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We're known far and wide for our famous barbecue, for our native sons like Horton Foote and Dan Rather, for the thousands who have attended our Wharton County Junior College, and for our regionally renowned medical facilities. We've restored our courthouse and charming Monterey Square, our downtown.

You'll be delighted by what you find in our shops, restaurants, museums and attractions. If you've never been here before, let us show you around. Our little guide will help you. We feel sure the people you meet will make you feel right at home.

**Ron Sanders**  
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WHERE WE ARE: Wharton is 46 miles from the Gulf of Mexico, 58 miles from Houston, 135 miles from Austin and 167 miles from San Antonio.







The Wharton County Courthouse on Monterey Square

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## The heart and spirit of Wharton

By **BILLIE JONES**

Wharton is spirit. Like the wind, it cannot be seen but there is a refreshing spirit blowing for all.

Visitors and newcomers are welcome, we love an opportunity to share small town life with you.

I recently asked my daughter, who grew up here, to give me one word describing her hometown. She immediately said "heart." It is with a warm spirit and friendly heart, we invite you to be part of this community.

The heart of an early community was the county courthouse. Today we share the beautifully restored Wharton County Courthouse sitting in the middle of historic Monterey Square. Stroll the streets and enjoy shops, antiques, churches, restaurants or a short rest at the Milam Street Coffee Shop. Yes, if it happens to be on a certain Friday night, you just might find toe-tapping music.

Don't miss the Plaza Theatre where live performances are presented through the year. The Footlites, named for native son, Horton Foote, present a large variety of Broadway shows, mostly musicals which are fantastic. Yes, we have been host to world renowned Houston Grand Opera. Yes, the Wharton spirit reaches far and



wide as we love small town Texas living.

The Wharton spirit has extended to the international marketplace. We are home to Taiwan's Nan Ya Plastics and JM Eagle Pipe, Dorian Tool and Lamberti of Italy and numerous large international and longtime family ranches.

Located less than an hour from a famed medical center and large shopping malls, Wharton is the destination for safe neighbors, fine schools, Wharton County Junior College, medical care and a smile as we pass on the streets.

Yes, the spirit of Wharton is like the wind. It's difficult to explain but come, we will enjoy the warm heart together.

*Billie Jones is a longtime Wharton resident who is one of our city's unofficial ambassadors. She is a former executive director of the Wharton Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture, and she writes a weekly column in the Wharton Journal-Spectator on items of interest about the Wharton community. She can be reached at [bhjones6@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bhjones6@sbcglobal.net).*

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## 2018 calendar of events

- Jan. 13: MLK Freedom March, Just Do It Now to Monterey Square, Caney Creek Church
- Jan. 24: Pilot Club 35th Annual Chili Supper, KC Hall
- Feb. 20: Wharton County Business Expo/Job Fair, Wharton Civic Center
- Feb. 22: Wild Game Supper, Crescent Fairgrounds
- Feb. 27: Wharton County SPOT Bow-Wow Dinner, KC Hall
- March 1: Lions Club Annual Pancake Supper, Wharton Civic Center
- March 20: Wharton Chamber of Commerce 99th Annual Banquet, Wharton Civic Center
- Spring, TBA: 100 Club Cookoff, Crescent Fairgrounds
- April 12: Faith Christian Academy Ladies' Night Out
- April 13-14: Wharton County Youth Fair BBQ Cookoff
- April 21-28: Wharton County Youth Fair
- May, TBA: Wharton County Freedom Fest, downtown Wharton
- June 1-2: Ninth Annual Citywide Garage Sale
- June 9: 28th Annual Kolache-Klobase Festival, East Bernard
- June 16: Juneteenth Celebration, downtown Wharton
- August, TBA: Wharton County Football Coaches Luncheon
- Sept. 29: Rotary Club Gala, Wharton Civic Center
- Oct. 13: Monterey Square Wine &

Arts Fair, downtown Wharton

- Oct. 27: Wharton Chamber Golf Tournament, Wharton Country Club
- Nov. 20: Wharton Chamber of Commerce Holiday Parade, downtown Wharton
- Nov. 22: Wharton Feast of Sharing, Holy Family Catholic Church's Family Life Center
- Nov. 24: Small Business Saturday

### Other regular events:

- Coffee With Your Cops, Milam Street Coffee Shop (7:30 to 9 a.m. every First Wednesday)
- Java Jam, Milam Street Coffee Shop (live music, normally fourth Friday of each month)
- Plaza Theatre productions (shows scheduled throughout the year)
- Wharton County Junior College Visual and Performing Arts Dept. (several theater productions, band and choir concerts throughout the year)
- Wharton ISD (several theater productions, band and choir concerts throughout the year)
- Wharton County Farmers Market at WCJC front parking lot (Saturday mornings, late spring-early summer and late fall, dates TBA)

*Note: All dates and events are subject to change. Other events are also planned that were not set or confirmed at the time of publication. To keep up with the latest listing, see the calendar on [whartonchamber.com](http://whartonchamber.com).*

## On the cover

Luke and Cat are a husband-and-wife team, based in Wharton. The photo featured on the cover was taken during the snowfall in December 2017. Luke and Cat are the photographers for V8 Ranch.

V8 Ranch is a Brahman Ranch located near Wharton that breeds show quality Brahmans. The photo highlights the importance of the agriculture industry here.

Luke and Cat also shoot bridal portraits and engagement sessions in their 5000-acre

backyard. Their photography has been featured on countless blogs including Style Me Pretty, The Knot, Ruffled, and American Rancher. In their Life & Craft newsletter, written for photographers, Luke and Cat reveal how they enjoy their cattle ranching lifestyle while attracting big city brides to their town.

*For more information, visit [lukeandcat.com](http://lukeandcat.com).*

## Wharton County Juneteenth Festival



**Members of Atlanic Starr perform at the eighth annual James Simmons Jr. Juneteenth Festival last year at Monterey Square in downtown Wharton.**

The James Simmons Jr. Wharton County Juneteenth Festival became the largest festival in Wharton County when it was born eight years ago.

The festival attracted an estimated 15,000 people three years ago. Last year's event was estimated at around 10,000. Festival-goers keep wondering how the event will be topped each year.

With the drive of Paul Kearney and the support of James Simmons Jr., the event is coordinated by Kearney and supported by Simmons' Total Premier Service and J. Simmons Group Inc.

The event was the reconnecting of life-long friends for the revival observances, celebrating June 19, 1865 when the former slaves of Texas found they had been declared free through President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation signed on Jan. 1, 1863.

Celebrated in Texas on or near June 19, each year afterward, the celebration began

to wane here in the 1950s.

Now the James Simmons Jr. Wharton County Juneteenth Festival will be the place to be on Saturday, June 16 on Monterey Square in downtown Wharton.

A parade kicks off the event at 10 a.m. sponsored by the Wharton Training School Alumni. The parade goes from downtown Wharton to the Dawson Community Resource Center, where a program is held.

The festival runs until midnight. Admission is free.

The festival features plenty of activities for children, including carnival rides. And as always, there is plenty of live music, as well as a Hometown Heroes Program that honors local citizens for their accomplishments.

The musicians will be announced prior to the event.

*For more information about the Juneteenth Festival, call 979-532-1468.*



## Wharton County Freedom Fest

The Wharton County Freedom Fest has gone through several changes throughout the years, but one of the most popular events is the open car show.

Plans for the 2018 event had not been finalized at the time of this printing, but the event has been held around mid-May for the last several years.

*For updated information, visit [whartontexas.org](http://whartontexas.org) or call the Wharton Chamber of Commerce.*

One of the most popular events at the Wharton County Freedom Fest is the open car show. Pictured is the 2017 event.



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## Doc Blakely & the Java Jam Band

One of Wharton's most unique entertainment events, the Java Jam has been growing in popularity since the first show in September 2010.

Headed up by popular Wharton musician and professional speaker, Doc Blakely, and the Java Jam Band, the monthly show normally features a guest artist, along with food and drinks at the Milam Street Coffee Shop on Monterey Square in downtown Wharton.

Each month, the guest performers will play the first set at 6 p.m., and after a break at 7 p.m. for the buffet, the guest artists will join the Java Jam Band at 8 p.m. for an hour-long jam session.

Members of the Java Jam Band are as varied as their talents.

They include: Doc Blakely, fiddle, professional speaker; Ron Sanders, drums, executive director, Wharton Chamber of Commerce; Rick Quijas, bass guitar, a state employee; Mickey Reynolds, guitar/vocals, pastor of Caney Creek Church; John Pursel, guitar, music instructor; and Jeanie Gunter, piano, Mary Kay consultant.

Other local musicians sit in with the band whenever the spirit moves them.

The band also has a designated dancer, C. Paul Smith.

Those who attend the events are asked to bring a covered dish to share for the buffet, along with a \$15 cover charge to help pay for the guest musicians.

Java Jam is normally held on the



Photo courtesy of Sharon Joines  
**From left, Elena Silva, John Pursel, Mickey Reynolds, Ron Sanders, Jeanie Gunter, LeRoy Jackson, Doc Blakely, Rick Quijas and Mary Northington.**

fourth Friday of each month, but sometimes the date may vary.

Guest performers may vary each month from first-time guests to popular performers like Johnny Flores from Needville and Wharton native Mike Blakely, who lives in the Hill Country but makes regular visits home to perform.

Blakely traditionally returns in a special December show to perform and lead the audience in Christmas carols.

Also, some months, band member Mickey Reynolds will perform a tribute to a well-known artist, like Hank Williams.

Those who attend a Java Jam or visit the Milam Street Coffee Shop can join an email list to get updates about that month's activities.

*See [milamstcoffee.com](http://milamstcoffee.com) for current performers, details and directions or call Milam Street Coffee at 979-282-9771.*



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## Monterey Square Wine & Arts Fest



The Monterey Square Wine and Arts Fair has Houston Street open so people can drink wine and listen to the music during the event.

One of Wharton's popular events provides culture and is on every corner of downtown Wharton at the Monterey Square Wine and Arts Fair, held each year on the second Saturday of October.

The event is a fantastic night to sip, shop and stroll. The 2018 event — the 10th annual — is set for Saturday, Oct. 13 in downtown Wharton.

Begun in 2009, the event is sponsored by the Wharton Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture and the Monterey Square Merchants Committee and is a wonderful way to highlight stores while offering some unique opportunities to the public.

Each year, different Texas wineries provide the samples, in both whites and reds. Wine is also for sale by the glass or bottle. Participating merchants offer the various vintages to sample.

In addition, there is craft beer sampling and boutique sodas.

Art is another feature of the festival. Local artists display their work in



several sites.

No festival is complete without music, and there's a full venue to check out at the fair. Musicians set up shop in front of several businesses, playing acoustic favorites, while the local favorite, the Java Jam Band, takes its familiar stage inside Milam Street Coffee Shop.

Last year's event also included food trucks set up along Fulton Street.

Anyone wishing to participate in the wine sampling must pay a minimal admission fee.

*For more information, visit [montereysquarewinefair.com](http://montereysquarewinefair.com).*



## The Morris Carriage House

It's only been a few generations since horse-drawn carriages were in vogue and traveled in and around the area.

While the use of carriages declined with the advent of the automobile, memories of their importance is kept alive by collectors.

A local family has devoted a lifetime to collecting and restoring the transportation of another century alive. The love of a more gentle time and quiet means of transportation is the passion of carriage collectors Stewart Morris Sr. and his son Stewart Morris Jr.

Numerous carriages in their large collection are gathered together in the Morris Carriage House just east of Wharton on County Road 117.

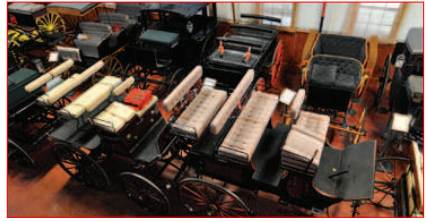
Want to see the carriage that carried Vivien Leigh in the movie "Gone With the Wind?" How about the carriage known as "The Traveling Government of Mexico?" It was used by then popular Mexican President Benito Juarez.

Carriages in the facility span several hundred years of history and include carriages from around the world as well as from the U.S. Each carriage and wagon is collected and shown for its historical significance and the craftsmanship of those who built them.

But what is in the carriage house is only a small portion of those collected by the father and son over the years. In their restored, pristine condition they look like and could go from the showroom to roadway at any time, which some of them occasionally do.

But it takes horses for this means of transportation, so there are trained carriage horses stabled at the facility.

The carriage horses are cared for at the site and all the tack needed is there also. Carriage horses are worked with and groomed



**Restored carriages are displayed in the Morris Ranch Carriage House.**

daily and all tack is hung with fittings polished and leather oiled ready for use.

