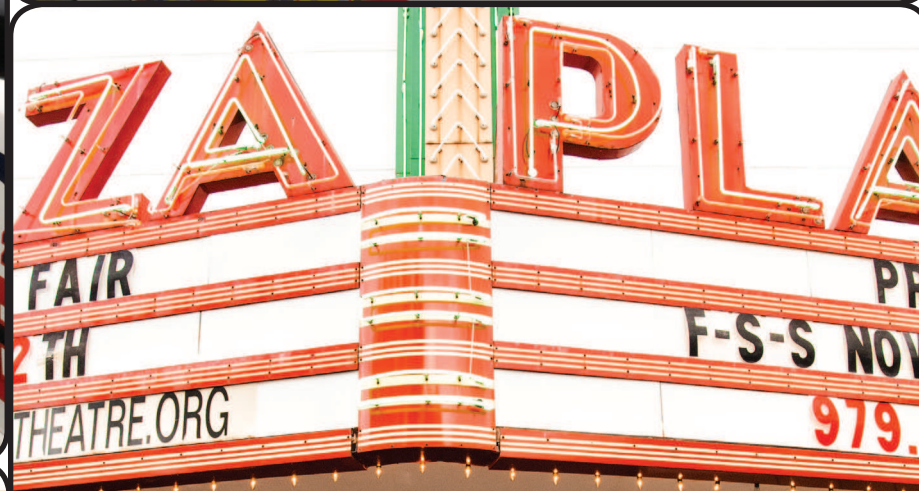


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County 2015

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Wednesday, April 8, 2015



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Express

Thursday, April 9, 2015

And the winners are....

Welcome to our inaugural edition of the Best of East Wharton County!

Earlier this year, we asked *Wharton Journal-Spectator* and *East Bernard Express* readers to cast their ballots in our first Best of East Wharton County contest.

The winners are now revealed in this special section. Winners in each category received a framed certificate listing the category or categories they won.

A runner-up was named in each category, and some categories may include one or two honorable mention selections, if deemed appropriate.

We didn't have any ties for winner or runner-up, and one winner was a unanimous selection (Wharton County Historical Museum, Best Museum/Historical Site).

Also, Ronnie Bubela of East Bernard won the drawing for a \$50 gift certificate from Hinze's, which was voted the best restaurant.

— Keith Magee

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On The Cover

Top, From Left:

Precinct 2 Constable

J. A. Szymanski,

Best Public Servant

Tommy & Donna Vacek,

Vacek's Hardware,

Best Hardware Store

Bottom, From Left:

Alicia's Hair Salon,

Best Hair Salon

Plaza Theatre,

Best Entertainment Venue

Hinze's Bar-B-Que

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9er's Grill

Runner-up

Dairy Queen

Honorable Mention

Boling Supermarket

Best French Fries

Winner

McDonald's

Runner-up

9er's Grill

Honorable Mention

Larry's Restaurant

Best Steak

Winner

Reyna's Cafe

Runner-up

9er's Grill

Honorable Mention

Wharton Seafood

Best Tacos

Winner

Dairy Queen

Runner-up

Mach's Restaurant

Honorable Mention

La Casona

Best Enchiladas

Winner

La Casona

Runner-up

Larry's Restaurant

Honorable Mention

Lupe's Mexican Cafe

Best Nachos

Winner

Diamond S

Runner-up

Los Cucos

Honorable Mention

Dairy Queen

La Casona

Best Hot Wings

Winner

Domino's

Runner-up

Pizza Hut

Best Seafood

Winner

Wharton Seafood

Runner-up

Hinze's

Best Caterer

Winner

Hinze's

Runner-up

Vincek's

Best Breakfast

Winner

Denny's

Runner-up

9er's Grill

Honorable Mention

Diamond S

Best Coffee

Winner

Milam Street Coffee Shop

Runner-up

Glory Bean Coffee Co.

