni Pod. Entry fee \$18 turn-in Noon. No beans. See cookoff previous day. Contact Linda Buschel 972-672-3285.

Mar 8, 2008-007 - Comfort TX CASI. Hermann Sons Retirement Home 19th Annual Hermann Sons Retirement Home Chili Cookoff and 12th Annual Bean Cookoff. Held at Hermann Sons Retirement Home, 220 Altenheim Rd. Entry \$20, checks payable to Hermann Sons Retirement Home. Benefits Hermann Sons Scholarship Fund. Turn-in 2:00 PM. Contact Edward Albrecht 830-995-2724. Bean entry \$10, turn-in 12:00. Amateur chili \$15, turn-in 1:00 PM. Friday evening party for cooks and visitors. RVs welcome, no hookups. Info Edward Albrecht 830-995-2724.

Mar 15, 2008-001 - Tyler TX CASI. Tyler Rotary Clubs 6th Annual CCO. Held on Dobbs Street next to the Woman's Building, 911 South Broadway rain or shine. We have the street blocked off for Chili Cooks, right in the middle of the Tyler Azalea Trails. Kick-off party for cooks and Rotary members on Friday 6:30 PM. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 1 PM. Registration begins 8 AM. You Must have fire fire extinguisher. Limited RV spaces, no hookups. Neat prizes for chili and showmanship. Live band. Tents, table and chairs for the public. Enjoy Tyler Azalea Trails. Benefits local, district and international club projects. We are small but sanctioned, less competition, we have big crowds interested in you. Contact Fran Hall 903-561- 8056, website www.tylerr Rotary.org tylerr Rotarysec@hotmail.com. Bring throw down chili for crowd. Choice of grind.

Mar 8, 2008-008 - Point TX CASI. Thousand Trails Tawakoni Cookoff. Held at Thousand Trails Preserve off Raines Rd. Benefits Christmas for kids. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 1 PM. Beans \$5 turn- in 11 AM. Thousand Trails Members \$5 turn-in 1 PM. Water, electric hookups, no charge. Rentals call 903-672-3285, tell them you are a chili cook. Pot luck Friday night. Breakfast Saturday morning bag omelets. Info Linda Buschel 972-672-3285. See cookoff next day.

Mar 15, 2008-002 - Whitehaven TN CASI. VFW in Whitehaven Cancelled.

Mar 15, 2008-003 - Kerrville TX CASI. Trey's House 1st Annual Accoustic Cancelled.

Mar 15, 2008-004 - Water Valley TX CASI. St Patrick's Weekend Extravaganza Sponsored by Concho Valley Chili Pod. Benefits: San Angelo Big Brother's Big Sister's Location: Water Valley at Seymour Crossing Harper Park located on South FM 2034. Limit number of hook ups. \$20/ night. Jackpot beans turn in at 12 noon, entry fee \$5.00. Chili turn in at 2 PM. Entry fee \$18.00. There will be a cake auction and a 50/50 pot. Payable to Concho Valley Chili Pod. Saturday night Potluck. This is a 2 day CCO. See Sunday's information. Info: Janice Miller, 3214 Oak Mountain Trail, San Angelo, TX 76904, 325 947 8753 or garjans@suddenlink.net.

Foundation, the Laura Recovery Center and Texas Equisearch. Remember special commorative 30th trophies along with the Taylor made cactus trophy. RV parking available, can pull in on Friday. Friday night Karaoke and pool tournament. Saturday beans, 100% payback, entry fee \$10 turn in at 12:00 noon. CASI chili entry fee \$20 turn in at 2:00 p.m. Hamburger supper provided, side dishes and desserts will be appreciated. Raffle - silent auction - karaoke - dart tournament and more will be held Saturday evening. First 50 entries guaranteed goody bag. Send entry payable to Pasadena Pod and mail to Dana Plocheck, 14023 Ella Lee Lane, Houston, TX 77077. For more information call: Dorothy Spishock, 281-334-6718, Janie Dye, 281-414-7891 or Stacey Davis, 713-828-6170.

Mar 15, 2008-005 - Pasadena TX CASI. 30th Annual Janie Diamond Club CCO Pasadena Pod's 30th Annual CCO at Janie's Diamond Club, 5449 Spencer Hwy, Pasadena, Texas. Proceeds to benefit The Milton Stanely Jr.

Mar 15, 2008-006 - Horn Lake MS CASI. Bruce Rossmery's Southern Thunder Harley-Davidson Chili CCO. 6935 Windchase Dr. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 2 PM. Held in the parking lot. Judging inside. I-55



One of the "Challenged Riders", enjoying the ride on an American Paint Horse (20 riders participated in the class.)

The Joy of Helping "Challenged" Kids By CASI Chili Heads and American Paint Horse Members

It has been said that no greater satisfaction can be realized than aiding a person in need. When that need occurs for a disabled child, this can take on an even more significant meaning. Many CASI Members, APHA members, and their families and friends revealed unparalleled generosity recently at the Oklahoma Holiday Classic Paint-A-Rama Horse Show during the Chili Cook-Off fundraiser on New Years Eve. They were crucial in the fundraising efforts for the APHA Challenged Riders Fund and St. Jude's Children's Hospital, and for that they deserve recognition and sincere gratitude.

To you who had any involvement, THANK YOU for your participation in this endeavor to be actively involved in helping these special children as they discover "new lessons in love" by learning the joy of horses, more especially American Paint Horses. Through the creativeness of Kevin Hardcastle, OK National Director of the American Paint Horse Association along with members of the OK Paint Horse Club, coupled with dedicated efforts of the Heart of Oklahoma Chili Pod, Green Country Chili Pod, Heart of TN Pod and POR Pod members, more than \$12,500 was raised for charity on New Years' Eve. The silent auction, the chili cook-off entry fees, along with the successful auction of the chili-judges' chairs, major strides were accomplished towards these precious "Challenged Riders" future.

