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RIP'S RIBS COOK-OFF ~ APRIL 13

PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITY



Oli Pettigrew "That Englishman in Texas", promotes all things Texas from a transplanted Englishman's perspective. He's witty and entertaining and he is returning to Eastland for a 2nd year as one of our Rip's Ribs celebrity judges. While he's here he would like to do some social media promotional videos for any business interested. The cost of the videos will vary depending on how many businesses purchase spots. These videos are 90 sec to 4 min long and each business can use the video on their own web sites or any way they would like to use it as promotional material. Oli will be posting the videos on his social media pages which have thousands of followers. Give the chamber a call or contact Oli through the link below if you are interested in finding out more about this opportunity. [That Englishman in Texas](#)

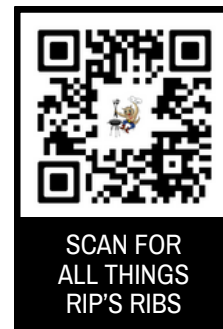
Rip's Ribs Judges:

Celebrity Judges:

- Oli Pettigrew ~ That Englishman in Texas, Social media
- Tom Goodman ~ Author "The Last Man: A Novel of the 1927 Santa Claus Bank Robbery"
- Clemente Morales ~ KRBC Meteorologist and Morning Anchor

Professional Judges:

- Julie Dennis ~ Manager, Natty Flats Smokehouse
- Dr. Frank Owsley ~ Tarleton State University, Department Head Animal Science Dept over Meat Science Courses
- Daniel Hoetger ~ General Manager, Lytle Land & Cattle Company



NOT TOO LATE TO ENTER A COOK TEAM

There is still time to sign up a cook team for the 11th Annual Rip's Ribs Cook-Off held on the downtown square. This is a great opportunity for team-building, marketing your business, and just having a fun time! You don't have to be an award winning cook. This non-sanctioned cook-off is a great way to get your feet wet if you've ever thought about entering a cook-off. And...if you think you have the ability to serve some mouth-watering, savory ribs, then there's always that \$1,000 first prize that is waiting for someone. We give out cash prizes through 5th place. Hurry and sign up now at RipsRibs.com or give us a call at the office and we'll sign you up!



Rip's Wine Festival - April 13th

WINE TICKETS

The same day as Rip's Cook-off, the Chamber will host the 4th Annual Rip's Wine Festival. Tickets can be purchased online or in person at the Chamber office. Presale tickets are \$20 for ten tastings. Presales end Thursday, April 11th at 5 PM. Tickets the day of the event are \$25 for ten tastings. Presale tickets not only save you \$5 but guarantee a souvenir glass. Rip's Wine Festival will be held from 11 AM - 4 PM under the Pavilion at The Lumber Yard Event Center, 313 W. Main.



The following wineries will be presenting their wines:

- Bar Ditch Winery
- Blue Duck Winery
- The Winery at Willow Creek
- Brennan Vineyards
- Cockrell Vineyards



FOOD TRUCKS



Between 10 AM & 4 PM, food trucks will be stationed in front of the Lumber Yard Event Center. Your choice of cuisine includes: The Pink Company (carnival food); Rollin' Woodfired Pizza; Ken's Chicken & Fish; & Taqueria Maldonado's. Even if you aren't participating in the downtown activities, make sure to swing by and grab a to-go order from one of these food trucks.

SHOPPING



Discover an eclectic array of retail treasures, artisan crafts, and boutique finds nestled within the Lumber Yard Event Center from 9 AM - 4 PM. Whether you're searching for a special gift or simply indulging in a bit of retail therapy, immerse yourself in a world of creativity and craftsmanship at our marketplace.

JAZZ MUSIC



Each year, the Eastland High School Band hosts a Jazz Festival during the Cook-off. This year is no exception. Jazz bands from around the region will be performing on the south courthouse steps from 9 AM - 5 PM. Each hour beginning at 9 AM, the following jazz bands will perform: Breckenridge High School, Cisco College, Hardin-Simmons University, Maypearl High School, Wylie High School, Tarleton State University, Angelo State University, and the final band beginning at 4PM will be Gainesville High School. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy a day full of fantastic jazz music!

