

# what's COOKING

## HOURS

**Monday - Friday**

11:00 am to 10:00 pm

**Saturday & Sunday**

3:00 pm to 10:00 pm

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Mother's Day

Sunday, May 8th

Open 10:00 am until 10:00 pm

### Father's Day

Sunday, June 19th

Open 10:00 am until 10:00 pm

### Grandparents & Grandchildren Texas History Tour

Monday, June 27th

9:00 am - 11:00 am



### Steak School

Saturday, July 16th

9:00am - 12:00 pm

### Adult History Tours

Saturday, September 10th

Saturday, October 1st

9:00 am - 11:00 am

### Orin Swift Wine Dinner

Monday, September 19th

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm



### Christmas Decorations Tours & Alan Anderson Trunk Show

Saturday, November 5th

Multiple times available

## MOTHER'S DAY May 8th FATHER'S DAY June 19th

Celebrate Mother's Day with your special Mom at Taste of Texas! We will open at 10am and serve continuously till 10pm. All Mom's will receive a complimentary family photo in our photo booth in front of the restaurant in the Wagon Barn.

Celebrate Dad with a great steak for lunch or dinner on Father's Day! Taste of Texas will be open from 10am to 10pm serving continuously. Dad's will receive a Grilling Apron and a complimentary family photo in our photo booth out front.

Memories are created around special times and special meals. We look forward to seeing your family create those memories here at Taste of Texas.



## RESERVATIONS - Pro Tips



Reservations continue to be a crowd favorite! Go to TasteofTexas.com right from your smartphone, select "Make a reservation" and in moments you will have a reserved spot for dining lunch or dinner! We accept reservations 14 days in advance. You will need your cell phone number and personal email address - it's super easy! Be advised we cannot seat incomplete parties, so please have everyone here at the appropriate time. If reservations are full for the time slot you want, we accept a limited number of "Join the Waitlist" slots on the day of your dining. The system will tell you the approximate time to arrive for your seating. Simply select "Join the Waitlist" at TasteofTexas.com!

## STEAK SCHOOL - July 16th



Steak School with Chef Lisa Blackard is back to kick off your summer grilling season! One of our most popular events is Steak School where our meat supplier brings their staff to demonstrate how they select, cut and trim exceptional steaks. We also do a taste test of different grades of beef and present an audio-visual guide of how to pick out a better steak at the grocery store! Naturally, we recommend bypassing the grocery guys and coming to Taste of Texas Grill at Home Store for your home grilling experience, but we'll cover that in detail at Steak School! Cost is \$150 per person and includes a grilling apron, and a great steak lunch to wrap up your morning. Spots are limited, reserve your place today at TasteofTexas.com/events.



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# FAMILY NEWS



## *Edd*

Cruising along at 70 years and blessed beyond description! I am coaching 5th grade softball again this spring and loving every minute of it!

## *Nina*

Staying busy with the Taste of Texas remodel which will be completed in early June after 1 year of planning. She is so happy to have the School Children back in the building for live school tours! She starts her day pre-dawn with Orange Theory Fitness and still enjoys driving carpool for the grandkids!



## *Blackards*

are enjoying raising their three girls - all of which are playing softball this spring! Hannah is 11, Lizzie is 9, and Madeline is 4. Chris is enjoying his time at Shell while Lisa works at the Taste of Texas. We can't believe how quickly they are all growing up!



## *Hendee Hartlands*

are thrilled to have their first graduate from High School! Son Sam graduates from McCallie School in Chattanooga TN and will start SMU in the fall. Campbell (16) is enjoying St. Thomas High School just finishing his sophomore year. Hudson (15) will begin St. Thomas in the fall and loves playing Rugby at the Regis School. Reagan (13) just finished a successful basketball season and proudly states that she is taller than her mom! Conrad (8) is loving playing Post Oak Little League baseball as his dad David is the coach of the Commodores!



## *Blackfords*

are loving managing the growing E-Commerce steak shipping business. Son Henry turned 6 and had the best birthday ever! Precious Ann is now 18 months and walking everywhere. Life is full and happy!



