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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 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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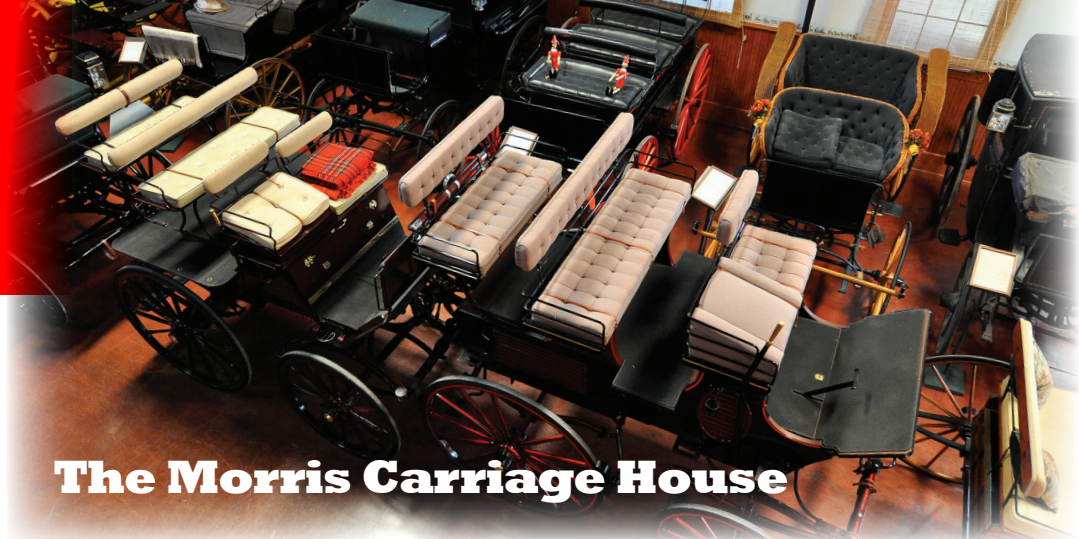
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The Morris Carriage House

One of the largest and varied collection of carriages is gathered in the Morris Carriage House just east of Wharton on CR 117.

The love for the gentle and quiet means of transportation before the invention of the automobile is ingrained in carriage collectors Stewart Morris Sr. and his son Stewart Morris, Jr.

Their interests go beyond collecting, each piece in their collection is completely restored and cared for.

As the collection grew, they had to have a place to store them, so the Morris Carriage House was built to house their massive personal collection.

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 sometimes 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 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.

Another of the historical pieces in the collection is the carriage known as "The Traveling Government of Mexico." It was used by then popular Mexican President Benito Juarez.

Juarez is still considered Mexico's greatest and most beloved leader of Mexico. He helped bring in a number of liberal reforms in the nation's constitution of 1857.

During the French occupation of Mexico he refused to accept the rule of any foreign government. For six years the government of Mexico became mobile in the carriage, changing sites as Juarez stayed ahead of the invading French army.

To get to the Morris Ranch & Carriage House, head east for about four miles on FM 1301 toward Boling Turn left on CR 117 and travel two miles. The carriage house is on right just before crossing the bridge on the West Bernard River. To arrange tours, call 532-0101.



Vivien Leigh starred in the 1939 classic *Gone With the Wind*. The carriage she rode in is part of the carriage collection.

Wharton Country Club

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

It has served this community for nearly 70 years.

A major project that occurred at the club was new greens. The club has always been rated as one of the outstanding nine-hole golf courses in Texas by golf critics and writers.

This will only make it better if you want to play on par-71, for example.

"This is the biggest thing we've done in the history of the club," said Wharton Country Club Board President Mike Parker.

Work on the golf course began in June 2018, Parker said. Members of the country club provided their help, both with raising funds and volunteering their time.

There is the Barbara Stephenson Dining Room, Horton Foote Room, the Game Room, which is ideal for groups of up to 30.

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.

- Make the club your dining destination with Sunday Brunch the first Sunday of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Featuring made-to-order omelets and waffles, bacon, sausage, chicken nug-



gets, hash browns, biscuits and gravy, fresh fruit, and more. \$12 per plate. Reservations: 979-532-5940.