Again, individuals' hard work and dedication to serving others has transformed into making a difference in the lives of many children ... and continues to remind us of the outstanding, unselfish character so often reflected by two great organizations we are so proud to be a part of CASI and APHA. Their hard work, and those of all the sponsors of the CASI Chili Cook-Off and the Holiday Classic Horse Show, were remarkable and deserve many congratulations and words of appreciation.

A very wise person, Sister Mary Rose McGeady, is quoted as once saying ... "There is no greater joy or greater reward than to make a fundamental difference in someone's life." So many of you have done just that!

Preston & Susie Shaw
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Donnel Dickerson and Susie Shaw presenting donation check to Kevin Hardcastle, Oklahoma Paint Horse Club

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South Goodman Rd exit, 1/2 mile west to Windchase behind Taco Bell. For more information contact Lynn Murry 662-526-5722 lynne_murry@yahoo.com. Lots of fun and excitement. Come see all the new 2008 Harley.

Mar 15, 2008-007 - Wichita Falls, TX CASI. Elks National Foundation CCO. Held at 4505 Seymour Hwy. This is lodge #1105 100th Birthday Anniversary Celebration .We are having the 2nd Annual Texas State ELKS CCO on Saturday, no entry fee. CASI Entry fee \$20 Turn in 2 PM. Beans \$5 turn in Noon. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Cooks party Friday Night. Charity Breakfst for Rainbow House Saturday Morning. Info Kevin Wooster 940-766-0794.

Mar 15, 2008-008 - St. Charles IL CASI. St. Charles VFW Post 5036 CCO Held at St. Charles VFW Post 5036, 119 N. Third St. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 2 PM. Benefits VFW. Make checks payable to Chillini Pod. Contact Bill Pierson 411 Illinois Ave. Batavia IL 60510- 1843. chillinipod@comcast.net 630-879-7934

Mar 15, 2008-009 - San Antonio TX CASI. 35th Annual San Antonio Pod Chili and BBQ Cookoff. Held at VFW 7108, 8759 FM 1560 N. Take Culebra (FM 471) exit off Loop 1604, proceed west approximately 2 mi to FM 1560, turn right and go about 2 mi to VFW 7108 on left. Entry fee Chili, Preregistration \$30, includes Friday night steak dinner and commemorative item, \$20 day of cookoff. BBQ chicken, brisket, pork ribs, \$25 per entry or \$65 for all three. Beans \$10. Margaritas, Bloody Marys, and Irish Coffee, Free. Turn-ins Margaritas 9 PM Friday night, Irish Coffee 9 AM Saturday, Bloody Marys 10 AM, Beans 11 AM, Chicken Noon, Ribs 1 PM, Chili 2 PM, Brisket 3 PM. RV parking, limited elec, lights only for small fee, entertainment Friday and Saturday nights. See Sunday cookoff. Send preregistration to Bob Steinle, 16380 FM 1957, San Antonio TX 78253. 210-912-6146.

Mar 15, 2008-010 - Claremore OK CASI. Claremore Elk's Annual CCO held on the grounds of the Claremore Elk's Lodge, 1820 Summit Drive. \$20 CASI Entry fee. Turn in 1:00 P.M. CASI, Elk's and Open Division. Bloody Mary Contest. Lawnmower Races Shortly after turn in. CASI Division is GROUND MEAT ONLY. For more information contact Daren Posey at 918-630-5640, David Brown at 918-520-9934 or deplbrown@prodigy.net. 918-341- 0850 Claremore Elk's Lodge. Benefits Elks charities. Make checks payable to B.P.O.E #1230

Mar 15, 2008-011 - Tacoma WA CASI. St Patrick's Red & Green CCO Held at Freighthouse Square, 25th & D St. Green Chili turnin at 1PM. It must be green with no food coloring and any kind of meat or

vegetables. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 2 PM. Info Ken Peach kmpeach@aol.com. 253-537-4591.

Mar 15, 2008-012 - Goliad TX CASI. Goliad County Fair CCO. Held at Goliad County Fairgrounds behind Rodeo Arena off Hwy 183. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 2 PM. Make checks payable to Julie Wimberly Building Fund. Come out and enjoy the Rodeo Friday & Saturday Top winners receive free rodeo tickets. Cook on dry pavement. No hookups. Contact Nadine Karnei 361-564-3148. n_borgfeld@hotmail.com. On advertising probation from last year.

Mar 15, 2008-013 - Nicksville AZ CASI. 21st Annual Nick's Place St Pats Cookoff. Benefits Special Olympics Arizona. Located 8 miles South of Sierra Vista on Hwy 92. Cooks dinner furnished Friday night. Dry camping, cook where you camp. \$15 entry fee. Turn-in 2 PM. Info Ben Berry 520-378-3692.

Mar 16, 2008-001 - Water Valley TX CASI. Day 2 St Patrick's Day Extravaganza Concho Valley Chili Pod CCO, Benefits: Our Memorial Day Weekend. Location: Water Valley at Seymour Crossing Harper Park located on South FM 2034 off of US Highway 87. Limit number of hook ups. \$20/ night. Chili turn in at 12 noon. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Entry fee \$18.00. Payable to Concho Valley Chili Pod. Saturday night Potluck. This is a 2 day CCO. See Saturday's information. Info: Janice Miller, 3214 Oak Mountain Trail, San Angelo, TX 76904, 325 947 8753 or garjans@suddenlink.net.