Honorable Mention

McDonald's

Best Restaurant

Winner

Hinze's

Runner-up

Reyna's Cafe

Honorable Mention

9er's Grill

Wharton Seafood

Best Barbecue

Winner

Hinze's

Runner-up

Vincek's Smokehouse

Honorable Mention

Taste Woods BBQ

Best Sandwich

Winner

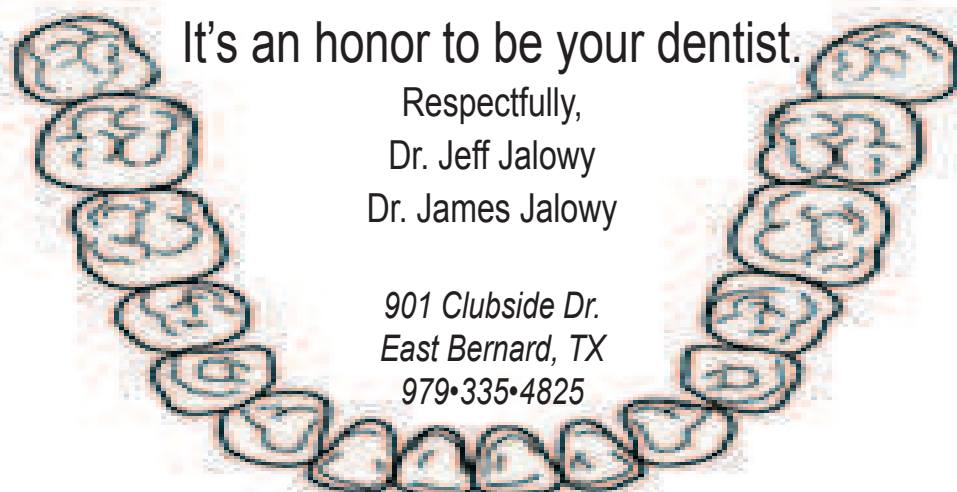
Jr.'s Texas Best Smokehouse

Runner-up

Simple Simon's Pizza

Honorable Mention

Subway



Respectfully,
Dr. Jeff Jalowy
Dr. James Jalowy

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I would like to take this opportunity to send a very sincere thank you to all the folks of East Wharton County for allowing me the honor of being voted "2015 Best Teacher of East Wharton County." It is an honor that I greatly appreciate and will always treasure. Your kindness is overwhelming and your thoughtfulness and genuine consideration of me holding this title is without a doubt, both humbling and exciting.

Thank you again for allowing me this honor.

I would also like to express my thanks to the *Wharton Journal-Spectator* and the *East Bernard Express* for their efforts in sponsoring this county event.

To the Wharton Chamber of Commerce, I would extend my gratitude and appreciation for the wonderful honor of being named "The Wharton Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture's Teacher of the Year." Again, the honor was overwhelming and I am sincerely thankful. How outstanding it was to receive such recognition from the community for doing something I dearly love to do! The banquet was awesome and something I'll always remember. Thank you Chamber and thank you Wharton.

Sincerely,
Wanda Popp

Best Pizza
Winner
 Pizza Hut

Runner-up
 Domino's

Honorable Mention
 Simple Simon's Pizza

Best Chicken Fried Steak
Winner
 9er's Grill

Runner-up
 Vincek's Smokehouse

Honorable Mention
 Reyna's Cafe
 Wharton Seafood

Best Dessert
Winner
 Hinze's

Runner-up
 Jr.'s Smokehouse

Honorable Mention
 Glory Bean Coffee Co.