- Make the club your destination for Tuesday Business Lunch Buffet from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. A nutritious, hot lunch buffet is available to members and guests. "All you can eat", or "1 meat, 2 sides" options are available.

- Bingo Night will return in February with a 6 p.m. start. All ages are welcome. The Dining Room will be open from 5:30-8:30. Dinner \$10.

The Wharton Country Club is located at 126 Country Club Drive in Wharton. For more information, call 979-532-5940 or visit whartoncountryclub.com.

Wharton Civic Center

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.

Makyla Monroe, who is from Wharton, was hired as the center director in 2018.

"My passion is Wharton. I want to see Wharton succeed and thrive and I feel like the Civic Center is a big part of our community," Monroe 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 host-

ed events for celebrities such as Frank Sinatra, Jr. and Nancy Sinatra, even George W. Bush when he was governor.

The Wharton Civic Center is located at 1924 North Fulton Street in Wharton. For information call 979-532-2491 ext. 603



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The annual James Simmons Jr. Wharton County Juneteenth Festival will occur June 15, 2019 after it was cancelled the previous year due to Hurricane Harvey.

Coordinator Paul “Coach” Kearney said the announcement that the festival will happen is very important to give locals and visitors an opportunity to plan in advance.

Simmons said he is glad and “delighted” that committee officials have agreed to move forward with this event that will now mark 10 years.

“We will have entertainers lined up like we have in the past,” Simmons said. “We want the 2019 festival to be better than ever because of what our community has been through.”

In February 2018, the committee made the

The Return of Juneteenth Festival

unfortunate decision to cancel the 2018 event altogether as a result of the devastation that Harvey still had on the community.

The first Juneteenth Festival was held in 2010, and it quickly grew into one of the city’s largest festivals each summer.

The 2017 event attracted 10,000 people, and three years ago the crowd drew an estimated 15,000 to the city’s Monterey Square area.

According to the festival officials, Juneteenth has come to symbolize for many African-Americans what the Fourth of July symbolizes for all Americans – freedom.

“It symbolizes the end of slavery. It serves as a historical milestone reminding Americans of the triumph of the human spirit over the cruelty of slavery,” the festival’s Facebook page reads.

Juneteenth has been celebrated in Texas since June 19, 1865.

Monterey Square Wine & Arts Fair

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 in October.

The event is a fantastic night to sip, shop and stroll. The 2018 event — the 10th annual — was in downtown Wharton and was deemed a success by wine and arts fair officials.

Begun in 2009, the event was 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: Java and Junk.

Visit montereysquarewinefair.com.



Attendees of the 2018 Monterey Square Wine & Arts Fair.

Party Under the Bridge

Whartonians and visitors will have the chance to party under the Colorado River Bridge again this year.

September 27, 2018 was the inaugural Party Under the Bridge - Wharton's dedication of the fully restored Colorado river bridge.

"This is a celebration of a historic bridge. The bridge is saved and it's been resorted and reopened," Executive Director of the Wharton Chamber of Commerce Ron Sanders. "Wharton very much values its history, so just like the courthouse we need to celebrate this as well."

Party Under the Bridge will also be a celebration of Wharton, and a way to bring residents together, Sanders said.

"The celebration will bring people together and that's why we want to do it up," Sanders said.

Though there will not be a dedication of the bridge this year, the fun party spirit of the event will remain the same.

"The Wharton tourism committee felt like the event was a great success and it's different," Sanders said. "It uses a different park and it was something unique. Even though we won't be dedicating the bridge we will be thinking of some new things to do there. I think we'll utilize the space a little more effectively and I think we'll have more food and more things to do."

The Party Under the Bridge will be under the Colorado River Bridge at Dinosaur Park. Families are encouraged to come play at Dinosaur Park's recently renovated playground and admire the big dinosaur.

The second annual Party Under the Bridge will be on Thursday, October 24, 2019.



The first 200 people in attendance received free Party Under the Bridge Shirts.



Bowing heads during prayers for Wharton, Texas and safe passages on the Colorado Bridge.



The weather will be hot and the inaugural Texas Salsa Showdown promises to be hotter when the event takes place Friday, May 17 and Saturday, May 18 at the Wharton Civic Center, 1924 N. Fulton Street.