When being taken out for special occasions, the drivers and passengers often don period costumes which go along with the years the vehicles were in use.

Interesting pieces in the collection include the carriage used by Vivien Leigh in the movie "Gone With the Wind."

The 1939 film adapted from Margaret Mitchell's 1936 novel of the same name won 10 Academy Awards. It has been named the fourth in the top 100 American films of the 20th Century. The cast also included Clark Gable, Leslie Howard and Olivia De Havilland.

To get to the Morris Ranch & Carriage House, head east for about four miles on FM 1301 toward Boling. Turn left on County Road 117 and travel two miles. The carriage house is on the right just before crossing the bridge on the West Bernard River.

It is a perfect setting for not only tours, but weddings, proms and other special occasions. The carriage house is available to visit by appointment only for a fee.

*For more information, call 713-625-8502.*

## Wharton museums

Wharton County's history, from the 1800s to today, can be found in the Wharton County Historical Museum and 20th Century Technology Museum, located in the same building on the north side of town on North Richmond Road.

Unfortunately, both received extensive damage from last year's Hurricane Harvey flooding.

Both are expected to be renovated this year,

but it is not known when they will re-open.

Wharton County Historical Museum and 20th Century Technology Museum are both separate organizations and located at 3615 N. Richmond Road in Wharton.

*For more information or updates, call 979-532-2600 or 979-282-8810 or visit [wharton-countyhistoricalmuseum.com](http://wharton-countyhistoricalmuseum.com) or [20thcentury-tech.com](http://20thcentury-tech.com).*

## The Plaza Theatre



**“Footloose”** was the popular summer musical performed in 2017 at the Plaza Theatre.

The Plaza Theatre on Monterey Square in downtown Wharton will begin the 2018 calendar year with “Always ... Patsy Cline.” It’s the second of five productions from the 2017-18 season.

The 2018-19 season, which will kick off in the fall, will be announced later this year. Performances are normally at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. Sundays.

Here’s synopses of the productions:

- **“Always ... Patsy Cline,”** directed by **Russell Kacer**

Performances: Feb, 16-25, Fridays, Saturdays, 7:30 p.m.; Sundays, 2:30 p.m.

About the show: Always ... Patsy Cline is more than a tribute to the legendary country singer who died tragically at age 30 in a plane crash in 1963. The show is based on a true story about Cline’s friendship with a fan from Houston named Louise Seger, who befriended the star in a Texas honky-tonk in 1961 and continued a correspondence with Cline until her death. The musical play, complete with down-home country humor, true emotion and even some audience participation, includes many of Patsy’s unforgettable hits, such as Crazy, I Fall to Pieces, Sweet Dreams and Walking After Midnight...27 songs in all. The show’s title was inspired by Cline’s letters to Seger, which were consistently signed “Love ALWAYS ... Patsy Cline.”

- **“Lend Me a Tenor,”** a comedy by **Ken Ludwig,** directed by **Reagan Wrench**

Auditions: Feb. 18 and 20

Performances: April 27-May 6; Fridays, Saturdays, 7:30 p.m.; Sundays, 2:30 p.m.

About the show: Lend Me A Tenor is set in September 1934. Saunders, the general manager of the Cleveland Grand Opera Company, is primed to welcome world-famous, Tito Morelli, Il Stupendo, the greatest tenor of his generation, to appear for one night only as Otello. The star arrives late and, through a hilarious series of mishaps, is given a double dose of tranquilizers and passes out. His pulse is so low that Saunders and his assistant Max believe he’s dead. In a frantic attempt to salvage the evening, Saunders persuades Max to get into Morelli’s Otello costume and fool the audience into thinking he’s Il Stupendo. Max succeeds admirably, but Morelli comes to and gets into his other costume ready to perform. Now two Otellos are running around in costume and two women are running around in lingerie, each thinking she is with Il Stupendo. A sensation on Broadway, this madcap screwball comedy is guaranteed to leave you teary-eyed with laughter.

- **Litefooter Summer Youth Workshop & Production: “Shrek The Musical Jr.,”** directed by **Hailey Roberson**

Auditions & Registration: May 6 & 8.

Participants must be ages 6-16 at audition date

Performances: June 28-July 1; Thursday, Friday, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday, 2:30 p.m.

About the show: Once upon a time, in a far away swamp, there lived an ogre named Shrek. One day, Shrek finds his swamp invaded by banished fairy tale misfits who have been cast off by Lord Farquaad, a tiny terror with big ambitions. When Shrek sets off with a wise-cracking donkey to confront Farquaad, he's handed a task – if he rescues feisty Princess Fiona, his swamp will be righted. Shrek tries to win Fiona's love and vanquish Lord Farquaad, but a fairy tale wouldn't be complete without a few twists and turns along the way.

• **“The Wizard of Oz,” a musical by L. Frank Baum, directed by Darin Mielke**

Auditions: May 20 and 22.

Performances: Aug. 3-19, 2018; Fridays, Saturdays, 7:30 p.m.; Sundays, 2:30 p.m.

About the show: After a tornado whisks her away to the magical land of Oz, young Dorothy Gale teams up with a Scarecrow, a Tin Woodsman and a Cowardly Lion to find the mighty Wizard of Oz, who can send her home. Along the way, they must avoid the clutches of the Wicked Witch of the West, who is trying to steal the mysterious magic slippers that once belonged to her evil sister... but are now on Dorothy's feet. Dorothy eventually learns just how magical friendship can be and how wonderful it can feel to go home again.

**Season tickets**

Season Tickets are a way to support the Plaza Theatre. There are a variety of ticket packages available.

Season ticket holders are recognized for their support on the Plaza website, in the theater lobby, and in the playbills. Season tickets also can be used as gifts for family and friends.

For more information, call the Plaza Theatre at 282-2226 or visit [www.whartonchamber.com](http://www.whartonchamber.com)

[tonplazatheatre.org](http://tonplazatheatre.org).

The theater is owned and operated by Plaza Theatre Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to the renovation and restoration of the building, as well as fostering the performing arts.

Originally founded as The Community Theatre of Wharton, its performers are dubbed the “Footliters” in recognition of famed theater and film writer Horton Foote, a native Whartonian.

The Plaza is part of the continuing history of the west side of Monterey Square, being the city's entertainment focus, although some of that history is less than savory.

“Because the floor of the theater is below ground level, there was a tremendous amount of seepage, and there were leaks in the roof and other problems. It was just a sad thing to see,” said Candyce Byrne, former board president.

However, through fundraisers, grants and donations, the group was able to restore the first floor to the point it could stand up to performance.

But the present only offers a glimpse of the future. The group has purchased an adjacent building and has opened much-needed additional restrooms.

Also last year, a new concession stand was built in the lobby, and the ticket counter was relocated to the former concession stand.

Plans also include adding an elevator to meet ADA guidelines, as the group is literally renovating from the ground up.

The future includes converting the second floor into a 1940s-style lounge that can be used for small individual, group or business gatherings, as well as opened up to provide balcony seating for live productions.

The third floor will be converted into a “Black Box” theater for productions of original material created by the group's members or productions for small groups.

*For more information, call 979-282-2226 or visit [whartonplazatheatre.org](http://whartonplazatheatre.org).*

## Wharton parks and recreation

The city of Wharton continues to make improvements at its park facilities to help improve the quality of life in the city.

Last year, the city approved new restroom facilities for three parks— Croom Park 1, Croom Park 2 and Guadalupe Park.

“We want to make the parks of Wharton a better place for residents, and we want them to become a more friendly place,” said City Secretary Paula Favors.

The Wharton Economic Development Corp. has contributed \$150,000 in each of the last two fiscal years for park improvements.

Additionally, the revitalization of the Port of Wharton wooden structures at Riverfront Park is finished.

The city strives to make Wharton a better place to live. Sometimes all that means is improving Wharton’s aesthetics such as landscaping. Last year, the city updated the “Port of Wharton” along the Riverfront Park. The park was deemed as an official Texas local park, recreating and open space fund project thanks to the support of the City of Wharton, Texas Parks and Wildlife and Lower Colorado River Authority.

It was dedicated on June 24, 1992 when Garland Novosad was the mayor. Nearly 24 years later, the sign has been upgraded and its deck has been renovated.

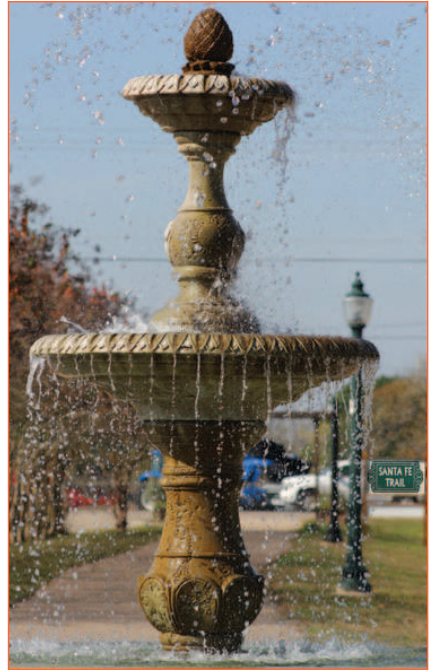
“These beautiful park improvements are assets to our community and speak to residents’ quality of life,” said David Schroeder, longtime executive director of the Wharton EDC who retired in 2017.

The parks continue to be used during festival cook-offs, reunions, organizational events, business and birthday parties, or just for fishing.

“We urge everyone to come out and enjoy the parks,” Schroeder said.

Wharton’s parks and recreational facilities include:

- Wharton Municipal Pool, Junior College Boulevard and East Belle Avenue



### The Rotary Fountain highlights the Santa Fe Trail which runs through Wharton

- Riverfront Park, Elm and Fulton
  - Dinosaur Park, West Colorado and Bell Street
  - Pleasure Park, North Walnut Street and East Mulberry Street
  - Guffey Park, Houston and Caney Streets
  - Santa Fe Trail, North Fulton Street and East Santa Fe Street
  - Croom Park, North Alabama Street and Shirley Avenue
  - Harris Park, South Outlar Street and Harris Street
  - Hollywood Bottom, County Road 444
- For locations of the parks, see the map on Pages 24-25.

If you wish to reserve the pavilions or have a function at any of the parks, contact Wharton City Hall at 979-532-2491.



## Utility information

If you're a newcomer here, welcome to Wharton!

If you're moving into a new home, you will need to get your utilities set up. Read the information below.

New water and sewer customers within the Wharton city limits must provide a copy of a lease agreement or proof of ownership for the property, a valid U.S. identification and a deposit in the amount of \$100.

Senior citizens are eligible for a reduced deposit. This service also includes garbage pickup.

For more information, call 979-532-2491.

For residential customers outside of the Wharton city limits, contact a

water well drilling provider.

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Texas electricity customers can visit Power to Choose, the official and unbiased electric choice website of the Public Utility Commission of Texas. Compare offers and choose the electric plan at [powertochoose.org](http://powertochoose.org).

Chamber members can find highly-competitive rates through the chamber's Excite Energy Power Alliance. See more information about the alliance at [whartonchamber.com](http://whartonchamber.com).

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## Wharton Country Club

The Wharton Country Club serves Wharton and the surrounding areas with fine food, recreation, meeting space and social opportunities.

The club provides comprehensive services and opportunities for physical and social well-being. The clubhouse has facilities for dining, meeting, and socializing, and offers a full-service restaurant and bar. The challenging tree-lined golf course is now ranked seventh among the top 25 nine-hole course in Texas. The pool and cabana are great for summertime relaxation and parties. A newly-renovated tennis court is ready for play.

The Wharton Country Club has always been rated as one of the outstanding nine-hole golf courses in Texas by golf critics and writers. The tight fairways, lined by mature pecan trees, create a pleasing and aesthetically enjoyable experience regardless of the skill level of any golfer.

The par-71 layout affords opportunity for golfers to be challenged at all levels in a pristine fresh air setting with a round often completed in three hours. The Men's and Women's Golf Associations regularly sponsor and offer tournament play for the members and for non-members throughout the year.

The course is open to the public on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Green fees are \$25 for 18 holes and \$12.50 for 9 holes. Memberships are also available.

The Barbara Stephenson Dining Room is the main dining area of the club. Members overlook the golf course with its greens, fairways and mature pecan trees through a wall of ceiling-to-floor windows. The Dining Room can accommodate parties of up to one hundred in comfort. A dance floor and space for buffet arrangement make this the most popular room for larger private parties.