Best Salsa
Winner
 La Casona

Runner-up
 Lupe's

Honorable Mention
 Mach's Restaurant

Best Fast Food
Winner
 Whataburger

Runner-up
 McDonald's

Honorable Mention
 Dairy Queen

Best Ice Cream
Winner
 Dairy Queen

Runner-up
 Milam St. Coffee Shop

Best Fried Chicken
Winner
 Church's Chicken

Runner-up
 Vincek's Smokehouse

Honorable Mention
 Hartz Chicken Buffet

Best Family-Friendly Restaurant
Winner
 9er's Grill

Runner-up
 Los Cucos

Honorable Mention
 Lupe's
 Reyna's Cafe

Best Atmosphere
Winner
 Milam Street Coffee Shop

Runner-up
 Los Cucos

Honorable Mention
 Reyna's Cafe

Best Margarita
Winner
 Los Cucos

Runner-up
 Larry's Restaurant

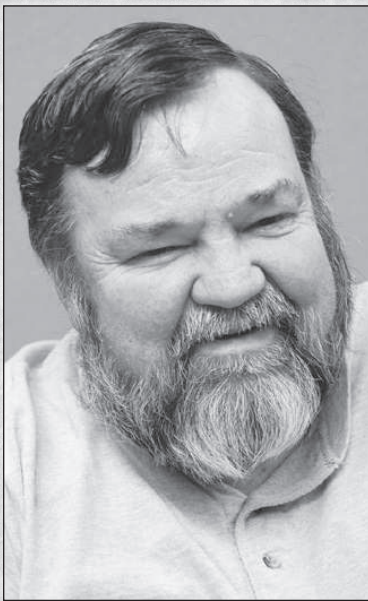
Honorable Mention
 La Casona

Best Appetizers
Winner
 La Casona

Runner-up
 Los Cucos

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Best Local Artist



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HOME & AUTO

Best Cleaners
Winner
 Lone Star Cleaning & Laundry

Runner-up
 Sunshine Laundry & Dry Cleaners

Best Plumber
Winner
 Rath Plumbing Co.

Runner-up
 Big State Plumbing Service

Best Heating & Air
Winner
 Roberson AC & Refrigeration

Runner-up
 EB AC & Heating



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Winner
Bo Phillips

Runner-up
Ken Sabrsula

Best Oil Change
Winner
Wharton EZ Lube

Runner-up
Cheryl's

Best Auto Dealer
Winner
Von-Wil Ford

Runner-up
Don Elliott

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Winner
O'Reilly Auto Parts

Runner-up
Star Parts



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Best Auto Repair Winner

Von-Wil Ford

Runner-up
Caney Auto

Best Roofing Company Winner
Weather Guard Roofing

Runner-up
Priority Roofing

Best Contractor Winner
Total Outdoor Solutions LLC

Runner-up
Bo Phillips

Best Landscaping Winner
Kalina's Landscaping & Nursery

Runner-up
Jose Valenzuel

Best Furniture Store Winner
Franklin Furniture

Runner-up
Select Imports Furniture & Mattress

Best Furniture Repair Winner
Allen's Trim Shop

Runner-up
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Best Hardware Store

Winner
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Runner-up
Zarsky Lumber

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Winner
Walmart

Runner-up
Kalina's Landscaping & Nursery

Best Florist

Winner
The Flower Shoppe

Runner-up
Polak Petals

Best Farm & Feed Store

Winner
Wharton Feed & Supply

Runner-up
Sander's

SERVICES

Best Teacher

Winner
Wanda Popp

Runner-up
Roben Eller

Best Public Official

Winner
Sandy Sanders

Runner-up
Randy Clapp

Honorable Mention

J.A. Szymanski

Best Public Servant

Winner
J.A. Szymanski

Runner-up
Terry Lynch

Best Bank

Winner
Prosperity Bank

Runner-up
Newfirst Bank

Honorable Mention

Amegy Bank
Capital One

Best Attorney

Winner
Wadler Perches Hundl & Kerlick

Runner-up
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Honorable Mention

John Roades

Best Physician

Winner
Dr. Nathan Nguyen,
Regent Family Practice

Runner-up
Dr. Larry Pennick, MD

Honorable Mention
Dr. Mark Marconi, DO

Best Optometrist

Winner
Keith Ermis

Runner-up
Texas Optical

Best Dentist

Winner
Dr. James Jalowy, DDS

Runner-up
Dr. John Kieler, DDS

Best Funeral Home

Winner
Wharton Funeral Home

Runner-up
Gooden-Hatton Funeral Home

Best Accountant

Winner
Dobbins & Sheek

Runner-up
Phil Stephenson & Co.

