



# What's COOKING

## HOURS

**Monday - Friday**  
11:00 am to 10:00 pm

**Saturday & Sunday**  
2:30 pm to 10:00 pm

## UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

**Mother's Day**  
May 11  
10 am to 10 pm

**Memorial Day**  
May 26th  
3 pm to 10 pm

**Father's Day**  
June 15th  
10 am to 10 pm

**Fourth of July**  
July 4th  
3 pm to 10 pm

**Labor Day**  
September 1st  
3 pm to 10 pm

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Tickets available online May 27 at  
10:00 am at [TasteofTexas.com/events](https://tasteoftexas.com/events)

**Grandparents and Grandchildren  
Texas History Tour:**  
June 23rd  
9am to 12 pm

**Steak School:**  
June 28th  
9am to 12 pm

**Adult History Tours:**  
September 13th  
September 20th  
9 am to 12 pm

**Christmas Decoration Tours  
& Alan Anderson  
Jeweled Tree Event and Sale:**  
Saturday  
November 8th

All proceeds from special  
events go towards our  
employee scholarship program!

## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY AND FATHER'S DAY

Celebrate Mother's Day May 11th and Father's Day June 15th with a great steak for lunch or dinner! The Taste of Texas will be open from 10am to 10pm, serving continuously on both occasions.

Mom will receive a complimentary family photo with a beautiful Mother's Day backdrop.

*"Her children arise and call her blessed."*  
*Proverbs 31:28*

Dad's will receive a special Father's Day Grilling Apron.

*"He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers."* *Malachi 4:6*

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

### Plan Your Visit

**Reservations** Book at [TasteofTexas.com](https://TasteofTexas.com) — up to 30 days in advance.

Max table size: 12. Full party must be present to be seated.

**Waitlist** No reservation? Join our Same-Day Waitlist online for an estimated seating time.

**Walk-Ins Welcome** Come on in! We'll add your party and quote your wait time.

## Our Top 6 Gifts for Moms, Dads, and Grads



### TASTEOFTEXAS.COM/GIFTS

1. **Signature Mother's and Father's Day Packages** -Shipping free to most of the USA.
2. **8 Pack 6 oz Complete Trim Filets** - Our most popular gift for steak lovers.
3. **Taste of Texas Gift Card** - Treat them to a night of Texas hospitality.
4. **Yeti Flip 18** - A gift Dad will LOVE!
5. **Bacon-Wrapped Grilling Box** - Bacon-wrapped steaks that will melt in your mouth.
6. **Family Recipe Book** - A beautiful leather book with bonus Taste of Texas recipes.



### OUR 2025 GIFT GUIDE IS HERE!



Scan for our top gifts to delight the Dads and grads in your life. From perfect steaks to handmade gifts, [tasteoftexas.com](https://tasteoftexas.com) makes Father's Day and graduation gifting easy.





**Edd & Nina** Edd underwent his second knee replacement this spring – this time was a partial replacement. He is an incredibly hard worker and immediately started his physical therapy with great results. Many thanks to Dr. Ken Matthis (the doctor who helped Gabriel from Zambia) for the excellent job fixing Edd’s knee. Cheers to Edd for pain free and active years biking and hiking ahead! Edd (along with son Kyle and friend Danny Lee) had the joy of watching his beloved Houston Cougars beat the Duke Blue Devils in San Antonio on April 5! What a game!

Nina continues to share her incredible passion for Texas History with fourth graders almost every day of the school year! Her commitment to sharing the story of Texas is truly inspiring. She continues to love running and catches an Orange Theory class (or two) almost daily. She completed the Taste of Texas “Fitness Challenge” with our staff in April and logged 100 miles in 28 days! She and Edd are excited to return to Zambia this summer to visit Gabriel and lead a group for Family Legacy’s Camp Life. .