This will be a celebration of salsa with a South Texas flavor and flair. And, if Tex-Mex is your thing and your frequently wish for bottomless chips and salsa, this festival and the cook-off is for you.

Plans are to have a beef fajita cook-off and brisket cook-off. You will be able to view participants with various experiences compete in salsa categories like home chef, restaurant and commercial.

A hot pepper eating contest will also be held on Saturday beginning at 3 p.m. If you have what it takes to be a contestant, you would be required to chew and swallow up to 8 increasingly spicy peppers, starting with a “simple” jalapeno. This event is a 50/50 pot with contestant fees split among the winner (last person standing) and the charity of their choice.

On Saturday, you may sample all the salsas, vote for your favorite, then enjoy entertainment by a regional favorite – Steel Country.

There are also plans to have the second Cops n’ Rodders Car Show. Wharton Police Chief Terry Lynch said the first car show held last year in conjunction with the Rally for Wharton Festival was well received and participation high that a second show was planned. Vendors will be available both days. Admission to the Texas Salsa Showdown is \$20. You may find more information on Texas Salsa Showdown on Facebook.

Call Kapeesh Marketing at 713-570-6603 with any questions. You may also email at hello@kapeeshllc.com.

Amy Morales, marketing director with Kapeesh Marketing, LLC, is the event organizer.



Visitors looked over entries at the 2018 Cops n’ Rodders Car Show.



SNOW ON THE SQUARE

Snow is not a usual occurrence in this part of Texas, but the Wharton Chamber of Commerce ensures that the Wharton County Courthouse will see the powdery white snow again this year.

Snow on the Square is an event full of fun with snow, food trucks, vendors and a DJ. The big man in red, Santa Clause, himself will be making an appearance again this year, much to the delight of visitors.

"We decided to have a second snow day because the first one was so successful," Executive Director of the Wharton Chamber of Commerce Ron Sanders said. "We got to showcase our court-

house and the Christmas decorations to visitors from all over the county. Word of mouth even brought visitors from outside of Wharton County to come see the snow as well."

This year's event will include even more fun for the whole family, Sanders added.

"We'll build on this event," Sanders said. "I think next year we'll have more food and more things to do. We learned a lot last year as this was the first event and we hope that we can afford to bring even more snow than this past year to this year's event." *The second annual Snow on the Square will be on Friday, December 20, 2019.*



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The Plaza Theatre

The Plaza Theatre on Monterey Square in downtown Wharton will begin the 2019 calendar year with “The Red Velvet Cake.”

The beginning of the 2019 season is Friday, Feb. 8. Performances are normally at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. Sundays.

Here’s information on the productions:

THE RED VELVET CAKE WAR

Presented by the Ya-Ya’s of Wharton County

A comedy

By Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope, Jamie Wooten

Presented through special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service

Directed by Sarah Bailey

Performances: February 8 – 17, 2019

Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., Sundays at 2:30 p.m.

General Admission: \$15

Recommended for general audiences

About the Show: In this riotously funny Southern-fried comedy, the three Verdeen cousins—Gaynelle, Peaches, and Jimmie Wyvette — could not have picked a worse time to throw their family reunion. Their outrageous antics have delighted local gossips in the small town of Sweetgum and the eyes of Texas are upon them.

Having “accidentally” crashed her minivan through the bedroom wall of her husband’s girlfriend’s doublewide, Gaynelle is one frazzled nerve away from a spectacular meltdown. Peaches, a saucy firebrand and the number one mortuarial cosmetologist in the tri-county area, is struggling to decide if it’s time to have her long-absent trucker husband declared dead. And Jimmie Wyvette, the rough-around-the-edges store manager

of Whatley’s Western Wear, is resorting to extreme measures to outmaneuver a priss-pot neighbor for the affections of Sweetgum’s newest widower. As this fast-paced romp barrels toward its uproarious climax, you’ll wish your own family reunions were this much fun!

AUGUST: OSAGE COUNTY

Presented by VonDerAu Ford of El Campo

A tragicomedy

By Tracy Letts

Presented through special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service

Directed by Burke Wilkins

Performances: April 5 – 14, 2019

Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., Sundays at 2:30 p.m.