Mar 16, 2008-002 - Pasadena TX CASI. Pasadena Pods Day After CCO. at Janie's Diamond Club, 5449 Spencer Hwy, Pasadena, TX Breakfast casserole no entry fee turn in at 10:00 a.m. Bloody marys 100% payback entry fee \$5 turn in at 11:00 a.m. CASI chili entry fee \$20 turn in at 1:00 p.m. For more information call: Dorothy Spishock, 281-334-6718, Janie Dye, 281-414-7891 or Stacey Davis, 713-828-6170.

Mar 16, 2008-003 - Wichita Falls, TX CASI. Elks Nat. Foundation Held at 4505 Seymour at Elks Lodge 1105. Entry fee \$18 turn- in 1 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Sunday Breakfast. Contact Kevin Wooster 940-766-0794. Benefits Whisper of Hope.

Mar 16, 2008-004 - San Antonio TX CASI. Thank God that Saturday's Over Cookoff. Held at VFW 7108. See Previous day cookoff for directions. Entry fee \$20 turn- in 1 PM. Benefits SAP-CASI Pod and VFW Charities. Contact Bob Steinle 210-912-6146.

Mar 22, 2008-001 - Goldsmith TX CASI. WTBA Championship Cookoff Cancelled, date changed to April 5

Mar 22, 2008-002 - Peoria AZ CASI. Arrowhead Harley CCO Arrowhead Harley Davidson 16130 N Arrowhead Fountain Center Drive. South or Bell Road West side of 83 Ave. Turn West on Stadium Drive Arrowhead Harley CCO is the beginning of Bike Week so Please bring Peoples Choice Chili. We will start serving at 11:00. Red turn in at 1:00. We will be cooking at the main entrance so you won't need a canopy. Cooks meeting at 9:00. Entry fee \$12 Make checks payable to YCS. Benefits Arizona Burn Center. Contact Jerry Lee 623-388-9748. alchemistchili@avantek.net.

Mar 22, 2008-003 - Caballo NM CASI. Annual Caballo Eagles Aerie CCO Cancelled. Date changed to March 8th.

Mar 22, 2008-004 - Crawford TX CASI. St Paul Memorial Park annual cook-off. Held in Tonka Park, Hwy 185. Beans \$10.00 50/50 pay back turn in 12 noon Chili \$18.00 turn in 2pm, CHILI GRIND ONLY. Silent auction. RV parking \$15.00 per night COOK- OFF NEXT DAY FOR THE CTC POD Mavis Nelson 245-715-4075 rdnmrn@hotmail.net

Mar 22, 2008-005 - Amarillo TX CASI. Easter Chili Cookoff. Held at 517 Southwest 48th St. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 2 PM. For the 2008 Great Peppers Meeting. Contact Garner Albus 806-353-0500 galbus@sbcglobal.net.

Mar 23, 2008-001 - Crawford TX CASI. Central Texas Chili pod annual cook-off. Held in Tonka Park, Hwy 185. Entry fee \$18, turn in 1 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. See day before for information for the both days. Mavis Nelson 254-715-4075 rdnmrn@hotmail.net

Mar 29, 2008-001 - Whiteford MD CASI. 2nd Annual Atlantic Tractor Chili Cook - Off and Open House held at 720 Wheeler School Road, Whiteford MD, 2 miles south of the PA line on MD route 165. Entry fee \$20, turn- in 2 PM. Events include free mower blade sharpening from 10 AM to Noon and a car wash from 10 AM to 4 PM. Music and live

broadcast by country station 103.7 WXYC. Factory reps from John Deere, Toro, and Stihl will be on hand. Great awards and special first place prize compliments of Atlantic Tractor/John Deere. Breakfast will be provided for all cooks. Contact Jen Windsor chilicat9@hotmail.com 443-878-7999.

Mar 29, 2008-002 - Johnson City TX CASI. TX Men's State Chili Championship Held at County Fairgrounds, west side of Hwy 281, just south of bridge crossing the Pedernales River. Entry fee \$35, turn-in 2 PM. Make checks payable to TX Mens State Chili Championship. Benefits N. Blanco County EMS. Cooks party Friday night. Special RV parking for cooks, limited hook-ups. Cook where you camp. Park opens Thursday at 8 AM. Potluck dinner Sat. night & entertainment. First place bronze longhorn trophy. Send entry to: Texas Men's State Chili, P.O. Box 285 Terlingua TX, 79852. Also, TX Men's State BBQ Championship handled by LSBA, with 50 cooks this will be an automatic qualifier. Entry fee \$30 per category or \$75 for all three. Turn-in is 12 noon for chicken, 1:00 for pork sparerib 3:30 for brisket. 50/50 payback. Original bronze trophy for Grand Champion. Send entry to: Texas Men's State BBQ, P.O. Box 285 Terlingua TX, 79852. Contact Jimmy Taylor at (830)868-2223 or taylor@moment.net. Please register by Feb 15th for a Goody Bag.

Mar 29, 2008-003 - Longmont CO CASI. Colorado Chili Smackdown-The Sequel. Offering up the best that Colorado has to offer. Held at Boulder County Fairgrounds. Entry fee 2 gallons of throw down and \$15 for Red, \$5 for each additional category, Red turn-in 3 PM. Benefits Boulder County Fair. Come and cook in the heart of America's All American City. Music, Childrens activities, Silent Auction, Beer Garden, Red Chili, Green Chili, Wings and a Junior's Challenge. Plus a Pepper eating challenge. Hang around for our Barn Dance from 6 to 10 PM after the cookoff. What more could you ask for. Make checks payable to Colorado Chili Pod c/o



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Mar 29, 2008-004 - Millington TN CASI. St. Jude Cookoff. Held at U.S.A. Stadium, 4351 Babe Howard Ave. Benefits St Jude Childrens Hospital. Entry fee \$25 turn-in 1 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Make checks payable to St Jude Childrens Hospital. 11th Annual St Jude Funfest, pony rides, auction, hayrides, petting zoo, games, great food, vendors and much much more. Contact Mike Tarpley 901-358-5710 901-872-5520 mktarpley@yahoo.com.