Adjacent to the Dining Room and accessible through glassed French doors is the Horton Foote Room. Seating 18, this room is the ideal venue for intimate dinner parties, business meetings, bridge groups and mah-jongg or bunco parties.

The Game Room, situated next to the full-service bar, is another area that is ideal for groups of up to 30 and may be configured to accommodate any event that requires comfort with privacy.

A full-service bar offers ease of access from the golf course for thirsty players rounding number nine and offers a wide selection of



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**The Wharton Country Club features a 9-hole golf course, swimming pool, tennis courts and bar and dining facilities.**

wines, spirits, beers and non-alcoholic beverages. Members and their guests can drink and dine while relaxing in the club chairs and perhaps viewing the endeavors of their fellow golfers through the picture windows that encompass two walls of the bar.

The club offers full dining menus for lunch and dinner, designed to accommodate and reflect the desires of the membership. The menu choices range from simple appetizers to a variety of salads, sandwiches and entrées in a Southern home-style tradition. Thursday evenings they offer a very popular Steak Night in the Dining Room. Weekly specials add variety to member choices, and are highly anticipated by diners, and Pasta Night Wednesdays featuring unlimited pasta, salad and bread.

New members are welcome. Wharton Country Club offers various types of memberships to meet your budget and interests. Contact the club to learn more about memberships.

*Wharton Country Club is located at 126 Country Club Drive in Wharton. For more information, call 979-532-5940 or visit [wharton-countryclub.com](http://wharton-countryclub.com).*

## Wharton County Courthouse

The Wharton County Courthouse does not resemble what people remember from the 1950s. In the 1930s and 1940s, the courthouse was remodeled to gain needed space. Wings were added on each side. The bell, clock tower and mansard roof had been

removed. Its original red bricks covered in stucco and painted yellow. It was redesigned in an art deco look of the time period.

Famous playwright Horton Foote, who was a Wharton native, was upset with the changes and he referred to it as “the Sulphur Block” because it was painted yellow.

By the 1980s the added wings were pulling on the center structure and causing major engineering concerns.

The question was, “Do we raze it or save it through restoration?”

For a while it looked like the 1889 Wharton County Courthouse would be no more. Structural issues became the focal points of the emotional issue.

Restoration of the courthouse caused divisions among residents of the county.

Preservationists said save it at all cost; others were for replacing with a more modern structure. A third group thought it could not be restored. Local preservationists quickly organized and looked for ways to save the building. They considered the courthouse to be “the heart and soul of Wharton County.”

The preservationists won, and courthouse history was researched by Wharton native and architect David Bucek Jr.

After four years of planning, trips to Austin’s Texas Historical Commission and fundraising, the task of restoring the historic courthouse began — and it would be restored to its Victorian style.

The Wharton County Courthouse was designed by Eugene T. Heiner, who arrived in Houston from Dallas in 1878. Between 1878



Photo courtesy of Brandi Castillo  
**The Wharton County Courthouse had a rare snow during the Christmas holidays in 2017.**

and his death in 1901, he designed 12 courthouses of which only six survive.

Wharton’s courthouse was built in a classic Victorian design and overlooked the Wharton countryside and the Colorado River. Its design was a combination of two popular Victorian styles of the 1880s — the Sec-

ond Empire style and the Italianate style. It was a three-story masonry building with limestone trimmings topped with a mansard roof and a central clock tower. Its bricks were made from clay gleaned from the Colorado River.

By the 1950s, the Heiner-designed courthouse looked nothing like it originally did.

But cost and time to restore the structure were underestimated. The Wharton County Courthouse had an original estimate of \$2.9 million but ended up costing \$7.4 million. The restoration began in July of 2003 and was completed in July 2007. It was the most extensively restored courthouse in the state’s history.

Finally, in August of 2005, Wharton residents gathered on the courthouse square to watch as the massive clock tower was lifted to the top of the building. The tower is an exact replica of the original. The courthouse bell, which had been saved by First Baptist Church, was returned to the county and placed in the tower.

Today, with the restoration complete, the Wharton County Courthouse as it looked in its 1889 glory is the gem of Wharton’s downtown Monterey Square. It joins Hallettsville as the only two Heiner works that are as the architect originally designed them.

The Wharton County Courthouse is featured in the PBS television documentary, *The Golden Age of Texas Courthouses*.

*The Wharton County Courthouse is at 100 S. Fulton St. in downtown Wharton. Visit [whartoncountycourthouse.com](http://whartoncountycourthouse.com).*

## Weekend in Wharton

If you want to plan a weekend getaway, you know that one of the most important things to plan is food. You have to go somewhere that offers top-notch food. Luckily, you're in good company in Wharton. If you're looking for good eats and antiques, Wharton is your place.

### SATURDAY

#### Morning

- Start your morning downtown at the Monterey Square Historic District for antiques, a piece of history and morning coffee. The Milam Street Coffee Shop/Wall to Wall Words is a great place to start your morning, just ask Linda and Carl King for some espresso and you'll have enough energy all day. The square is lined with antique shops, perfect for treasure hunters. While hopping from store to store, make sure to visit the original Wharton County Courthouse. The famous Texas architect Eugene T. Heiner built the building in 1889. While circling the square, you might get a glimpse of a mural or two. Count them all as you visit through town, there are eight total. Address: 100 S. Fulton St.

#### Lunch

- After all that walking, shopping and learning, you're probably hungry and you can't visit Wharton without trying our local farm-to-table restaurant. Rush on over to Provisions Bistro and Market for organic and locally-sourced food. There is also a bakery where you can find fresh bread, French macrons and cookies.

#### Afternoon

- Walk off the meal by visiting Wharton's life-size dinosaur sculpture at what the locals call Dinosaur Park on the west end of Riverfront Park, which runs along downtown and the Colorado River. Address: Colorado Street at North Richmond and Business 59.



- Check out the recently restored South-

ern Pacific Railroad Depot. It was built in 1912 as a social and transportation center for Wharton. The depot sits on the "Macaroni Line" named in honor of the 1,200 Italians who helped build the track for the New York, Texas and Mexican Railroad in 1882. 100 S. Sunset. Hours: Sat 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- Finish the afternoon off by visiting the Wharton County Historical Museum and 20th Century Technology Museum. The two museums are under construction because of damage from Hurricane Harvey, but they are planning a grand opening sometime in 2018. The two museums display Wharton county's history as a timeline featuring the past's most important treasures. You can see the progression of technology, a trophy room with countless of species from across the globe and exhibits on notable figures to come out of Wharton County such as playwright Horton Foote, newsman Dan Rather and medal of honor recipient Roy Benavidez. 3615 N. Richmond Road, 979-532-2810. M-F 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Sat-Sun 1 to 5 p.m.

#### Evening

- You've done a lot, it's time to sit back and eat. If you're in the mood for Texas barbecue, try Hinze's on Richmond Road or Hinze's Country Kitchen for a more home-cooked meal, located off Texas 60. If you're feeling fishy, try Wharton Seafood on Richmond Road for a versatile seafood menu. For a little bit of everything (including hamburgers, chicken-fried steak, subs, steaks, salads and more) try 9er's Grill at Boling Highway and Fulton Street.

- Make sure to stop by the Plaza Theatre downtown to see if there is a live show playing. 120 S. Houston St., 979-532-1084.

### SUNDAY

#### Morning

- Spend the morning driving around town. Here are some spots you can't leave town without seeing for yourself:

- Playwright Horton Foote's Home: Wharton is the hometown of Horton Foote, the dramatist who won Oscars for "To Kill a Mockingbird" and "Tender Mercies" and a Pulitzer Prize for his stage play "The Young Man From Atlanta." The house he grew up



in is maintained in Wharton. Although unmarked, it remains a landmark. 3615 N. Richmond Road.

- Tee Pee Motel: a unique motel, where celebrities such as Elvis Presley have stayed, the Tee Pee Motel was built in 1942 for travelers heading across Texas on what is now Business 59. The Tee Pee operated for 40 years, until the interstate highway system routed customers away. Barbara Woods, a Wharton native, and her husband Byron Woods were passing the abandoned motel one afternoon when she recalled that she always wanted to stay in one of the teepee's. After winning the lottery, the couple purchased the motel in 2004 and re-opened it in 2006. The hotel was affected by Hurricane Harvey and currently has no plans on re-opening. The motel is still a sight to see. Located at 4098 Business 59.

- Cattle Country and more: The Wharton area is known for the Brahman cattle breed, thought to have originated in India. Brahman were brought to Texas as early as 1860. They seldom seek shelter from the sun, so a visit to these cattle would be perfect on a sunny day. You can see them on Texas 60, north of Hungerford and on FM 1161, east of Hungerford. Hungerford is located six miles north of Wharton on Business 59. The Hudgins Ranch of Hungerford is among the most well known. You can also find Brahman at the V8 Ranch located in Boling. Wharton has some

of the best hunting and bird watching experiences. Just an hour trip to the beach, you can access excellent fishing along the Gulf of Mexico.

### Lunch

- You can't visit Texas without eating some Tex-Mex. In town, there are a handful of Tex-Mex restaurants to choose from. In the downtown area, we have Cuevas Mexican Restaurant, La Herradura and Los Cucos (with a river view) for an authentic Tex-Mex experience.

### Afternoon

- The Morris Ranch and Carriage House is a treat for visitors. Among the meticulously restored and maintained carriages is the one that carried Vivien Leigh in the 1939 American epic-historical romance film "Gone With the Wind." Visits are by appointment only, call 713-625-8003. 2110 County Road 117, east of the city.

Wharton is on of those places that is best described by the characters that live here. It's a warm and inviting town with people always willing to give a hand to a neighbor in need. People come here to visit the historic courthouse in hopes of feeling connected to their past, but they stay for the people that make Wharton a place to call home.

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## Wharton Civic Center



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**Mike Blakely and friends brought the house down during their final song at the Hurricane Harvey relief benefit concert in November at the Wharton Civic Center. From the left are Ricky Quijas, Larry Nye, Mike Blakely, John Pursel (on drums), Keith Junot and Doc Blakely. This was the closing number and the most talked about, standing ovation. The concert had raised \$17,600 for the Wharton County Recovery Team for Hurricane Harvey relief by year's end with donations still coming in.**

The Wharton Civic Center is the hub for many of the community's special moments — award banquets, seminars, training sessions, business meetings, wedding receptions, rehearsal dinners, baby showers, parties and celebrations, philanthropic events, private classes, job fairs and so much more.

Located 50 miles outside of Houston, the Wharton Civic Center is the perfect location to host your event without the traffic and high fees of the big city.

The Civic Center is an adaptable, dynamic event space that was built on southern hospitality. Whether you're throwing a large event or an intimate gathering, you will be in good hands.

Throughout the area, Wharton's Civic Center has become the premier venue because of both its facility and customer service. You won't find an affordable, multipurpose event space

with quality care quite like this facility in the area.

"A lot of it goes to the leadership we had with Ms. Knezek there, but we have a modern facility and the improvements we've made are some of the things that make it the type of facility people enjoy and use," City Manager Andres Garza Jr. said.

When the facility was given to the city in 1990, Jo Knezek took the director's position and for 25 years she developed the Civic Center into a reputable venue known throughout the area. She even hosted events for celebrities such as Frank Sinatra Jr. and Nancy Sinatra, even George W. Bush when he was governor.

Two years ago, Jessica Hartman stepped in as the director since Knezek's retirement, and she hopes to carry the legacy Knezek handed her.

“When taking this position, I evaluated the product, the audience and the overall feeling of the property to make notes of what needed improvements and adjustments,” Hartman said. “It’s great to have a facility that is as versatile to hold wedding receptions, baby showers, anniversary parties to business meetings, community and private classes and even job fairs.”

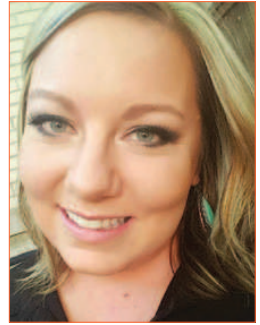
Hartman has many aspirations and plans for the center, but one of her missions in particular is to host events that cultivate community.

“One of my many goals is that I would like to market the center for more events throughout the week and possibly planning and hosting our own community-wide events,” Hartman said.

Being so close to Wharton County Junior College, Hartman hopes to book events targeted to the college’s young

culture, such as concerts, performances and functions.