## *Poulsons*

are keeping up with their almost grown-up kids! Daughter Grayson (20) is finishing her 2nd year at TCU and is preparing to spend the summer working in DC. Son Jackson (17) is loving pitching for his High School baseball team and this spring won "Best of Class" with his steer at the Tarrant County Livestock Show. Nina then proudly bought the steer in a spirited bidding war at the auction. By the way, she donated the steer back, so we won't be serving those steaks at the Taste!



## Banquets and Private Event Room at Taste of Texas

The Sam Houston Room is the perfect place for a large event or corporate gathering.

- Completely private and available for Lunch Monday through Friday; and Dinner Monday through Thursday evenings
- Reservable for special events, banquets, company meetings.
- Up to 75 seated for dining.
- Audio Visual Capabilities
- Contracts and guaranteed minimums will apply.

For details, view menus and contracts at [TasteofTexas.com/banquet](http://TasteofTexas.com/banquet).

## Latest Remodel at the Taste



The remodel is almost complete and it's spectacular! You may notice the old brick walls separating dining rooms are gone and in their place are finished knotty alder 12' walls covered in more remarkable artifacts including the front iron gate of the home of Mirabeau & Henrietta Lamar – he was the 2nd President of the Republic of Texas, and the father of Education in the Republic of Texas! The gate is opposite the sal-

ad bar and Nina's favorite artifact in the building. Additionally in the Sam Houston Room we have the signature of Sam Houston's Father, Major Sam Houston, veteran of the American Revolution! Thank you, Lord, for this family!

## Chicken Express Comes to Cypress, Texas!



Jennifer Gafford and her husband Thomas are joining the food service industry as they open a Chicken Express Franchise in the Cypress area this month! Jennifer is our "Director of Happiness" for the Taste Staff and Thomas is starting a new career after 9 years in the NFL and 2 years of Coaching Football. They have two precious girls Ensley and Emersyn (9 years) and are foster parents in their "spare time"!

Chicken Express is a family-owned company, started by Richard and Nancy Stuart in 1988 and has over 250 locations!

Their Chicken Express is located at 20315 FM 529 at N Fry Road in Cypress Texas.

We have eaten lot of Chikken Express recently and the quality is excellent! The chicken is always fresh, never frozen and makes a great lunch, dinner, or carry out treat for the family! Please go by and support this precious family and their new business.

## 2022 Signature Mother's Day Package

Treat mom to our Signature Mother's Day Package! We've put together a steak gift box of our all-time customer favorites that mom will love.

This gourmet gift box features four, lean and fork-tender 6 ounce Taste of Texas Certified Angus Beef® Complete Trim Center Cut filets.

In addition, the package includes:

- Four Skewers of our Best Texas Quail Bites
- 1/2 Dozen Asiago Cheese Rolls
- Herb Garlic Steak Butter
- 3 ounces of our famous Cinnamon Decaf Coffee
- Our famous Signature Steak Seasoning and Gourmet Grilling Guide

All for only \$149.95 at [tasteoftexas.com/mom2022](http://tasteoftexas.com/mom2022).

And, as always, we ship this gift beautifully packaged, straight to the door.

## 2022 Signature Father's Day Package

Boring ties? No. Steaks & Knives! Treat dad to our Signature Father's Day Package with free shipping to most of the USA.

This gourmet gift box features two 16 ounce Taste of Texas Certified Angus Beef® New York Strips and two 6 ounce Taste of Texas Certified Angus Beef® Complete Trim Center Cut filets -- aged 40+ days and trimmed and ready for the grill!

In addition, the package includes:

- 4 high carbon, Taste of Texas stainless steel steak knives personalized for your dad!
- A Taste of Texas Cloth Grilling Apron
- Herb Garlic Butter
- Our famous Signature Steak Seasoning and Gourmet Grilling Guide

All for only \$169.95 at [tasteoftexas.com/dad2022](http://tasteoftexas.com/dad2022).

And, as always, we ship this gift handsomely packaged, straight to the door.

Prefer we hold your order to ship the Monday before Father's Day?

Select "Hold to Ship Monday 6/13" when adding this package to your cart

## Staff Updates

Server **Rod Hoff** is engaged to Chelle Leonard! The smile on his face is electric!