Mar 29, 2008-005 - Plainview TX CASI. 1st Annual Plainview Cookoff Held in Regional Park. Benefits Faith in Sharing House. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 3 PM. Make checks payable to Kiwanis Club Plainview Texas. Contact J Pat Manning 2203 Edgemere Dr., Plainview TX 79072. 806-293-1385, jpatmanning@yahoo.com.

Mar 29, 2008-006 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. American Legion Post #169 24th Annual Cookoff, 4605 Lakeshore Dr. Benefits Various Legion charities. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 2 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Bean cookoff entry fee \$5, turn-in Noon. Friday night,

hamburgers, chips and dips for cooks. RV parking no hookups, can cook inside if bad weather. Contact Don Barfield 940-322-5057. saybarley@aol.com

Mar 30, 2008-001 - Johnson City TX CASI. Pod On The Pedernales Cookoff Held at Blanco County Fairgrounds, West side of Hwy 281, just south of the bridge crossing the Pedernales River. Entry fee \$18, turn-in Noon. Benefits the Pod on the Pedernales and the CASI National Scholarship Fund. Make checks payable to the Pod on the Pedernales. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Friday night cooks party, Saturday night pot luck. Music and dancing. RV parking with lots of shade, limited hookups. Wonderful Jeep Collins jewelry trophies. Contact Barbara C. Taylor, P.O. Box 285 Terlingua TX, 79852. 830-868-2223 or taylor@moment.net.

Mar 30, 2008-002 - St. Croix VI CASI. 7th Annual United Way of St Croix Held at Divi Carina Bay Resort, #25 Estate Turner Hole. Benefits United Way of St.Croix. Entry fee \$25, turn-in Noon. Make checks payable to United Way of St.Croix Contact Ana"Anita" Davila, 340- 773-0582, cell 340-513-8359. unitedwayofstcroix@msn.com.

Apr 4, 2008-001 - Gulf Shores AL CASI. State of Alabama Pod Cookoff More details to follow. Renee Moore 251-949-7000. CHILI GRIND ONLY.

Apr 5, 2008-001 - Garland TX CASI. 2nd Annual Pods For Paws CCO. Cancelled.

Apr 5, 2008-002 - Eldorado TX CASI. Idiotarod Cookoff. Held at T9C Ranch, 3 miles West of town on Rabbit Road. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 2 PM. Charity TBD. Contact Jim Runge 325-853-3678.

Apr 5, 2008-003 - Tyler TX CASI. Rose City Pod 27th Annual CCO. Held at Gander Mountain. Turn-in 2 PM. No hookups, but RV parking available. Benefits the Smith County VFD. Contact Gil Hewlett gilhewlett@yahoo.com. See Pod cookoff next day.

Apr 5, 2008-004 - Electra TX CASI. Pump Jack Festival & COC Held in downtown Electra. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 2 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Bean \$5 Turn in noon, Salsa \$5 turn in 11 AM 100% pay back. Contact Kyle or Carolyn Adams 940-592-9980, 940-495-2407 pumpjackcapital@aol.com.

Apr 5, 2008-005 - Canton TX CASI. 9th Annual Buffalo Girls Hotel CCO. Located at World Famous 1st Monday Trade Days at the base of the Mountain. Benefits C.L.A.W. Rescue Pet Adoptions. Make check payable to Buffalo Girls Hotel. Entry fee \$25, turn-in 2 PM. This will be a table top setup, CHILI GRIND ONLY. Tasting cups, 13 trophies, showmanship, live and silent auctions, entertainment. Free parking for cooks. Contact Susan Matassa, The Buffalo Girls Hotel, 903-567-7829. Entry forms can be printed from Hotel website www.buffalogirlshotel.com, click on the dancing chili pepper and mail to Buffalo Girls Chili Cook- off, 354 VZ CR 4108, Canton Texas 1st 15 entries receive t-shirts and Goody bags. Hotel rooms and RV sites available. BuffaloHotel@aol.com. Neta Rohr 972-495-3305.

Apr 5, 2008-006 - Goldsmith TX CASI. WTBA Championship Cookoff. Held in City of Goldsmith Park. Limited electricity \$10/day. Entry fee BBQ is \$75, one or all meats. Chili is \$20. Contact Sally Crawford 432-570-0625.

Apr 5, 2008-007 - Gulf Shores AL CASI. Alabama State Chili Championship Held at Gulf Shores Sportsplex on County Road 6 West. CASI and open categories. Entry fee \$20 turn- in 1 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Make checks payable to State of Alabama Pod. Charity TBD. Renee Moore 251-949-7000.

Apr 5, 2008-008 - Comfort TX CASI. Horseshoe Pub & Pizza 10th Annual Chili Cookoff, 429 Front Street. Entry fee \$20, turn-in 2 PM. Make checks payable to Horse Pub & Pizza. Contact Mickey or Dennis 830-995-5150. Bean cookoff turn-in Noon. Friday night cooks party. Benefits the Comfort area Volunteer Fire Departments.

Apr 5, 2008-009 - Mitchell NE CASI. 9th Annual Pepe's Pod Winter Cookoff and Polka Fest. Held at Scottsbluff County Fairgrounds, Mitchell Event Center, 130625 Co Rd E. Entry fee \$20 for CASI red or open chili or \$25 for both, turn-in 5 PM. To receive a goodie bag (Cooks Bag) this year your paid entry form must be received by March 22nd. If you pay later than this you will not receive one. Make checks payable to Pepe's Pod c/o Linda Todd 1525 Ave K, Scottsbluff NE 69361. Benefits Scottsbluff County Fair. Information contact, Kyle Haberman 308-635-7852, email khab@charter.net. Linda Todd 308- 632-5730 lktodd2001@yahoo.com.