*To book an event or for more information, contact the city of Wharton at 979-532-2491, Ext. 600, visit [cityofwharton.com](http://cityofwharton.com)*



**Jessica Hartman**

*and click on the link for the Civic Center. The available meeting rooms are listed with photos and capacity information. There is also a list of frequently asked questions. You can also email Hartman at [jdunn@cityofwharton.com](mailto:jdunn@cityofwharton.com). You can also check them out on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/wharton-civiccenter](http://www.facebook.com/wharton-civiccenter).*

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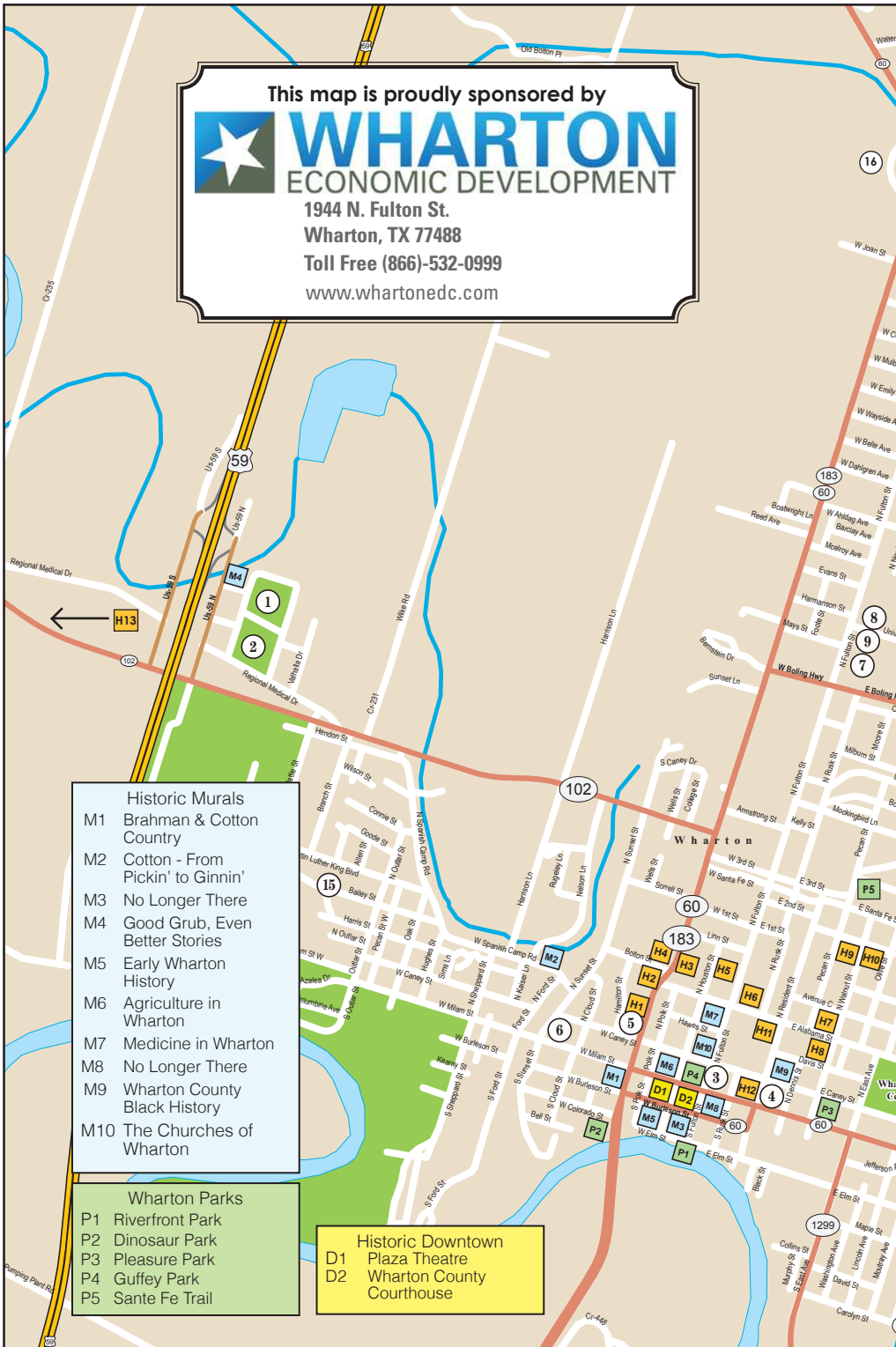
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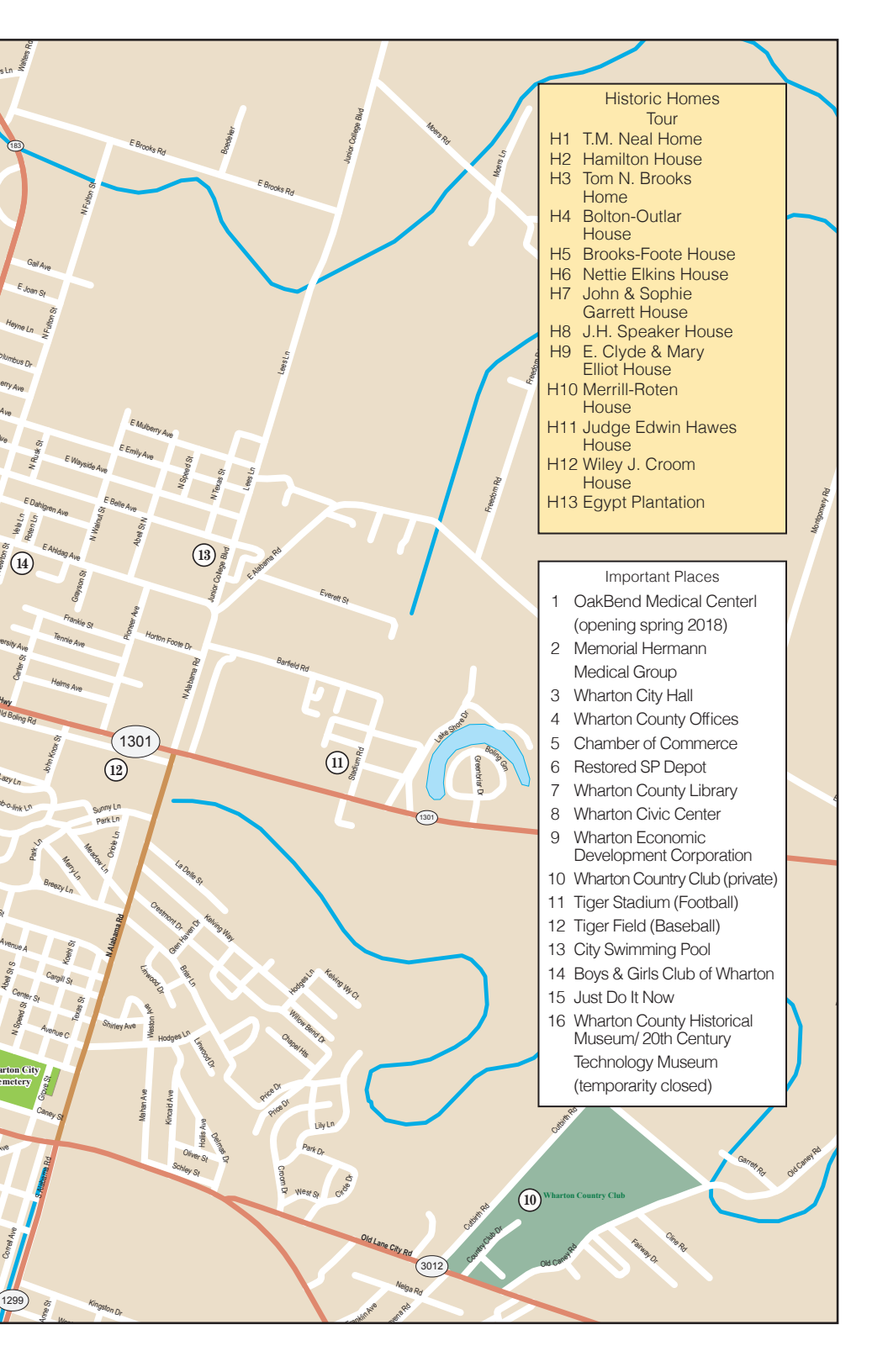
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### Important Places

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- 14 Boys & Girls Club of Wharton
- 15 Just Do It Now
- 16 Wharton County Historical Museum/ 20th Century Technology Museum (temporarily closed)

## Wharton County Junior College

After winding up its 70th anniversary celebration in 2016, Wharton County Junior College entered 2017 with expansion plans at its Wharton campus.

WCJC is expanding the 34,000-square-foot Johnson Health Occupation Center to include an 18,000-square-foot addition. The renovated facility is expected to be completed in 2018. Estimated cost of the project is \$6.5 million, not including equipment and furnishings.

WCJC was created on April 6, 1946, and welcomed its first students the following fall. Around 200 students were part of that inaugural class, meeting in temporary Wharton County Fair buildings.

Over the years the college has grown dramatically, currently serving more than 7,400 students in an area that encompasses Wharton, Matagorda and Colorado counties as well as portions of Jackson, Austin and Fort Bend counties.

WCJC operates four campuses at Wharton, Sugar Land, Bay City and Richmond.

### About WCJC

With a tax district encompassing Wharton County and the Needville Independent School District, Wharton County Junior College also has a service area that includes Wharton, Fort Bend, Matagorda, Colorado and parts of Jackson and Austin counties.

It has a central campus in Wharton and campuses in Sugar Land, Richmond and Bay City. In addition, the college offers classes at an extension center in El Campo.

College-wide, WCJC offers more than 40 programs including certificates, asso-



**Wharton County Junior College's main campus is on Boling Highway in Wharton.**

ciate of applied science degrees, associate of arts degrees, dual credit programs and continuing education courses.

Many students live at home; however, students have the opportunity to live on the Wharton campus in dormitories and to participate in campus life.

The college participates in three competitive sports: volleyball for women, baseball for men and rodeo for men and women. The college has a choir, a band and a drama program. These sports and fine arts programs offer student scholarships.

Campus life includes intramural activities for men and women, a Presidential Scholars Program, student government and a variety of clubs and organizations.

The first day of classes for the spring 2018 semester is Tuesday, Jan. 16.

*Wharton County Junior College is a Texas public, two-year, comprehensive community college offering a wide range of postsecondary educational programs and services including associate degrees, certificates, continuing education courses, cultural affairs and leisure-time activities for the benefit of the community and a population of students that varies in age, background and ability. WCJC operates campuses in Wharton, Sugar Land, Richmond and Bay City. For more information, visit [wcjc.edu](http://wcjc.edu).*



The Wharton County Junior College Theatre Arts Dept. has several productions open to the public throughout the year, including plays (above), band (right) and choir performances.



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## Historic Homes of Wharton

*EDITOR'S NOTE: The historic homes driving tour is designed to give those staying in Wharton some views of early architecture around the city. The homes have been grouped for ease of finding them on the map. Many of the homes are private residences and not accessible for tours.*



**Bolton-Outlar House,**  
517 N. Richmond Road

The Bolton-Outlar House, built in 1893, is a two-story frame Pyramidal-roof dwelling Queen Anne influence modified around 1910 with a classical Revival pediment portico and porches. It rests on brick piers and is covered by an asphalt shingle tripped roof with lower cross gable on the principal and side elevations. An exterior brick chimney with a corbeled cap rises from the top ridge of the hipped roof.

It is one of Wharton's most impressive late-19th and early-20th century residential dwellings. It was substantially remodeled around 1910.

H.J. Bolton acquired this property in 1893 from A.H. Purviance for \$300 and probably built the house soon afterwards. Bolton was a local merchant and first president of the newly organized Wharton National Bank in 1903. In 1919, Dr. L.B. Outlar purchased the dwelling for \$7,500. Dr. Outlar established a clinic in partnership with Dr. William Blair called the Outlar-Blair Clinic. The Outlar family owned the house until 1973.



**E. Clyde and Mary Elliott House,**  
707 N. Walnut St.

E. Clyde and Mary Elliott acquired three lots in 1919 from W.B. Barbee in the Barbee subdivision. The Elliots erected a one-story bungalow home for \$2,697. Mr. Elliott was a farmer with land near the small community of Glen Flora. The couple owned the house until 1960. The E. Clyde and May Elliott House is a one-and-one-half story frame bungalow facing east. The Elliott house is one of the best examples of the bungalow form and the only example of the "airplane" subtype in Wharton.

**Nettie Elkins House,**  
109 E. Alabama St.

The Elkins House was built for Nettie Elkins after receiving the undivided land from the heirs of Mrs. D.A. Hobbs. The house was built in 1874. The Elkins House is significant as the best extant example of the pyramid roof house in its most basic form in Wharton. A full-width open porch supported by three evenly-spaced columns dominates the principal façade.