Server **Bobby Thompson** just received from the staff a brand-new Saxophone! Bobby is super talented and was in need of a new Sax, so the staff pooled their earnings to buy a Theowanne Tenor Sax which brought a tear to his eyes and all who were there to surprise him. Bobby played



in front of the Taste this past December. He and his partner Clinton will be back this next Christmas,

and you will be blessed to hear them!

Door and Store staff **Maria Osario** and Bartender/Manager **Justin Deanda** are expecting a baby girl in July!! Server **Veronica Womer** is also expecting a new baby in June. We are thrilled for them!

Congratulations Server **Tyler Sutton** who



will receive a BBA from the Bauer School of Business at the University of Houston! Graduating from college has been more than just a degree, as it has taught me many life lessons. I can't wait to see what God has planned for the years to come!"

Hostesses **Gianna Avila** and **Lauren Mavergeorge** will graduate from High School in May! These young ladies have balanced the time constraints of school and work with excellence, and we could not be prouder of them.

**Jessica C** graduated from UofH downtown Bachelors in criminal justice completing her degree in 3 years. She is now working toward her masters also in criminal justice. Her goal is to advocate for the children of Houston as a forensic interviewer.

**Staff Fitness Challenge** – More than 50 Staff members are participating in our annual Fitness Challenge in which they will walk, run, and marathon themselves to a higher level of fitness and compete for weekly prizes. The real payoff is the comradery and improved health for them all. It runs through May 15th! On November 19th, (45th anniversary of the Taste of Texas), the staff will participate in the Shiner Beer Run in Shiner, TX.

**Pray for Ukraine:** Server Alona Makarenko is a



native of Ukraine and is in constant contact with her family there. She was in Ukraine for a family event this past fall, so this is very real for all of us. Alona asks prayer for her family, for her cousin in the military, and for the people of Ukraine in this terrible time.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Please check our website for details and register online at [www.TasteofTexas.com](http://www.TasteofTexas.com)

### Grandparents & Grandchildren TX History Tour

June 27th, 9:00am - 11:00 am

Join Nina for her presentation of Texas History and Legends like you have never heard it before. You are invited to bring your grandchildren ages 8 and older for a special morning together. Cost is \$45 plus tax for adults and \$25 plus tax for children and includes lunch.

### Steak School

July 16th, 9:00am - 11:00 am

You'll learn about USDA grading, trim specifications, the aging process and how to grill a perfect steak every time. This makes a wonderful Father's Day gift for the steak lovers and "grillers" in your life. Cost is \$150 person and includes Steak lunch.

### Adult Texas History Tours with Nina

September 10th & October 1st, 9:00 am

Join Nina for a morning of Texas History and Legends like you have never heard it before. Lunch is included. Cost is \$45 plus tax per person.

*Please note: Tax will be added to all applicable events. Reservations for all events are available at [TasteofTexas.com/events](http://TasteofTexas.com/events). All proceeds from these events go to our scholarship program! Please note that we do NOT ship tickets for any event. You will receive a confirmation email after registration is complete, and your name will be added to the event guest list. Space is limited, please reserve early.*

### Orin Swift Wine Dinner

September 19th, 6:00 pm

By popular demand, we will be featuring Orin Swift Winery. Their best offerings on our wine list are: "Palermo" Cabernet Sauvignon, "8 Years in the Desert" - a California Red Zinfandel Blend, "Abstract" - a Red Rhone Syrah Blend, and "Papillon" - a Red Bordeaux Blend. Greg Whittaker, our wine manager, will put together a great lineup and food pairing with Chefs Lisa Blackard and Horacio DeGante for an unforgettable event you will not want to miss! Reserve your spot NOW at [TasteofTexas.com/events](http://TasteofTexas.com/events). \$195 per person which includes gratuity.

### Christmas Decorations Tours with Nina & Alan Anderson Trunk Show

November 5th, Tours are at 9:00, 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, & 1:00

Nina will be giving a Christmas tour and talk about her favorite Christmas collections and more. Come and enjoy the spectacular Christmas décor that has become a Houston holiday destination. Alan Anderson will also be here with a display of his beautiful jeweled trees for sale. Tours are at 9:00, 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, & 1:00. Refreshments will be served. Cost is \$30 plus tax per person. Space is limited.