Apr 5, 2008-010 - Wittmann AZ CASI. Grand Desert Days Held at Western Trails Ranch. Peoples Choice Chili starting at 11 AM. Red Chili turn-in 1 PM. Entry fee \$15 or \$10 with Peoples Choice Chili. Grand Desert Days Festival at Western Trails Ranch. Proceeds will fund literacy programs for area children and the Grand Avenue Library Initiative for Morristoryn, Circle City and Wittmann. Adult & Kids Talent Contest. Kids parade, Western Arts and Crafts. Gold Panning, 50/50 drawing. Art chair auction, Grand Avenue History Display, Raffles, Arizona Authors, Reading and Book Signing. Cash prizes Talent contest and Best Parade entry. Contest. Live music and dancing. Jerry Lee 623-388-9748. Email alchemistchili@avantek.net.

Apr 5, 2008-011 - Cheraw SC CASI. Palmetto Chili Challenge CCO. Held on 2nd St, follow signs. Entry fee \$25 turn-in 2 PM. Make checks payable to Donna Johnson/Palmetto Chili Challenge. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Contact Donna Johnson 843-623-3298 or email milliontwo_1@yahoo.com.

Apr 5, 2008-012 - Weesatche TX CASI. Weesatche VFD Chili & BBQ Cookoff, at Weesatche Community Center, 884 East Weesatche. For Weesatche VFD annual fund raiser. Bean turn-in Noon, entry \$10. Chicken turn-in 1 PM, entry \$20. CASI chili turn-in 2 PM, entry \$20. Brisket turn-in 4 PM, entry \$20. Contact Nadine Karnei 361-564-3148, Jennifer Drozd 361-564-9200. Plenty of RV parking, limited hookups. See cookoff next day. Cooks party Friday night.

Apr 6, 2008-001 - Tyler TX CASI. Rose City Pod Cookoff. Held at Gander Mountain. Details to follow. Benefits Rose City Pod Gil Hewlett gilhewlett@yahoo.com

Apr 6, 2008-002 - Weesatche TX CASI. Sunday Weesatche VFD Chili & BBQ Cookoff, at Weesatche Community Center, 884 East Weesatche. CASI chili turn-in 1 PM, entry \$18. Pork Rib turn-in Noon, entry \$20. BBQ all three meats for \$50. See previous day cookoff. Contact Nadine Karnei 361-564- 3148, Jennifer Drozd 361-564- 9200.

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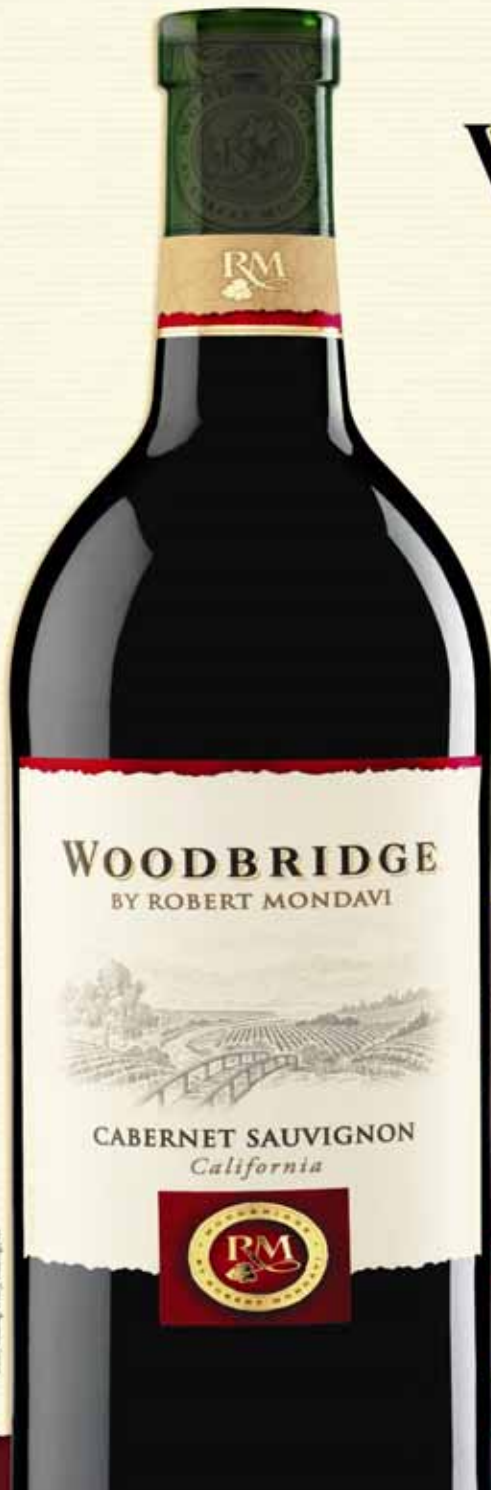
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Apr 12, 2008-002 - Wichita Falls TX CASI. Relay for Life-Team Greys Plumbing. Held at Jim Ezell's house, 3987 Hwy 79 South, Wichita Falls. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 2 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Benefits A.C.S. Relay for Life. Jackpot beans \$5 Noon turn in. Cooks Party Fri. Contact Sherry Muhlbauer 940-696-0763 940-733-4658. Email sbmuhlbauer @sbglobal.net.

Apr 12, 2008-003 - Lafayette LA CASI. LA-CASI Cajun Chili-Fest Louisiana Pod Cookoff. Held at 328 Guilbeau St. At the Evangeline Shriners Club. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 2 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Benefits Evangeline Shriners Transportation Fund. Contact Barry Poole 337-359-7081 Lynn Howell 357-288-5156. Make checks payable to Lynn Howell.