**Merrill-Roten House,**  
*520 Avenue A*

James F. and Lena Merrill had this brick veneer house built soon after their acquisition of the property in 1930. In 1932, John L. Roten purchased the house. Roten was one of Wharton's most successful businessmen during the mid-20th century. He began his career in 1922 when he opened a dry goods store in the community. The Tudor Revival style was popular among professionals in the community during the late 1920s and 1930s. Its full brick veneer exterior is rarely seen on local dwellings.



**Wiley J. Croom House,**  
*205 E Milam St.*

This is a two-story frame house designed by Eugene T. Heiner, who also designed the 1888 jail and courthouse in Wharton. It was built in typical Victorian Queen Anne style with heavy use of decorative embellishments. Wiley J. Croom came to Wharton in 1868 to practice law and sell real estate. He was elected county judge in 1886 and met Heiner during the construction of the courthouse which led him to select the architect as designer of his new home.

The house is a two-story frame dwelling facing south on East Milam Street. The house retains a high degree of integrity and is the best example in Wharton of the Queen Anne style.



**John and Sophie Garrett House,**  
*401 E. Alabama St.*

The John G. and Sophie Garrett House is a one-and-one-half story frame dwelling facing south on East Alabama Street. Its appearance is typical of the late 19th century dwellings in a modified L-plan form. Jig sawn balusters and brackets, and turned columns and frieze indicate a strong Victorian Queen Anne influence.

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**Judge Edwin Hawes House,**  
*309 N. Resident St.*

Rosa E. McCamly had this home built in 1896. In 1897 she sold it to Edwin Hawes (b. 1852), Wharton County judge in the 1870s and 1880s. Hawes had returned to this area after a temporary residency in Kerrville where he was mayor. Here he was a large landowner and a political leader. The double galleried home was purchased in 1944 by George Rust Hawes and his wife Emily Prasifka Hawes, the son and daughter-in-law of Edwin and Uzzie Milburn Rust Hawes. This two-story frame house is an example of center-passage, with Victorian and Classical Revival features.



**O. Brooks-Foote House,**  
*505 N. Houston St.*

Located directly behind the Tom Brooks home on Houston street is the Brooks-Foote home. Tom, son of P.C. and Daisy Speed Brooks, built this house in 1917 and gave it to their daughter, Harriet and her husband A.H. Foote. It is a good example of 20th Century bungalow style, with two-bay L-shaped porch. The house is owned by the children of the late Horton Foote, who grew up in the house behind his grandparents' home on Richmond Road.

**J.H. Speaker House,**  
*414 E. Alabama St.*

Susan Speaker purchased this lot and the adjoining lot in 1893 for \$550. This low cost indicates that the house was not present at that time. In 1907, J.H. Speaker acquired the western lot and is believed to have built the house. The property remained in the Speaker family until 1976. J.H. Speaker was a local black educator who taught in the segregated school in Wharton. At the time of construction, this house was in one of the two primary African-American neighborhoods. The J.H. Speaker House is a one-story frame L-plan dwelling



**Hamilton House,**  
*325 N. Richmond Road*

A native of Ohio, Joseph Andrew Hamilton served in the Union army during the Civil War. In 1866 he settled in Wharton and held a variety of local political offices. Hamilton purchased this property in 1885 and moved his family into the existing one-story frame house. In 1907 the home was enlarged by raising the original structure and building a new addition underneath. The house features influences of the neo-classical style of architecture. The new addition is brick, and upper wooden floor is thought to have been constructed circa 1875.





**T.M. Neal Home,  
225 N. Richmond Road**

Now the site housing the Wharton Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, the home was built in 1912 by Dr. Thurman McCloud (T.M.) Neal and Mae Vineyard Neal. A doctor, farmer and rancher and civic leader and philanthropist, as a tribute to his wife, he donated the home when he died in 1962.



**Tom N. Brooks Home,  
516 N. Richmond Road**

This eclectic dwelling with five-bay porch was constructed circa 1915 by Tom Brooks, dry goods merchant. The house faces Richmond Road which carried traffic between Houston and Victoria through Wharton. The home, its residents and the daily events inspired the writings of Brooks' grandson, Horton Foote. The house sold in 1948 to the Brandl family. In 1998, Charles E. and Paulette Brandl-Roades restored the home to its former grandeur.



**Egypt Plantation,  
11914 FM 102, Egypt**

An eight generation long legacy of Scottish and English ancestry can be felt at the Egypt Plantation in Egypt, Texas. Established in 1830, when W.J.E. Heard purchased 2,200 acres from John C. Clark for \$111 in gold coins. Heard constructed a double pen, a log home for his family, slave housing, sugar cane, corn and cotton mills.

Sitting on the crossroad of commerce by river and road, the Northington family crossed the Heards' trails often. After becoming good family friends, the families merged in marriage as Heards' eldest daughter, Elizabeth married Mentor Northington. Producers of sugar cane, corn, cotton and pecans, the Heard-Northington plantation kept up with the market and even ventured into both the cattle and horse businesses. In a constantly changing world, the Egypt Plantation has persevered under the management and ownership of Bud and Mary Margaret Northington. The couple maintains the facility for tours and events.



## Dan Rather

Dan Rather, the former news anchor for the CBS Evening News, is another native son of Wharton. He is now managing editor and anchor of the television news magazine *Dan Rather Reports* on the cable channel AXS TV.

Daniel Irvin “Dan” Rather Jr. was born here on Oct. 31, 1931 to Daniel Irvin Rather Sr. and his wife, the former Byrl Veda Page. His dad was working here in “the oil patch” when he was born. He spent the first six months of his life here and refers to Wharton as his hometown. The home where Rather spent the first days of his life has been saved and restored. It sits on the grounds of the Wharton County Historical Museum, 3615 N. Richmond Road, and is available for tours.

Rather began his career in 1950 as an Associated Press reporter in Huntsville. He was a reporter for United Press International from 1950-52, several Texas radio stations and the *Houston Chronicle* from 1954-55.

In 1959, he entered television as a re-



porter for KTRK-TV in Houston and was later promoted to director for KHOU-TV.

In September 1961, Rather reported live from the Galveston Seawall as Hurricane Carla threatened the Texas coastline. This action, which has been imitated by countless other reporters, impressed the network executives at CBS, and they hired him as a CBS News correspondent in 1962.

After serving as a foreign correspondent, he served as primary anchor for the CBS Sunday Night News while serving as White House correspondent during the Richard Nixon presidency.

After Nixon’s resignation, Rather took the assignment of chief correspondent for CBS News Special Reports. He later became a correspondent of the long-running Sunday night news show *60 Minutes*.

There is also an exhibit set at the museum which recounts events in Rather’s life.

*For more about Dan Rather, visit [dan-rather.com](http://dan-rather.com).*



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## Horton Foote

An Academy Award winner and Pulitzer Prize recipient, Horton Foote immortalized Wharton and loved the community until the day he died on March 7, 2009 at age 92. He is buried in Wharton City Cemetery.

Foote is the dramatist who won Oscars for “To Kill a Mockingbird” and “Tender Mercies” and a Pulitzer Prize for his stage play “The Young Man From Atlanta.”

Known to work best during the night, he wrote his plays with a pencil on notebook paper to be transcribed later. The playwright left a legacy and body of works which may never be duplicated.

Foote was raised in a middle class, hard-working family. He was born here on March 14, 1916, the son of Wharton haberdasher Albert Horton Foote and the former Hallie Brooks.

His writing captures a unique era in the life of a small Texas town. His subject matter is those in that era trying to cope with everyday life and the twists and turns life brings.

Writers, it is said, are supposed to write about what they know. Foote drew upon everyday occurrences he heard as a child listening to his parents and grandparents talk.

When asked about his writing style, Foote is quoted to have said, “But I don’t really write to honor the past. I write to investigate, to try to figure out what happened and why it happened, knowing I’ll never really know. I think all the writers that I admire have this same desire, the desire to bring order out of chaos.”

Foote left Wharton by train and headed for Dallas at age 16 to pursue an acting career, but he carried with him the memories of his home. Wharton, with its pecan trees, its Victorian homes and the character of its residents, would become part of his plays and films.

He spent two years studying acting at Pasadena Playhouse in California. Then he headed to New York City “to make a name for himself as a Broadway star.” He continued his studies there with Tamara Daykaranova and joined Mary Hunter’s American Actors Company.

One of his assignments was to perform a one-act improvisational play based on the actor’s hometown. After performing his, Agnes DeMille, a choreographer, asked if he

had ever written anything.

His response was “no, what on earth would I write about?”

DeMille, who would become a lifelong friend, then gave him his best advice: “Write what you know about.”

The budding playwright went home and wrote a one-act play called “Wharton Dance” that night. It was about the Friday-night dances in his hometown. He wrote himself into the lead. The company performed the play in an evening of one-acts. Foote appeared in other plays he wrote and pursued his acting career.

During a visit home, he wrote another play. This time it was a three-act play, a drama set in a small-town drugstore. It was called “Texas Town.” The American Actors Company staged it in 1941. Foote again played the lead.

Brooks Atkinson, a critic for the *New York Times*, came to see it. He called it an “engrossing portrait of small-town life.”

His “The Trip to Bountiful” starred his friend Lillian Gish in live theater. In 1985, the movie was made and Geraldine Page received an Academy Award for best actress and Foote was nominated for the screenplay.

Another film success was “Baby, the Rain Must Fall” (1965), a reworking of Foote’s play “The Traveling Lady.” The film starred Steve McQueen, and much of it was shot in and around Wharton.

Foote wrote more than 60 plays, most of which are set in the fictional Texas town called Harrison. It’s a place where everybody knows everybody else’s name and business — just as they did when Foote was growing up in Wharton. His career spanned six decades.

He wrote “The Young Man From Atlanta” in the 1950s. It won him the Pulitzer Prize in 1995.

His home in Wharton still stands at 505 N. Houston St. It is part of the driving home tour offered in Wharton.



## County, city, school information

(all area codes 979 unless otherwise indicated)

### EMERGENCY NUMBERS

All emergencies: Dial 9-1-1  
 Wharton County Sheriff's Dept.: 532-1550  
 Wharton Police Dept.: 532-3131  
 Wharton Fire Dept.: 532-4811, Ext. 400  
 Wharton EMS: 532-4811, Ext. 700  
 Department of Public Safety (Pierce): 532-1700

### • Other helpful numbers

The Crisis Center: 531-1300  
 Family and Protective Services: 532-5310  
 The Share Center: 282-2021  
 Salvation Army: 532-1550  
 Red Cross: 531-1128  
 Wharton Chamber of Commerce: 532-1862

### WHARTON COUNTY

**co.wharton.tx.us**

Wharton County Annex  
 309 E. Milam St.  
 Wharton, TX 77488  
 Phone: 532-4612

### • Wharton County commissioners court

County Judge: Philip Spenrath, 532-4612  
 Commissioners  
 Precinct 1: Richard Zahn, 532-1991  
 Precinct 2: Chris King, 335-7541  
 Precinct 3: Steven Goetsch, 543-0091  
 Precinct 4: Doug Mathews, 543-3561

### • Other county officials

Sheriff: Shannon Srubar, 532-1550  
 District Attorney: Dawn Allison, 532-8051  
 County Attorney: Trey Maffett, 532-2591  
 County Clerk: Sandy Sanders, 532-2381  
 District Clerk: Kendra Charbula, 532-5542  
 County Treasurer: Donna Thornton, 532-2971  
 County Tax Assessor-Collector: Patrick Kubala, 532-3312  
 County Auditor: Barbara Starling, 532-2640  
 Elections administrator: Cindy Richter, 532-0193  
 Emergency management coordinator: Andy Kirkland, 532-1123  
 Veteran Services Officer: Don Montoya, 532-1311

### • Constables

Precinct 1: Michael Hubenak, 532-3941  
 Precinct 2: John Szymanski, 335-6210  
 Precinct 3: Robert Holder, 648-2022  
 Precinct 4: Shawn Ferguson, 543-1147

### • Justices of the Peace

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 Precinct 2: Cynthia Kubicek, 335-6210  
 Precinct 3: Dennis Korenek, 648-2363  
 Precinct 4: Timmy Drapela, 543-4322  
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 23rd District Court Judge: Ben Hardin, 864-1205

### CITY OF WHARTON

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 Wharton, TX 77488  
 Phone: 532-2491  
 Fax: 532-0181

### • City officials

City Manager: Andres Garza Jr.  
 City Finance Director: Joan Andel  
 City Secretary: Paula Favors  
 Director of Facilities Maintenance: Bob Baker  
 Public Works Director: Wade Wendt  
 Police Chief: Terry David Lynch  
 Fire Chief: Anthony Abbott  
 EMS Director: John Kowalik