Best Real Estate Agent

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Runner-up
Betty Howell,
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Best Insurance

Agent Winner
Charles Chambers,
State Farm Insurance

Runner-up
Insurance Net

Best Photographer

Winner
Impressions by Leslie

Runner-up
Gasch Photography

Best Veterinarian
Winner
Wharton Veterinary Clinic

Runner-up
East Bernard Animal Hospital

Best Organization

Winner
Wharton Lions Club

Runner-up
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Wharton County Historical Museum

Runner-up Monterey Square

Best Entertainment Venue Winner

The Plaza Theatre

Runner-up Java Jam (at Milam Street Coffee Shop)

Best Bar/Club Winner

Debbie's S Curve

Runner-up J's Corner Tavern

Honorable Mention Wharton Country Club

Best Hotel/Motel Winner

Holiday Inn Express

Runner-up Tee Pee Motel

Best Museum/ Historical Site Winner

Wharton County Historical Museum
(unanimous choice)

Best Festival/Event Winner

Monterey Square Wine and Arts Fair

Runner-up Wharton Co. Freedom Fest

Best Church Winner

Holy Cross Catholic Church

Runner-up First United Methodist Church

Best Childcare Winner

First Baptist CDC

Runner-up Small Blessings

Best Apartment Complex Winner

Country Club Place

Runner-up The Meadows Apartments

Best Assisted Living Winner

Elmcroft of Wharton

Runner-up Avalon Place

Best Local Artist Winner

Burlon Parsons

Runner-up Debra Sabrsula

Best Local Musician Winner

Doc Blakely

Runner-up Mickey Reynolds

Best Beauty Salon Winner

Alicia's Beauty Salon

Runner-up Frances & Co.

Best Fitness Center Winner

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Runner-up Anytime Fitness

Best Local Musician



Doc Blakely

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RETAIL

Best Clothing Store Winner

Palais Royal

Runner-up TNT Western Wear

Best Thrift Shop Winner

St. Thomas Thrift Shop

Runner-up Rags to Riches

Best Antique Store Winner

Bohemian Rhapsody II

Runner-up Polak Petals

Honorable Mention JT's This & That

Best Pharmacy Winner

Walmart

Runner-up CVS Pharmacy

Honorable Mention H-E-B

Best Convenience Store Winner

Valero Corner Store

Runner-up Boling Supermarket

Best Shoe Store Winner

Payless Shoes

Runner-up Palais Royal

Best Grocery Store Winner

H-E-B

Runner-up Walmart

Best Gun Shop Winner

Carroll's

Runner-up Tyler's Jewelry & Pawn Shop

Best Jeweler Winner

Tyler's Jewelry & Pawn Shop

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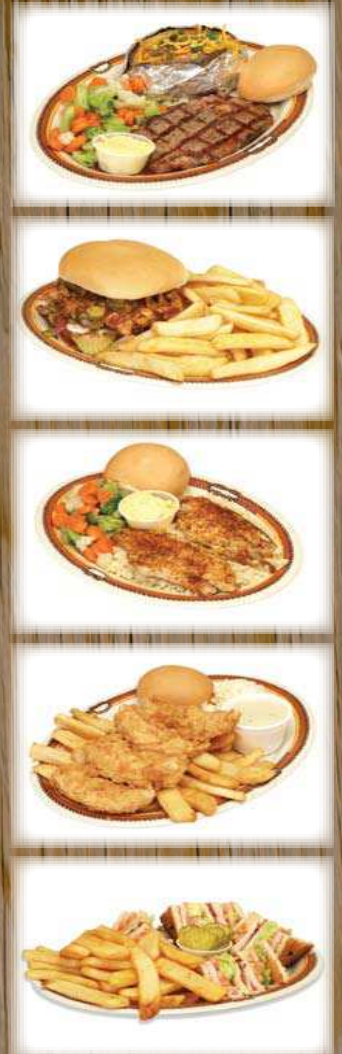


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