Apr 12, 2008-004 - Commerce TX CASI. 5th Annual Cowhill Chili Fest. Held at downtown square. Entry fee \$25 turn-in 2 PM. Benefits

local charities. Contact Marty Cunningham 903-866-1125. Email martyc@koyote.com. Make checks payable to City of Commerce.

Apr 12, 2008-005 - Cave Creek AZ CASI. 3rd Annual Frontier Town CCO. Held in downtown. Entry fee \$15 turn-in 2 PM. Make checks payable to CASA. Contact Roland Regeon R2chili@aol.com. 602-920-7254.

Apr 12, 2008-006 - Crane TX CASI. Crane Little League Cook-Off Held in Crane City Park, limited hookups. Benefits Crane Little League. Entry fee \$18, turn-in 2 PM. Contact Robin Crane 432-664-7459. CHILI GRIND ONLY.

Apr 12, 2008-007 - Greenville TX CASI. 5th Annual Green Door Chili CCO. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Turn-in 2 PM. Benefits Greenville Supporters. RV parking, no hookups. Pete Little 832-722-3788. Email littlepete@chilitech.com.

Apr 19, 2008-001 - Stokesdale NC CASI. Camp Carefree Chili Cookoff. Held at Camp Carefree Lane 1 mile north of 68 & 220 intersection, between Madison and Greensboro NC. Benefits Camp Carefree for ill and disabled children. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 1 PM, \$10 for additional entry. Make checks payable to Piedmont Pepper

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Apr 19, 2008-002 - Seguin TX CASI. TX Ladies State Chili Championship 38th Texas Ladies State Chili Championship in Seguin, held at Max Starke Park. Please note the new turn in time - 1 PM. More details coming soon. Entry fee \$30. Make checks payable to Texas Ladies State. Contact James Bauer, 16429 Red Wagon, Leander TX 78641. Benefits Seguin Charities.

Apr 19, 2008-003 - Jasper GA CASI. Georgia State Championship. Held in Lee Newton Park, Business SR-53 one mile East of SR-515. Also GA State BBQ Championship, IBCA. Both part of the 4th Annual Habitat Hullabloo. Entry fee \$25, turn in Noon. \$125 for BBQ. Benefits Habitat for Humanity Pickens County. Over night dry camping and RV hookups. Contact Trey Field 770-335-3553. thesheriff@fadedlovechili.com. Make checks payable to HD Properties or Harford Field.

Apr 20, 2008-001 - Seguin TX CASI. Classic CASI Pod Memorial CCO. Held in Starcke Park East. Turn- in 1 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Entry fee \$20. Cooks party Saturday night. Benefits Christian Free Clinic. Info call Pat King 830-303-1755 or Annell Causey 830-379- 6565. Make checks payable to

Classic CASI Pod, P.O. Box 351 Seguin TX 78156-0351.

Apr 26, 2008-001 - Midland TX CASI. 24th Annual Permian Basin Chili & BBQ Cookoff. Held at The Hog Pit, 7400 S CR 116, located between Hwy 80 & Desert Thunder Raceway off I-20. \$25 entry fee for each category, or all for \$100. Categories are Brisket, Fajitas, Pork Ribs, Chili, Chicken, Open (Meat & Dessert) Open category free with other entry. Chili Turn-in 2 PM. Chili winners announced first at 5 PM. Benefits Rainbow Rooms and Mission Messiah. Contact Jan Singleton, jsingleton@mtienergy .com.

Apr 26, 2008-002 - Spencer NC CASI. Spencer Raildays Chili Cookoff. Held at 411 South Salisbury Ave., North Carolina Transportation Museum. Benefits the Museum. Entry fee \$20 1st entry and \$10 additional entry. Turn-in Noon. Make checks payable to Piedmont Pepper Pod. Contact Mike Williams 485 Pleasant Acre Dr, Mocksville NC 27028. 336-284-4567 home, 336-287-0189 cell, greatpepper@ncchili.com. Visit www.ncchili.com. Vicky Peacock 704-636-2889 ext 232.

Apr 26, 2008-003 - San Angelo TX CASI. Let's Eat Concho Valley Chili Pod Cookoff. Benefits: San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts Location: El Paseo in downtown San Angelo. Jackpot beans turn in at 12 noon, entry fee

\$5.00. Chili turn in at 2 PM. Entry fee \$18.00. There will be a cake auction, raffle and a 50/50 pot. Payable to Concho Valley Chili Pod. Saturday night Potluck. More information to follow This is a 2 day CCO. See Sunday's information. Info: Janice Miller, 3214 Oak Mountain Trail, San Angelo, TX 76904, garjans@suddenlink.net. 325-947- 8753

Apr 26, 2008-004 - Terrell TX CASI. ET's 5th Annual Cookoff benefiting Able Springs VFD. Held again this year at none other than the now "FAMOUS" Pee Wee's Party Palace located at 3975 CR 344. "If you have ever cooked at Pee Wee's, then you might be a red neck." CASI chili entry \$20, turn in 2:00pm. Jackpot beans turn in at 1:00pm. 100% payback for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. Raffle, 50/50 pot and other events all day. Pot luck dinner around 6pm followed by non- stop party and dancing in the barn. Lots of space and RV electric hook ups for a small donation. Reservation suggested. Cook inside or out. Contact Eric Williams 469-652-2447. Make checks payable to TTT POD. See CCO next day.

Apr 26, 2008-005 - Clifton TX CASI. Clifton Masonic Lodge # 360 CCO. Held at Old National Guard Armory in Clifton City Park. Seven blocks east of intersection of SH 6 & FM 219 on FM 219 North of FM 219. Entry fee \$18, turn-in 2 PM. Bean contest entry fee \$10 turn-in Noon. Harold Leigh 254- 675-6615, haroldLeigh@peoplepc.com Benefits Clifton Masonic Lodge #360. CHILI GRIND ONLY.