### • Other city departments

Wharton Economic Development Corp. Director: Chad Odom, 532-0999  
 Wharton Civic Center Director: Jessica Dunn, 532-4811, Ext. 600  
 Municipal Court: 532-4811, Ext. 532

### • Wharton City Council

Mayor: Tim Barker  
 District 1: Al Bryant  
 District 2: Steven Schneider  
 District 3: Terry Freese  
 District 4: Donald Mueller (mayor pro tem)  
 District 5 at-large: Russell Machann  
 District 6 at-large: Vacant (until May 2018)

**WHARTON COUNTY JR. COLLEGE**  
**wcjc.edu**

• **Wharton campus**

911 Boling Highway  
 Wharton, TX 77488  
 Phone: 532-4560  
 President: Betty McCrohan  
 Vice President of Administrative Services:  
 Bryce Kocian  
 Vice President of Technology and Institutional  
 Research: Pam Youngblood  
 VP of Student Services: David Leenhouts  
 Dean of Financial and Business Services: Gus  
 Wessels Jr.  
 Vice President of Instruction: Leigh Ann Collins  
 Dean of Vocational Instruction: Megan E.  
 Costanza

• **WCJC Board of Trustees**

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**WHARTON ISD**  
**whartonisd.net**

Education Support Center  
 (Administration Building)  
 2100 N. Fulton St.  
 Wharton, TX 77488  
 Phone: 532-3612  
 Superintendent: Tina Herrington  
 Deputy Superintendent: Randy Meyer  
 Executive director of curriculum and instruction:  
 Gayle Parencia  
 Director of student services: Cindy Mahalitic  
 Director of operations: Emilio Vargas III  
 Technology director: Heath Roddy  
 Director of special education: David Calbert  
 Police chief: Landy Williams  
 Athletic director: Chad Butler

• **Wharton High School**  
 (Grades 9-12)

No. 1 Tiger Ave.  
 Wharton, TX 77488  
 Phone: 532-6800

Principal: Olatunji Oduwole  
 Associate principal: Efreem Pierce  
 Assistant principal: Alan Black  
 Assistant principal: Yemi Oduwole

• **Wharton Junior High School**  
 (Grades 7-8)

1120 N. Rusk St.  
 Wharton, TX 77488  
 Phone: 532-6840  
 Principal: Jerrell Barron  
 Associate principal: Patricia Brown  
 Assistant principal: Kim Moses

• **Wharton Elementary School**  
 (Grades 3-6)

2030 E. Boling Hwy.  
 Wharton, TX 77488  
 Phone: 532-6882  
 Principal: Jennifer Mann  
 Assistant principal: Monica Rath  
 Assistant principal: Michelle Kubecka  
 Assistant principal: Edwin Taylor

• **Sivells Elementary School**  
 (Grades PreK-2)

1605 Alabama Road  
 Wharton, TX 77488  
 Phone: 532-6866  
 Principal: Trishia Terrell  
 Assistant principal: Shelly Dotson  
 Assistant principal: Dana Foyt

• **Wharton School Board**

President: Rachel Rust (Place 4)  
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 Faith Christian Academy of Wharton  
 5227 FM 1301  
 Wharton, TX 77488  
 Phone: 531-1000  
 Email: fcawharton@gmail.com  
 Administrator: Sandra Allen  
 Assistant Administrator: Diana Gajewsky



**WHARTON**  
Chamber of Commerce

## Business Directory

### Accountants- Certified Public

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### Agriculture

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902 N. Richmond Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-4020

Caney Valley Cotton Company  
2203 N. Richmond Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-5210

Central Turf  
1238 CR 107  
Wharton, Tx 77588  
(979) 657-1122

Coastal Warehouse  
602 N. Sunset  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-8550

Maxim Production Company,  
Inc.  
580 Maxim Dr.  
Boling, TX 77420  
(979) 657-2891

Moses Gin Inc.  
209 N. Cloud  
Wharton, TX 77488

(979) 532-3522

Northington Ranch Corp.  
PO. Box 222  
Egypt, TX 77436  
(832) 338-5855

Pierce Ranch  
US 59 Business  
Pierce, TX 77467  
(979) 532-4250

Walmart Super Center  
1255 Hwy 59 Loop  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-3986

Wharton Feed & Supply  
1105 N. Fulton St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-8533

Wharton Ranch  
6250 CR 156  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(512) 658-6788

Wharton Tractor Company  
1007 N. Richmond Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-3172

### Aircraft Charter-Rental & Leasing

Silver Star Helicopters LLC  
1201 Chapel Ln.  
El Campo, TX 77437  
(979) 541-9823

### Alterations

Denise's Alterations & Things  
223 W. Milam St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-0816

### Antiques

Bohemian Rhapsody II  
134 W. Milam St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-5577

Burr Trading Company  
411 CR 123

Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 453-0860

Glen Flora Emporium  
103 S. Bridge Avenue  
Glen Flora, TX 77443  
(979) 677-3249

J.T.'s This & That  
232 W. Milam St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-0977

### Apartments

Morning Star Apartments  
1520 Barfield Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-4007

River Bend Apartments  
2500 Junior College Blvd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-5453

Sweetwater Apartments/  
SETH  
200 McElroy Avenue #8  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-2001

University Place Apts-Pecan  
Village  
310 University St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-0241

### Architects & Architectural Illustrators/Planners

Stern and Bucek Architects  
1610 Commerce St.  
Houston, TX 77002  
(713) 527-0186

### Art Galleries/Graphic Arts

Burr Trading Company  
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Wharton, TX 77488  
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Wharton, TX 77488  
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Inc.  
2011 N. Mechanic St.  
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(979) 543-3291

Don Elliott Autoworld  
1225 N. Richmond Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-2150

Von-Wil Ford  
316 N. Richmond Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-4360

**Automobile Parts**

Richmond Road Truck & Auto  
Parts Company (NAPA)  
1739 N. Richmond Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-4510

Star Parts  
1119 E. Milam St.

Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-1500

Von-Wil Ford  
316 N. Richmond Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
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**Automobile Repairs &  
Service**

Big G Auto  
2313 N. Richmond Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-2080

Caney Auto Service  
607 FM 102  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-4160

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(979) 532-2150

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2720 N. Richmond Rd.  
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(979) 532-5805

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316 N. Richmond Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-4360

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H.E.B. Grocery Company  
1616 N. Alabama Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
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301 W. Milam St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
979-282-2906

Walmart Super Center  
1255 Hwy 59 Loop  
Wharton, TX 77488  
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**Banks & Banking  
Associations**

NewFirst National Bank

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Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-1650

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143 W. Burleson St.  
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Union  
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Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 282-2300

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505 E. Boling Hwy.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-0404

**Barber Shops**

M2 The Salon & Milam  
Barber Shop  
201 N. Houston St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(832) 215-7303

**Beauty Salons**

Alicia's Beauty Salon  
1501 N. Fulton St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 531-0678

H Studio  
243 W. Milam St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 533-1230

Healthy Touch Knead to Relax  
110 S. Resident St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 282-8881

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Barber Shop  
201 N. Houston St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(832) 215-7303

**Book Dealers, Stores &  
Depositories**

Wall 2 Wall Words Used  
Books/Milam Street Coffee  
200 West Milam St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 282-9771

**Boutiques & Specialty  
Shops**

Alyssa's Kisses  
117 S. Fulton St., Suite 100  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 531-3188

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Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 453-0860

Denise's Alterations & Things  
223 W. Milam St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-0816

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(979) 533-1230

K&D Design  
206 W. Milam St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
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Milam Emporium  
238 W. Milam St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
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Selections on the Square  
104 S. Houston St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-0877

TNT Western Wear Inc.  
3030 North Richmond Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 531-8623

### **Bowling**

El Campo Bowling Center  
806 W. Loop  
El Campo, TX 77437  
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### **Cafeteria**

Great Western Dining  
911 Boling Hwy.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
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808 N. Richmond Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-3823

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Duraclean  
17108 CR 278  
East Bernard, TX 77435  
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Great Western Dining  
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Wharton, TX 77488  
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Provisions Bistro & Market  
301 W. Milam St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
979-282-2906

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7902 US 59  
Hungerford, TX 77448  
(979) 531-0880

S&P Barbecue  
1316 N. Alabama Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 422-4874

Vincek's Smokehouse  
139 S. Dill  
East Bernard, TX 77435  
(979) 335-7921

### **Child Development & Day Care**

Small Blessings Child Care  
Center  
1717 Pioneer Ave.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 488-2818

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Caney Creek Church  
128 W. Milam St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-2533

Faith Temple COGIC  
7410 Colorado St.  
Hungerford, TX 77448  
(409) 502-0192

First Baptist Church  
507 N. Fulton St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-4295

First Presbyterian Church  
1602 John Knox St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-3375

First United Methodist Church  
1717 Pioneer Ave.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-1100

Grace Community Fellowship  
1900 E. Boling Hwy.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-3999

Holy Family Catholic Church  
2011 Briar Ln.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-3593

St. John's Lutheran Church  
614 Pecan St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-2336

St. Paul Lutheran Church  
325 N. East Ave.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-2315

St. Thomas Episcopal Church  
207 Bob-O-Link Dr.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-1723

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Lone Star Cleaners  
1309 N. Alabama Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
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AccessHealth  
1720 B F Terry Blvd. Suite A  
Rosenberg, TX 77471  
(281) 238-2303

Gulf Coast Family Medicine  
10119 US 59 Hwy  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-1159

Memorial Hermann Medical  
Group  
2100 Regional Medical Dr.  
Wharton, TX 77488

(979) 532-1700

Nephrology Leaders and Assoc., PLLC  
205 N. Alabama Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 531-1822

Regent Adult and Pediatric Clinic  
1403 Valhalla  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-2000

Texas Medicine & Wellness Clinic  
6242 N. Navarro  
Victoria, TX 77904  
(361) 541-4243

The Family Clinic  
307 W. Milam St. Suite 311  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 557-2777

**Clubs**

Pilot Club of Wharton  
P.O. Box 963  
Wharton, TX 77488

Wharton Lions Club  
P.O. Box 106  
Wharton, TX 77488

Rotary Club of Wharton  
P.O. Box 303  
Wharton, TX 77488

**Clubs-Country & Tennis**

Wharton Country Club  
126 Country Club Dr.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-5940

**Coffee Shops**

Glory Bean Coffee Company  
637 Main St.  
East Bernard, TX 77435  
(979) 335-4477

Wall 2 Wall Words Used  
Books/Milam Street Coffee  
200 W. Milam St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 282-9771

**Collection Agencies**

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Computer Center & Radio Shack  
119 N. Mechanic St.  
El Campo, TX 77437  
(979) 543-1949

Tec-Tronic Systems  
423 E. Boling Hwy.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-0011

**Computer Services**

Computer Center & Radio Shack  
119 N. Mechanic St.  
El Campo, TX 77437  
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Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-1962

Total Outdoor Solutions, LLC  
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Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 559-6027

**Construction Companies Homebuilders, General Contractors/Developers**

Brothers Custom Works  
P.O. Box 249  
Hungerford, TX 77448  
(979) 532-2250

**Consultants**

Kapeesh  
414 Blanche St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(713) 570-6603

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Eldridge Air Conditioning & Heating  
1929 FM 1301  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-8150

Faust Air Conditioning & Heating  
212 N. Richmond Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-2511

Rath Plumbing  
216 N. Richmond Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-0223

Roberson Air Conditioning & Refrig., Inc.  
200 E. Milam St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-5101

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Circle K / Corner Store  
405 East Boling Hwy.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-1144

Cracker Barrel Partnership, LTD  
PO Box 18289  
Sugarland, TX 77496  
(361) 655-5900

Love's Travel Stops  
US 59@FM 1161/Walnut St.  
Hungerford, TX 77448  
(405) 463-8069

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2911 South Shore Blvd. STE 150  
League City, TX 77573  
(800) 510-3111

Crisis Center  
Wharton 116 E. Burleson  
3010 6th St.  
Bay City, TX 77404-1820  
(979) 245-9109

Great Oaks Recovery Center  
10241 W. FM 1161  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 677-1000

StraightWay, Inc.  
FM 1161 W.  
Hungerford, TX 77448  
(979) 532-5613

TEXANA Center  
4910 Airport Ave. Bldg. B  
Rosenberg, TX 77471-5759  
(281) 239-1300

Therapy Solutions 4U, PLLC  
1114 N. Fulton St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 282-8100

Victory in Jesus Recovery  
Center  
218 N. Houston St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-2319