DRINKS & SNACKS

Several drink and snack vendors will be set up on the downtown square. Look for vendors like Dippin' Dots, Bahama Bucks, Dub's Delights, Lemongrass Boba, & Heart of Texas to quench that thirst or quiet that sweet tooth.

**2ND WEEKEND
IN APRIL**

NEW BILLBOARD

11TH ANNUAL

**Rip's Ribs
Cook-Off**



JAZZ & WINE FEST - FOOD TRUCKS - VENDORS

If you're headed west on I-20 just before the Ranger exit, look for our new lighted billboard. Right now it looks like the image above. But look quick, because it's about to change after Rip's Ribs Cook-Off.

JUNIOR AMBASSADORS VISIT EBAA IRON

Members of the Eastland Chamber Junior Ambassador Program visited EBAA Iron on March 27th. These members are EISD seniors. They meet once each month for a different program. The junior ambassadors also help with the various Chamber events. The chamber is honored to collaborate with this exceptional group of students.

Pictured L-R:

Cole Bridges; Jaci Darr; EBAA President, E.T. Bradley; EISD Superintendent, Jeremy Williams; Adalynn Cunningham; Londyn Carroll; Landri Foster; Gracie Bowles; Macie Hood



March Business of the Month

Comanche Electric Cooperative Association CECA

Congratulations to CECA, selected as the March Business of the Month. They received lunch delivered to their office. Thanks, CECA for all you do for the community.





April Business of the Month

EVENTS



OIL CHANGE – TRANSMISSION SERVES
AUTO DETAILING

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New Members

- Harrison Farm & Ranch Realty
- Capstone Real Estate
- Beards Wheat & Rye
- AA Event Center
- MicroPlex Bounce House Rentals

2024 SPONSORS

CORPORATE

- Blake Fulenwider Dodge
- Blake Fulenwider Chevy
- KATX 97.7 FM
- Kennedy Financial
- Stanley Ford

GOLD

- NAPA Bryans Auto Parts
- Edwards Jones - Tom Edwards
- CECA
- Big Country Title
- Harrison Farm & Ranch LLC

PLATINUM

- EBAA Iron
- AccelHealth
- Texas Bank
- Collins & Sons Plumbing
- First Financial Bank
- Bartee Metals
- Farmers & Merchants Bank

SILVER

- Clint Coffee State Farm Agent
- White's Ace Hardware/Duffy's Lumber
- The Eastland Historic Hotel
- The Solid Rock Camps
- McDonald's
- Rek-Tek / AA Event Center



4/9	<p>Candidates Forum @ EHS Cafeteria Featuring Candidates for Eastland City Commissioner, Eastland Memorial Hospital Board, & Eastland ISD School Board Tuesday, April 9th @ 6 PM.</p>
4/13	<p><u>Rip's Ribs Cook-Off, Rip's Wine Festival & EHS Jazz Festival</u> Downtown Square & The Lumber Yard Event Ctr. @ 313 W. Main St. 9 AM - 6 PM Saturday, April 13th</p>
4/19	<p>Eastland Chamber Business of the Month Lunch Main Street Oil & Lube Noon - 1 PM 802 West Main Street Please RSVP for a lunch head count chamber@eastland.net</p> 
4/18 through 4/21	<p>The Bankhead Community Theatre presents: <i>Steel Magnolias</i> Performances: Thurs April 18 - Saturday April 20th @ 7:30 PM. Sunday April 21st @ 2:30 PM <u>Tickets Available Online</u></p>
4/25 through 4/27	<p>The Majestic Theatre presents: <i>The Grammy's</i> Thursday April 25th through Saturday April 27th Each night at 6:30 PM <u>Tickets & More Information Available Online</u></p>
4/26	<p>Perkins Insurance Agency Open House & Ribbon Cutting - 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM at NEW LOCATION, 200 S. Seaman St.</p>

Send us your events to be included on our
Chamber Calendar and Newsletter
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