Apr 26, 2008-006 - Fayetteville AR CASI. 15th Occasional Springfest CCO. Held at Ozark Mt. Smokehouse, W Dickson St. Benefits Historic Dow Cemetery. Make checks payable to Chili Hawg Pod. Entry fee \$15, anything more personally offends us. Turn-in 1 PM. If you won't tell us what beer

to drink, we won't tell you what meat to cook. Contact Joe Giles 479-267-2655 479-236-6125. jdgiles1950@aol.com

Apr 26, 2008-007 - Houston TX CASI. 37th Annual Houston Pod's Hal John and Judy Wimberly Memorial Cookoff held at Traders Village, 7979 N Eldridge Parkway. Benefits the Seniors Place. Friday night cooks party with open bar, Hors D'oeuvres & music by Nigel "Taco" Delgado. Saturday, Kick-Start breakfast for cooks and team members. Jackpot Salsa, turn-in 11 AM, entry \$10. Jackpot Bean- off turn-in Noon, entry \$10. 5th Annual Ron Charlton Junior Chili Championship, Grind meat, turn-in 1 PM, entry \$5. CASI CHILI GRIND only, entry \$20. CASI Showmanship Also tasting cups, grab bags, live music and acres of Arts & Crafts vendors and much more. Stick around that evening for the Pot Luck Dinner & party and DJ Nigel "Taco" Delgado. RV parking, no hookups. While you're here, just stay for the Sunday cookoff. Contact Jo Quist 713-882-4904 or 713-599-6740 or jo.quist@wachoviasec.com.

Apr 26, 2008-008 - Chandler TX CASI. Chandler Parks Jr League Base Ball Tournament Cookoff, South Hwy 315 off Hwy 31. Limited RV camping, some electric hookups. Must reserve. Shaded cooking area. Benefits Chandler Parks and Jr. League Program. Bean 50/50 entry \$5, turn-in Noon. CASI entry \$20, turn-in 1 PM. Peoples Choice ballot turn-in 2 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Contact Rick Ford 903-570-6036.

Apr 26, 2008-009 - Randlett OK CASI. Kiowa Casino Chili Cookoff and Car Show. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 2 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Info Roy Huston 940-781-1452. Charity TBD

Apr 27, 2008-001 - San Angelo TX CASI. Lets Eat CCO Day 2 Concho Valley Chili Pod

Let's Eat CCO Day 2, Benefits: Concho Valley Chili Pod. Location: El Paso in downtown San Angelo. Chili turn in at 12 noon. Entry fee \$18.00. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Payable to Concho Valley Chili Pod. Saturday night Potluck. More information to follow This is a 2 day CCO. See Saturday's information. Info Janice Miller, 3214 Oak Mountain Trail, San Angelo, TX 76904, 325 947 8753 or garjans@suddenlink.net.

Apr 27, 2008-002 - Terrell TX CASI. ET's 5th Annual Day After Cookoff benefiting Thousand Trails Tawakoni POD. Held yet again at Pee Wee's Party Palace, 3975 CR 344. Chili turn in 2:00pm. \$15 entry fee. See previous day for details. Contact Eric Williams 469-652-2447 for details.

Apr 27, 2008-003 - Houston TX CASI. Annual Houston Pod Traders Village Cookoff, at Traders Village, 7979 N Eldridge Parkway. Benefits local Houston area charities. Breakfast Casserole-off, turn-in 9 AM, entry, whole dish. CASI Chili turn-in Noon, entry \$20 CHILI GRIND ONLY. Showmanship. More live music, Arts & Crafts and more. Contact Jo Quist 713- 599-6740 jo.quist@wachoviasec .com

Apr 27, 2008-004 - Clifton TX CASI. Sunday Clifton Masonic Lodge CCO. Held at Old National Guard Armory in Clifton City Park, seven blocks east of intersection of SH 6 and FM 219 on FM 219 North at FM 219. Entry fee \$18, turn-in 1 PM. Sponsored by the Clifton Chapter of the Easter Star #283. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Contact Harold Leigh 254-675-6615, haroldleigh@ peoplepc.com.

May 3, 2008-001 - Marble Falls TX CASI. 37th Annual Howdy-Roo Highland Lakes Pod Cookoff, held in Johnson Park. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 2 PM. 11th Annual Highland

Lakes Business CCO, turn in 2 PM. Lonestar BBQ rules, 70/30 payback. BBQ entry \$20 per category \$50 for all three. Turn-in Chicken 1 PM, Ribs 2:30 PM, Brisket 3:30 PM. Beans \$10 turn- in Noon, 50/50 payback. Registration Friday 3 to 6 PM, Saturday 8:30 to 10:30 AM. Cooks Party. Make checks payable to HLP. Friday night Music by Nigel Delgado. Saturday night potluck. Karaoke by Dawn. Golf tournament on Friday, \$35 includes cart, green fees. Contact Larry Kinnison 830-693-5502 drk@tstar.net. Silent auction, raffle, vendors. Benefits Camp Phoenix, mission to provide free of cost & year round therapeutic arts, wellness & outdoor programs for survivors of abuse, neglect and at-risk youth in Texas Hill Country and Marble Falls FFA. Contact Tom Cook 512-769-0679 or RO 830-613-0686 ronelda@nctv.com.

May 3, 2008-002 - Binghamton NY CASI. Great New York State Open Chili Championship. Held at Binghamton University Campus, East Gym Athletic track, rain location is Events Center parking lot. Take Route 201 south from Route 17 (I- 86) follow signs to Binghamton University, located on Route 434 in Vestal NY. Entry fee \$25 turn-in 2 PM. Visit www.NYScchili.com for complete details. Introducing \$500 Open Championship. Salsa competition. Raffles, live enter tainment. Presented by Sodexo Campus Services. Contact Bob Griffin P.O. Box 434, Vestal NY 13850. 607-757-0952, 607-777- 7259. info@nyschili.com. Register by April 30th. All meat must be USDA, plus have receipts available This cookoff benefits Community Hunger Outreach Warehouse (CHOW). See cookoff next day.