**The Blackfords** stay busy with work and enjoy every minute of Henry (8) playing little league and Annie (4) dancing ballet. Corbin had a ball volunteering on the Rodeo’s International Committee this Spring, and they love their church, schools and neighborhood. We had a very fun trip to the Everglades National Park for Spring Break! Next up on the National Parks Project – Hot Springs and Mammoth Caves!

**The Blackards** stay busy with their three wonderful daughters. They are a little shocked at how quickly time flies by as their oldest is headed for high school in the fall! We used to tell Lisa when her daughters were babies that “the days are long, but the years are short.” So true!

What a joy to see her daughters growing in their faith, friendships, and academics. She is a proud mama! Chris started playing bluegrass with his band again, and you might catch him playing around town!

**The Hartlands/Hendeeds** are very busy with work and family! Sam is a junior at University of Houston (Go Cougars!) and he is doing great! Campbell Luke is finishing his freshman year of college in Austin with all A’s. Hudson continues to love playing Rugby at St Thomas High School and we enjoyed hosting his team for a Steak Eating Contest! Goodness, those Rugby Players can eat! Reagan will turn 16 in June and will be driving. Conrad keeps busy with Post Oak Little League Baseball and is finishing his Fifth-grade year and Claudine just attended her 30th reunion of the Memorial High school class of ’95!!

**The Poulsons** Jackson just finished his sophomore year at Texas A&M with flying colors and is active in his Fraternity. He is an amazing young man! Grayson is a Realtor for the Duwe-Olson Group in the Ft. Worth/Dallas area, and she is doing great! She is extremely talented, beautiful, and very sweet. Erin and Kyle are very busy with work and are an incredible blessing to the Ft Worth community.

## ARTIFACTS NEWS

- Colonel Robert Eden Handy Rifle
- Inscribed “Robert Eden Handy, San Jacinto, April 21, 1836”
- Our most amazing acquisition since the Alamo Doors! This beautiful .50 caliber plains saddle rifle has a 31” octagon barrel and beautiful Maple stock.
- Handy was sent (along with Henry Karnes and Deaf Smith) by General Sam Houston to investigate the conditions at the Alamo when he encountered Susannah Dickinson, who relayed the information that the Alamo had fallen!
- The rifle was presented to Handy for his bravery at the battle of San Jacinto.

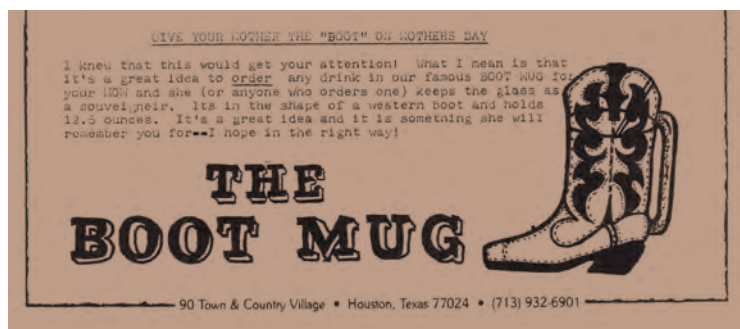


## “Give your Mother the "Boot" on Mother’s Day” and other “sage” advice from our early years

We’ve been at this for nearly 50 years—and one of our favorite things is looking back at how it all began. Here’s a gem: our very first Mother’s Day Newsletter from 1980, where we introduced the beloved boot mugs and encouraged you to “give your mother the boot!”

That first newsletter went out to just 45 customers on March 26, 1980. If you still have one from the year 1980, bring it in for a complimentary boot mug! Edd wrote those early editions around 1:30 a.m. after long shifts—so yes, a few typos made it in. Highlights included the purchase of a desktop computer for our general ledger, a piña colada recipe (sadly retired), and a \$2 coupon begging folks to come back.