### Dancing

Taps & Mats Dance Studio  
1109 N. Fulton St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-0602

### Delivery Service

Taxaidbird, LLC  
(713) 305-2690

### Dentists/Dental Labs/ Dental Care

Boehm Dental, PLLC  
808 North Fulton St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-4400

David Tripulas, DDS  
1016 Sunny Ln.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-4663

Dental Clinic  
1506-E N. Alabama Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-8110

J.R. Kieler, Jr., DDS  
1016 Sunny Ln.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-3636

### Department Stores

Walmart Super Center  
1255 Hwy 59 Loop  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-3986

### Disc Jockey

Double Down DJ's  
1314 Crestmont St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 559-0552

### Drug Store/Pharmacy

Savon Drugs  
123 Leveridge Rd.  
East Bernard, TX 77435  
(979) 335-4810

### Electrical Equipment & Supplies

Barbee Services  
401 E. Caney St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-4570

Tec-Tronic Systems  
423 E. Boling Hwy.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-0011

### Electricians

Barbee Services  
401 E. Caney St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-4570

H&M Electrical Services  
220 Maude St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-1204

### Emergency Medical Services

Mercer ER  
6902 Zac Lentz Parkway  
Victoria, TX 77904  
(361) 576-9437

OakBend Medical Center  
Jackson Street Hospital  
Campus  
1705 Jackson St.  
Richmond, TX 77469  
(281) 341-3000

OakBend Medical Center  
Williams Way Hospital  
Campus  
22003 Southwest Freeway

Richmond, TX 77469  
(281) 341-2000  
OakBend Medical Center  
Wharton (Spring 2018)  
10141 US Hwy 59  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(281) 344-6960

St. Christina's EMS  
222 W. Burleson St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 559-2961

### Employment Agencies

Workforce Solutions  
1506 N. Alabama Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 531-0730 X2809

### Energy

Roberson Air Conditioning &  
Refrig., Inc.  
200 E Milam St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-5101

### Energy Aggregator & Broker

Excite Energy LLC  
500 E. 4th Street PMB623  
Austin, TX 78701  
(888) 336-8128

### Engineers-Civil, Environmental, Mechanical & Consulting

Eldridge Engineering Services,  
LLC  
4570 CR 121  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 559-0592

Jones & Carter, Inc.  
6335 Gulfmont Ste. 100  
Houston, TX 77081  
(713) 777-5337

Terracon  
11555 Clay Rd.  
Houston, TX 77043  
(713) 690-8989

### Events

James Simmons Jr. Juneteenth  
Committee  
1709 Forrest Dr.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 282-1070



Wharton County Freedom  
Fest, Inc.  
1225 N. Alabama Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-0927

**Event Facilities**

Egypt Plantation Enterprises,  
LLC  
1914 FM 102  
Egypt, TX 77436  
(979) 533-0096

Hungerford Community  
Center  
235 Cypress  
Hungerford, TX 77448  
(979) 453-0060

Jefferson at Peach Creek  
2222 CR 129  
Wharton, TX 77488  
281-499-4855

Simply Divine Event Center  
314 W. Milam St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(832) 279-5850

Wharton Civic Center  
1924 N. Fulton St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-4811 x600

Wharton Knights of Columbus  
2820 N. Fulton St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-2218

**Farms & Ranches,  
Commercial & Residential**

Central Turf  
1238 CR 107  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 657-1122

Foggy Hollow Ranch  
5911 CR 225  
East Bernard, TX 77435  
(281) 381-4311

Wharton Ranch  
6250 CR 156  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(512) 658-6788

**Fences**

Total Outdoor Solutions, LLC  
1825 Foote St.  
Wharton, TX 77488

(979) 559-6027

**Festivals**

James Simmons Jr. Juneteenth  
Committee  
1709 Forrest Dr.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 282-1070

Wharton County Freedom  
Fest, Inc.  
1225 N. Alabama Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-0927

Wharton County Youth Fair  
6036 FM 961 Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 677-3350

**Financial & Financial  
Advisors**

Edward Jones Investments  
128 S. Houston St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-1282

**Fire Departments**

Hungerford Vol. Fire Dept.  
P.O. Box 416  
Hungerford, TX 77448  
(979) 532-0539

Wharton Volunteer Fire Dept.  
319 N. Fulton St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-4811 x401

**Flooring**

On The Square Floor Cover-  
ings  
114 S. Houston St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-1040

**Florist**

Flower Shoppe  
420 N. Alabama Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-8620

Flowers It Is  
2521 CR 132  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 533-3449

Milam Emporium  
238 W. Milam St.

Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 531-3103

**Food Trailer/Vendor**

S&P Barbecue  
1316 N. Alabama Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 422-4874

**Foundations**

Mary Louise Dobson  
Foundation  
622 Lakeshore Dr.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 282-7000

**Framing**

Montgomery Gallery & Frame  
110 S. Houston St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-3929

**Funeral Homes &  
Memorial Parks**

Gooden Hatton Funeral Home  
110 N. East Ave.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-3602

Wharton Funeral Home  
515 E. Boling Highway  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-3410

**Furniture**

Mattress Discounters of Texas  
228 W. Milam St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(210) 326-3177

**Glass**

Roberson Air Conditioning &  
Refrig., Inc.  
200 E Milam St  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-5101

**Grocery**

H.E.B. Grocery Company  
1616 N. Alabama Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 282-2773

**Gun Stores**

Wharton Guns & Gear

247 W. Milam St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 531-3100

### **Gym/Fitness**

Anytime Fitness  
2407 N. Richmond Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 282-9000

### **Hang Gliding Flight School/Center**

Cowboy Up Hang Gliding, LLC  
Wharton Regional Airport  
714 Robert Vonderau Dr., Hangar 32  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(832) 740-2004

### **Hardware**

Zarsky Lumber Company, Inc.  
1106 N. Richmond Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-2574

### **Health & Wellness**

Ambition Nutrition  
2340 N. Richmond Rd. Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 453-1603

### **Health Centers/Equipment**

Angels Care Home Health  
315 N. Alabama Road Ste. A  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 282-2629

Belton Hearing Care Center  
241 W. Milam St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-8300

TEXANA Center  
4910 Airport Ave. Bldg. B  
Rosenberg, TX 77471-5759  
(281) 239-1300

Wharton Nursing & Rehabilitation  
1220 Sunny Lane  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-5020

### **Health Maintenance Organizations**

Sam's Place  
1130 Westgate Drive  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 531-3023

### **Heating & Air Conditioning Distributors, Eqpt & Repairs**

Eldridge Air Conditioning & Heating  
1929 FM 1301  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-8150

Faust Air Conditioning & Heating  
212 N. Richmond Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-2511

Roberson Air Conditioning & Refrig., Inc.  
200 E Milam St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-5101

### **Home Health**

Angels Care Home Health  
315 N. Alabama Road Ste. A  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 282-2629

### **Hospice Services/Healthcare**

All Star Hospice  
9950 Westpark Dr. Suite 644  
Houston, TX 77063  
(713) 280-7972

### **Hospitals**

El Campo Memorial Hospital  
303 Sandy Corner Road  
El Campo, TX 77437  
(979) 543-6251

OakBend Medical Center  
Jackson Street Hospital Campus  
1705 Jackson St.  
Richmond, TX 77469  
(281) 341-3000

OakBend Medical Center  
Williams Way Hospital Campus  
22003 Southwest Freeway  
Richmond, TX 77469  
(281) 341-2000

OakBend Medical Center  
Wharton (Spring 2018)  
10141 US Hwy 59  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(281) 344-6960

### **Humane Society**

Wharton County S.P.O.T.  
P.O. Box 584  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 253-3446

### **Insurance**

Bremser Insurance Agency  
211 W. Milam St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-1586

Charles Chambers Insurance  
415 E. Boling Hwy.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-4572

Hank Hall State Farm  
727 N. Alabama Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-5151

InsuranceNet, Inc.  
101 W. Caney St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-1011

Irby R. Kerlick's Insurance  
1317 N. Alabama Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 282-2002

S. Cochrane Insurance Agency - Farmers Insurance  
140 W. Milam St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-3885

Schulz Insurance Agency  
1327 N. Alabama Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-0021

Siska Life & Health Insurance  
4519 CR 155  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 282-1350

Wharton County Farm Bureau  
120 N. Houston St  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-2852

### **Interior Decorators & Designers**

Jamie Feyen Designs, LLC  
3533 FM 1299 Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 533-8920

**Investment Counselors**

Edward Jones Investments  
128 S. Houston St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-1282

K-Mana, Inc.  
P.O. Box 588  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 282-7000

**Jewelers**

Tyler's Jewelry & Pawn  
2310 N. Richmond Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-0971

**Landscape Architects-  
Contractors & Designers**

El Campo Spraying Inc.  
2601 N. Mechanic St.  
El Campo, TX 77437  
(979) 543-7811

Total Outdoor Solutions, LLC  
1825 Foote St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 559-6027

**Lawn & Garden Services**

El Campo Spraying Inc.  
2601 N. Mechanic St.  
El Campo, TX 77437  
(979) 543-7811

**Lighting-Fixtures &  
Supplies**

LEDI2  
10611 Harwin #406  
Houston, TX 77036  
(713) 636-9152

**Liquor Stores**

Louie's Package Store  
2005 Hwy. 60 South  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-2378

**Lodging**

Americas Best Value Inn  
9985 US 59 Rd.

Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-0301

Country Hearth Inn  
1808 FM 102  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-1152

Holiday Inn Express Hotel &  
Suites  
10247 Hwy. 59  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 282-8300

Travelers Inn & Suites  
1527 N. Richmond Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-0740

**Lumber**

Zarsky Lumber Company, Inc.  
1106 N. Richmond Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-2574

**Machine Shops**

Koenig Welding Service, Inc.  
2305 N. Richmond Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-4161

**Manufacturing/Manufac-  
turers Representatives**

Dorian Tool International, Inc.  
615 CR 219  
East Bernard, TX 77435  
(979) 282-2861

Drawworks, L.P.  
10555 FM 1301  
Boling, TX 77420  
(979) 657-1216

J-M Manufacturing  
10807 US 59 Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-5640

Lamberti USA, Inc.  
PO Box 1000  
Hungerford, TX 77448  
(281) 342-5675

Prime Eco Group, Inc.  
2933 S. State Hwy. 60  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 531-1100

**Marketing Research &  
Marketing Companies**

Kapeesh Marketing, LLC  
414 Blanche St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(713) 570-6603

**Massage Therapy**

Body Mechanic  
1309 Wallace St.  
El Campo, TX 77437  
(830) 305-0600

Healthy Touch Knead to Relax  
110 S. Resident St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 282-8881

M2 The Salon & Milam  
Barber Shop  
201 N. Houston St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(832) 215-7303

**Meat Markets**

H.E.B. Grocery Company  
1616 N. Alabama Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 282-2773

Jr.'s Texas Best Smokehouse  
164 CR 467  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 531-0888

Vincek's Smokehouse  
139 S. Dill  
East Bernard, TX 77435  
(979) 335-7921

Walmart Super Center  
1255 Hwy 59 Loop  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-3986

**Motorcycle Dealers**

El Campo Cycle Center  
28268 US Highway 59  
El Campo, TX 77437  
(979) 543-8442

**Museums**

20th Century Technology  
Museum  
3615 N. Richmond Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 282-8810

Egypt Plantation Enterprises,  
LLC  
1914 FM 102

Egypt, TX 77436  
(979) 533-0096

Wharton County Historical  
Museum  
3615 N. Richmond Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-2600

### Musical

Double Down DJ's  
1314 Crestmont St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 559-0552

### Newspapers

Wharton-Journal Spectator  
115 W. Burleson St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-8840

### Nursing Homes

Avalon Place  
1405 Valhalla Dr.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-1244

Elmcroft  
1930 Briar Ln.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-5800

Wharton Nursing & Rehabili-  
tation  
1220 Sunny Ln.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-5020

### Oil Distributors

South Texas Oil & Distributing  
409 W. Loop St.  
El Campo, TX 77437  
(979) 543-1791

### Optical Shop

Lifestyle Vision  
10119 US Hwy. 59 South  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 488-2781

### Optical, Optometrists, Opticians & Optical Labs

Berkeley Eye Center-Wharton  
1120 N. Fulton St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-0805

Exceptional Eye Care

202 E. Boling Hwy.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-4500

Wharton Eye Associates P.A.  
10119 US Hwy 59 South #4  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 533-7337

### Organizations

100 Club of Wharton County  
P.O. Box 46  
El Campo, TX 77437  
(979) 543-1040

American Cancer Society  
4401 Lilac Ln.  
Victoria, TX 77901  
(361) 578-2840

Boys & Girls Club of Wharton  
2120 N. Newton  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 282-9660