May 4, 2008-001 - Marble Falls TX CASI. Backbone Creek CCO. Held in Johnson Park. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 1 PM. Benefits MF

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May 4, 2008-002 - Binghamton NY CASI. Empire State Pod Cookoff. Held in Otsiningo Park. Exit 6 from I-86. Maps and directions at www.nyschili.com. Benefits Autism Speaks. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 12 PM. Make checks payable to Empire State Pod. Info Bob Griffin P.O. Box 434, Vestal NY 13850, info@nyschili.com, 606-757-0952, 607-777-7259. Meat must be USDA, plus have receipts available.

May 10, 2008-001 - High Rolls NM CASI. High Rolls Lion's Club CCO Held at High Rolls Community Center located on Hwy 82 between Alamogordo and Cloudcroft in Sacramento Mountains. Take Cherry Blossom, next to High Rolls Store and Gas Station, go north a few yards to Cottage Row. Turn left and proceed West to the end of Cottage Row. Same location as the Annual Cherry and Apple Festivals. RV dry camping. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 2 PM. Make checks payable to NMCS. Benefits High Rolls Community Center Fund. Contact Joe Price P.O. Box 268 LaLuz NM 88337. jprice@tularosa.net. 575-382-5107.

May 10, 2008-002 - Houston TX CASI. Texas State Open Chili Championship. Details to be forth coming.

May 10, 2008-003 - Cleburne TX CASI. Cleburne Elks Lodge #811 Spring Chili Cookoff. Held at Hwy 67 & FM Rd 1434. Lodge phone 817-645-6117. Entry fee Chili \$20. CASI and Elks Division. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Turn in 2 PM. Jackpot Beans \$5, turn-in Noon. Dessert Cookoff \$5 bring your recipe for your dessert. Silent Auction. Contact Jerry Brown 817- 645-6117, bamry@sbcglobal.net. RV hookups first come first serve. Cooks party Friday night. Live band Saturday night, cover charge. Saturday morning breakfast 7-9 AM.

May 17, 2008-001 - Snyder TX CASI. Black Gold Pod Cookoff at Tim and Connie Collier's place located at 1528 CR 132. Entry fee \$20 turn-in 2 PM. Fish Fry Friday night. Cooks Breakfast Saturday morning. Pot Luck dinner Saturday night, meat furnished by Pod. 42 Tournament Friday night. Plenty of Dry camping. Motel information: Purple Sage (325)573- 5491; Willow Park Inn (325)573-1961. Contact Patsy Childress (432) 520-4433; (432)425-4473 or patsy@t3wireless.com or Connie Collier collier@snydertex.com. 325-575-8282. Make advanced checks to Black Gold Pod.

May 17, 2008-002 - Irving TX CASI. 29th Annual Top of Texas Pod Kickoff Cookoff at Irving Elks Lodge, 1025 N. Britian Rd. Major goody bag item for first 100 registered. Jackpot Beans \$5 - turn in 12 PM. Junior Chili \$5 - turn in 12 PM. CASI Chili \$20 - turn in 2

PM. Overnight camping, limited hookups available for small fee. Friday night cooks party. Cash breakfast, lunch and bar Saturday. Pot luck dinner Saturday night. See Sunday cookoff same location. Make checks payable to Top Of Texas CASI. Contact Babs Johnson 972- 523-8849. bajohnson55@verizon.net

May 17, 2008-003 - Tyler TX CASI. American Legion Post 12 CCO. Held on American Legion Road, off Loop 323 ESE. Limited RV camping no hookups. Must reserve. Benefits American Legion charities Beans 50/50 \$5, turn-in Noon.. CASI and Peoples Choice \$20. CASI turn-in 1 PM, Peoples Choice ballots turn-in 2 PM. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Make checks payable to American Legion. Contact Mike Rose 903-593-9751.

May 17, 2008-004 - La Vernia TX CASI. Bluebonnet Fest Chili & Bean CCO. Held in downtown La Vernia 20 minutes East of San Antonio off Hwy 87, to support various charities. Entry fee \$18 turn-in 2 PM. This is our annual fund raising event, we have a parade, volleyball tournament, carneval. Lots of vendor booths - food, drink and fun. The park is beautiful and the cookoff area is large, limited electricity, please bring your generator. Contact Frank Pruski 210-260-1241. lvins@aol.com La Vernia Lions Club, P.O. Box 291 La Vernia TX 78121. Please register by April 17th. Goody bags for first 50 registered cooks. 210-260-1241

frankandmerrie@hotmail.com. or 210-385-0108. Make check payable to La Vernia Lions Club.

May 18, 2008-001 - Snyder TX CASI. 3rd Annual Bronze Buffalo Cookoff Held at the Collier Place 1528 CR 132. Entry fee \$18, turn-in 12:30 PM. Make checks payable to Black Gold Pod. First Place Trophy is a Lloyd Goldwire bronze buffalo. See Previous day cookoff for more details. Contact Connie Collier collier@snydertex.com. 325-575-8282, 325-575-7014.

May 18, 2008-002 - Irving TX CASI. Morning After TOT Cookoff Held at Irving Elks Lodge, 2015 Britian. For TOT charities. Entry fee \$18 turn-in Noon. Make checks payable to Top of Texas CASI. CHILI GRIND ONLY. Contact Babs Johnson 972-523-8849 email bajohnson55@verizon.net. See cookoff previous day, same location.



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