The early years of our business were admittedly lean. We were desperate for business, which led to some – we think- very clever marketing schemes. Do you remember Andy Angus? We offered Certified Angus Beef tastings in Neiman Marcus and Continental Finer Foods in the old Town and Country Village. Andy Angus (usually Edd or Edd K in an Angus Bull mascot costume) offered tastes of our grilled CAB steaks to passersby. Other efforts included the Ambassador Pass (a buy-one get-one entrée), Movies and Rockets Games in the Lone Star Saloon (peanut shells on the ground included!) and a Ribeye Eating Contest for the University of Houston Defensive Line vs. Offensive Line. These are all priceless memories to us!



## Houston Summer of 2025 Bucket List

- Catch a movie together at the Moonstruck Drive-in Theater.
- Ride every water slide at Typhoon Texas.
- Picnic at the Waterwall and bring a ball to play together on the lawn.
- See the Alley theater Production of Noel Coward’s heartwarming Private Lives.
- Stargaze at the George Observatory on a Saturday night.
- Go to an Astros AND a Space Cowboys game.
- Pick up summer produce at the Farmer’s Market and put up preserves.
- Go for dinner at the POST Market and a concert at 713 Music Hall.
- Take the kids to ride the Houston Area Live Steamers and the splashpad in Zube Park.
- Dinner at your favorite Texas Steakhouse!



## STAFF NEWS

Our April “Fitness Challenge” was a huge success, and we’re so proud of everyone who participated! We focused on five areas of wellness:

- **Financial Fitness** – Team members completed Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace course and are entered to win \$5,000 toward debt reduction.
- **Physical Fitness** – From a 100-mile Nike Run Club challenge to strength training with Coach Theo Plowden and a two-month Orange Theory membership, our team stayed active and strong.
- **Spiritual Fitness** – Staff met weekly for Beth Moore’s “Jesus, the One and Only” Bible study, growing in faith and fellowship.
- **Emotional Fitness** – We continue to offer year-round counseling through Houston Center for Christian Counseling life-changing support when it matters most.
- **Social Fitness** – We wrapped the month with a focus on everyday etiquette—from thank-you notes to being a gracious host.

We’re honored to support our 220 team members in becoming their best selves.

*“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord... “plans to give you hope and a future.” – Jeremiah 29:11*



Server Laura Eikel and husband Collin welcomed a beautiful baby girl in February!

Server Tiffany Punyed wed her sweetheart Carlos Punyed in February!

Server Ivan Ramirez impressed us all by completing the Texas Independence Relay- a 200-mile race composed of 36 relay “legs” in various lengths!

Server Jaslin Lagos was named a top real estate performer for the Wynnwood Group!





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## We Have Made the Top 10!

Thanks to YOU, our precious customers, we have been named #9 of the Top Independent Restaurants in the United States according to Restaurants and Institutions Magazine. It is humbling to watch God continue to grow this business for 47 years, and it is a blessing to be a part of your lives!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

*Registration for all Summer and Fall Events will open online on Tuesday, May 27 at 10:00 am at [www.tasteoftexas.com](http://www.tasteoftexas.com)!*

### Adult History tour with Nina

**September 13th and September 20th** - Join Nina Hendee for a morning of the history of our great state and the heroes that have gone before us to secure our freedom! Lunch is included, and the cost is \$55 + tax per person.

### Grandparents & Grandchildren Texas History Tour

**June 23** - 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 \$55 plus tax for adults and \$25 plus tax for children and includes lunch.

### Steak School

**June 28th** - Join Edd Hendee, Chef Lisa Hendee Blackard, and our friends from Buckhead Beef for a very informative morning as you learn about USDA grading, trim specifications, the aging process, and how to grill a perfect steak every time! This class makes a wonderful gift for every Steak-Lover and "Griller" in your life! The cost is \$150 + tax per person and includes a delicious steak lunch and dessert!

*Please note: We do not ship tickets for the events. You will receive a confirmation email after registration is complete, and your name will be added to the event's guest list. Proceeds from all events benefit our employee scholarship program. Space is limited, so please reserve early.*