Bright Minds Scholarship Fund  
1609 N. Richmond Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-5964

Caney Creek Cons. Foundation  
1416 Barfield Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 533-2447

East Wharton County Crime  
Stoppers  
P.O. Box 145  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 533-3262

Fraternal Order of Eagles  
#4507  
P.O. Box 386  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 533-2835

Habitat for Humanity East  
Wharton County  
P.O. Box 451  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-4850

Hospice Support, Inc.  
1102 N. Mechanic St.  
El Campo, TX 77437  
(979) 578-0314

Hungerford Community  
Center  
235 Cypress  
Hungerford, TX 77448  
(979) 453-0060

James Simmons Jr. Juneteenth  
Committee  
1709 Forrest Dr.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 282-1070

Just Do It Now, Inc.  
1619 Martin Luther King Blvd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 531-1975

MLK Scholarship Fund  
P.O. Box 84  
Glen Flora, TX 77443  
(979) 532-0659

Pilot Club of Wharton  
P.O. Box 963  
Wharton, TX 77488

Rotary Club of Wharton  
P.O. Box 303  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-2636

StraightWay, Inc.  
FM 1161 W.  
Hungerford, TX 77448  
(979) 532-5613

Team Wharton, Inc.  
P.O. Box 588  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 282-7000

United Way  
2417 Avenue G  
Bay City, TX 77404-0972  
(979) 245-5852

Wharton Babe Ruth Baseball,  
Inc.  
Old Boling Hwy. (Tiger Park)  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 533-0148

Wharton County A&M Club  
601 E. Jackson St.  
El Campo, TX 77437  
(979) 543-5388

Wharton County Freedom  
Fest, Inc.  
1225 N. Alabama Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-0927

Wharton County Interfaith  
Coalition Inc. dba SHARE  
229 W. Milam St.  
P.O. Box 101  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 282-2021



Wharton County Youth Fair  
6036 FM 961 Rd  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 677-3350

Wharton Garden Club  
P.O. Box 397  
Boling, TX 77420

Wharton Knights of Columbus  
2820 N. Fulton St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-2218

Wharton Lions Club P.O. Box  
106  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-4532

Wharton Little League  
P.O. Box 1106  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 533-1323

Wharton Training High School  
& Ex-Students Association  
PO Box 1131  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-0916

### Painting Contractors

Martinez Painting  
17115 CR 278  
East Bernard, TX 77435  
(713) 557-9914

### Party

Moonwalks-N-More, LLC  
1810 Stadium Dr. Ste. A  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 488-4908

### Pawn Shops

Tyler's Jewelry & Pawn  
2310 N. Richmond Road  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-0971

### Pecans

Bagley Pecan House  
902 N. Richmond Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-4020

### Pest Control Services

Bricker Pest Control  
875 Nichols Ave.  
Bay City, TX 77414  
(979) 244-5811

BUGABUG  
1117 Tobola  
Rosenberg, TX 77471  
(281) 344-8266

### Photographers

Sharon Joines Photographs  
822 Caney Trail Dr.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-2636

KGibson Photography  
7497 FM 1301  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 533-1409

### Physicians & Surgeons

Memorial Hermann Medical  
Group  
2100 Regional Medical Dr.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-1700

### Plastic Molding

Nan Ya Plastics Corporation.  
USA  
2081 FM 102 Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(281) 727-7300

### Plumbing

Rath Plumbing  
216 N. Richmond Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-0223

### Portable Toilets

ALLStar  
4828 South State Highway 71  
El Campo, TX 77437  
(979) 543-1500

### Printers, Publishers, Type- setters & Graphics

J & M Printing  
813 E. Alabama St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-5240

Lawton Publications  
4111 East Mission Ave.  
Spokane, WA 99202  
(214) 717-0471

### Real Estate

C.E. Muegge Real Estate  
213 N. Richmond Rd.

Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-5252

The Ron Brown Company  
2618 N. Richmond Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-1013

Hudgins Groover Real Estate  
2103 N. Richmond Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-0007

R.C. Harrison, Jr., Realtors  
108 Santa Fe  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-8000

Wied Realty  
1506 N. Alabama Suite B  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-0334

### Real Estate Appraisers

Gary Ward Appraisal Services  
1120 Linwood  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 531-8190

Hudgins Groover Real Estate  
13403 TX-36,  
Needville, TX 77461  
(979) 793-4100

R.C. Harrison, Jr., Realtors  
108 Santa Fe  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-8000

TWGlass Appraisal  
102 S. Houston St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 488-2886

### Real Estate Developers & Investors

Carlson Development Com-  
pany  
P.O. Box 886  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-8787

LL & C Properties, Inc.  
2211 Norfolk Ste. 1030  
Houston, TX 77098  
(713) 851-7777

W.A. Harrison Rentals  
1122 FM 102  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-1012

Wakefield Development, LLC  
3360 CR 154  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-8650

Wharton Industrial Foundation  
1610 North Alabama  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-2631

### Real Estate-Commercial & Residential

RE/MAX Professionals  
1707 West Loop  
El Campo, TX 77437  
(979) 543-7006

### Recreation

El Campo Bowling Center  
806 W. Loop  
El Campo, TX 77437  
(979) 543-9999

Moonwalks-N-More, LLC  
1810 Stadium Dr.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 488-4908

Plaza Theatre  
120 S. Houston St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 282-2226

Showplace 3 Cinema, Inc.  
820 W. Loop  
El Campo, TX 77437  
(979) 543-8182

### Restaurant Mobile

S&P Barbecue  
1316 N. Alabama Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 422-4874

### Restaurants

9ers Grill  
112 W Boling Hwy  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-2025

Denny's #8588  
10367 Hwy. 59  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-3200

Little Caesar's Pizza  
1422-A N. Richmond Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 531-3038

Grand Buffet  
125 E. Boling Hwy.

Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 531-1998

Hinze's Country Kitchen  
1512 E. Milam St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-1799

Hinze's Bar-B-Que  
1917 N. Richmond Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-2710

Jr.'s Texas Best Smokehouse  
164 CR 467  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 531-0888

Los Cucos Mexican Restaurant  
211 W. Elm St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 531-1961

McDonald's  
1404 Richmond Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-8884

Pizza Hut  
2302 N. Richmond Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-1692

Prasek's Hillje Smokehouse,  
Inc.  
29714 US 59 Hwy.  
El Campo, TX 77437  
(979) 543-8312

Provisions Bistro & Market  
301 W. Milam St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
979-282-2906

Reyna's Cafe  
7902 US 59  
Hungerford, TX 77488  
(979) 531-0880

Sonic Drive In-Wharton  
217 N. Richmond Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-1611

Vincek's Smokehouse  
139 S. Dill  
East Bernard, TX 77435  
(979) 335-7921

Whataburger  
10319 US 59  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-1208

### Roofing

First Call Roofing Systems  
514 Breezy Ln.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-2625

Priority Roofing and Construction  
2030 Rancho Dr.  
East Bernard, TX 77435  
(979) 559-7281

Weather Guard Roofing  
708 E. Milam St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-0928

### RV Parks

Coyote RV Resort  
272 Greendale Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 533-5959

RV Village-Wharton LLC  
2601 N. Richmond Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(713) 690-0791

### Schools, Colleges & Education

Faith Christian Academy of  
Wharton  
5227 FM 1301  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 531-1000

Taps & Mats Dance Studio  
1109 N. Fulton St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-0602

Wharton County Junior College  
911 E. Boling Hwy.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-4560

Wharton I.S.D.  
2100 N. Fulton St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-6201

### Septic System Pumping

ALLStar  
4828 South State Hwy. 71  
El Campo, TX 77437  
(979) 543-1500

### Sigms

Custom Creations  
202 N. Houston St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 531-0000

### Social Service Agencies

1-Absolute Care HCS  
1330 North Richmond Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 677-3511

Crisis Center  
Wharton 116 E. Burleson  
3010 6th St.  
Bay City, TX 77404-1820  
(979) 245-9109

Hospice Support, Inc.  
1102 N. Mechanic St.  
El Campo, TX 77437  
(979) 578-0314

Just Do It Now, Inc.  
1619 Martin Luther King Blvd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 531-1975

TEXANA Center  
4910 Airport Ave. Bldg. B  
Rosenberg, TX 77471-5759  
(281) 239-1300

### Stocks & Bonds Brokers

Edward Jones Investments  
128 S. Houston St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-1282

K-Mana, Inc.  
PO Box 588  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 282-7000

### Storage Facilities - Rentals

City Wide Storage  
808 N. Richmond Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-3823

General Sales Company  
808 N. Richmond Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-3823

MFS Storage, Inc. East Bernard  
9031 Hwy. 60 & Hwy. 90 108  
Old Wharton Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-2451

My Storehouse Mini Storage  
P.O. Box 827  
1827 Stadium Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-4422

### Substance Abuse Treatment Facility

Bay Area Council on Drugs &

Alcohol  
2911 South Shore Blvd., STE 150  
League City, TX 77573  
(800) 510-3111

Great Oaks Recovery Center  
10241 W. FM 1161  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 677-1000

### Surveyors

K M Surveying, LLC  
3902 Reese Rd.  
Suite C100  
Rosenberg, TX 77471  
(713) 806-1814

Robert Kolacny & Assoc. LLC  
140 S. Houston St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-8056

### Tanning Salons

H Studio  
243 W. Milam St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 533-1230

M2 The Salon & Milam  
Barber Shop  
201 N. Houston St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(832) 215-7303

### Television-Cable

New Wave Communications  
1302 Wisteria Way  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-3920

### Theaters

Plaza Theatre  
120 S. Houston  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 282-2226

Showplace 3 Cinema, Inc.  
820 W. Loop  
El Campo, TX 77437  
(979) 543-8182

### Tire Dealers

Gensco Kross Wholesale Tire  
Co., Inc.  
102 CR 140 at Hwy. 60  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-4800

### Title Companies

Mid-Coast Title Company  
111 N. Fulton St.

Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-1512

### Transportation

Sacred Care Transportation  
222 W. Burleson St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 559-2961

### Trophies & Plaques

Custom Creations  
202 N. Houston St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 531-0000

### Turfgrass / Farming

Central Turf  
1238 CR 107  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 657-1122

### Utilities

CenterPoint Energy Houston  
4011 Ave. H  
Rosenberg, TX 77471  
(281) 561-3202

Exelon Colorado Bend Power Plant  
3863 South State Hwy. 60  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 358-3027

Wharton County Electric  
Cooperative  
1815 East Jackson St.  
El Campo, TX 77437  
(979) 543-6271

Wharton County Generation  
New Gulf Power Plant  
206 Vat Rd  
Boling, TX 77420  
(979) 657-0343 x 102

### Veterinarians

Alamont Veterinary Clinic  
1907 E. Boling Hwy.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-5569

Wharton Veterinary Clinic  
1518 Hwy. 60 South  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-1431

### Western Wear

TNT Western Wear Inc.  
3030 N. Richmond Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 531-8623

# A variety of Healthcare Services

## Wharton County's Hospital

**El Campo Memorial Hospital**  
**Newly Expanded Emergency Department**  
**24 Hour Emergency Room**  
 Imaging Services • MRI • Therapy Services  
 Skilled Nursing/Rehabilitation

### Mid Coast Medical Clinic

**SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS:**

MON-THU 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 FRI 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**MINOR ILLNESS WALK-IN CLINIC**

MON-THU 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. & 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.  
 FRI 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. • SAT 9:00 a.m. to Noon



**PAUL LIFLAND, MD**  
 ORTHOPEDIC  
 SURGEON



**GENE BURNS, MD**  
 FAMILY PRACTICE



**THAI HUYNH, M.D.**  
 INTERNAL MEDICINE



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 FAMILY PRACTICE



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 FAMILY PRACTICE



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 PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT



**DANA FOSTER, PA-C**  
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**CLAY ZBORIL,  
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**MID COAST MEDICAL CLINIC:** 305 Sandy Corner Road, El Campo • 979-543-5510

Appointments with Dr. Paul Lifland and Dr. Robert Ogdee  
 are available in Wharton every Wednesday at Dr. Mark Marconi's Office.  
 Call 979-543-5510 to schedule – ask for your appointment in Wharton.

## Walk-In Clinic

### NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED

Hours of Operations: Open 7 Days a Week!  
 Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. • Fridays 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
 Saturday and Sunday 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Walk-In Clinic:** 10358 Hwy 59 #A (Located in the Wharton Walmart Parking Lot Area)  
 Wharton, Texas • 979-543-5510 • (Ask for the Wharton Walk-In)