General Admission: \$15

Recommended for mature audiences due to language and adult situations

About the Show: A vanished father. A pill-popping mother. Three sisters harboring shady little secrets. When the large Weston family unexpectedly reunites after Dad disappears, their Oklahoman family homestead explodes in a maelstrom of repressed truths and unsettling secrets. Mix in Violet, the drugged-up, scathingly acidic matriarch, this is a play that unflinchingly—and uproariously—exposes the dark side of the Midwestern American family.

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Book by Roger Allers and Irene Mecchi
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 with Music Theatre International (MTI)
 Directed by Hailey Roberson
 Performances: June 27 – 30, 2019
 Thursday and Friday at 7:30 p.m., Satur-
 day and Sunday at 2:30 p.m.
 General Admission: \$15

Recommended for general audiences
 About the Show: Disney's *The Lion King*
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 A musical

Music and lyrics by Benny Andersson &
 Bjorn Ulvaeus
 Additional songs by Stig Anderson
 Book by Catherine Johnson
 Originally conceived by Judy Craymer
 Presented through special arrangement
 with Music Theatre International (MTI)
 Directed by Betty Vick
 Performances: August 2 – 18, 2019
 Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., Sun-
 days at 2:30 p.m.
 General Admission: \$20

Parental guidance suggested due to adult
 situations

About the Show: Over 60 million
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 show! ABBA's hits tell the hilarious story
 of a young woman's search for her birth
 father. This sunny and funny tale unfolds on
 a Greek island paradise. On the eve of her
 wedding, a daughter's quest to discover the
 identity of her father brings three men from
 her mother's past back to the island they last
 visited 20 years ago.

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 the-
 ater lobby, and in the playbills. Season tickets

also can be used as gifts for family and friends.

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 perform-
 ing arts.

Originally founded as The Commu-
 nity Theatre of Wharton, its performers are
 dubbed the "Footelitters" 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 presi-
 dent.

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 pur-
 chased 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
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Wharton Downtown Legends



Bonnie and Clyde

In 1932, a sheriff's deputy stationed at the Colorado River bridge encountered the notorious bank robbers Bonnie and Clyde, who had been spotted in Louise, south of Wharton, and were headed toward Wharton. He fired several shots at their vehicle, but apparently missed.

Dickson Monument

Sheriff Hamilton Dickson was shot and killed in the line of duty while trying to capture an escapee from the county jail. His funeral was the largest ever held at the time in Wharton



County. The statue on the courthouse lawn was erected by his family. His descendants recently had it restored.

Sniper's Nest

In 1898 Hope Adams ran for sheriff of Wharton County. He ran on the independent ticket against the candidate running on the White Man's Union party. In those days a candidate needed the approval of the White Man's Union in order to seek public office. After filing for office, Adams crossed from the courthouse at the Milam and Fulton street intersection. A shot rang out. Adams fell dead. Someone had fired the fatal shot from the original courthouse clock tower. It is said that everyone knew who did it, but charges were never filed.



Lucky Shot

In 1917 City Marshal W.W. Pitman was given an arrest warrant for F. Lopez. As the sheriff approached a Mexican restaurant at the corner of Burleson and Fulton streets in downtown Wharton, Lopez emerged from the restaurant. Both drew their pistols and fired at the same time. The bullet from Pitman's gun entered the cylinder of Lopez's gun. Lopez's gun jammed and saved both Lopez's and Pittman's lives. Pittman sent Lopez's gun to Ripley's Believe It or Not. He won fourth place in Ripley's annual contest. The gun remains in Ripley's possession and was last seen in their facility in downtown San Antonio.



Ghost Story

Wharton County wanted to honor its Confederate Army veterans, members of Buchel Camp. In their memory a monument was placed on the northwest corner of the county courthouse lawn. To this day, a circular patch can be seen around the monument. It appeared shortly after the dedication and remains there. Legend has it that ghosts of the Confederate soldiers march around the statue every night guarding it and creating a path that defies all explanation.



Pecans vs. Sycamores

One of Wharton County's greatest controversies was what trees should be planted around the county courthouse. Sycamores were native timber and thus were originally chosen for four sides of the county courthouse. However, in 1922, the county agricultural extension agent planted pecan trees between the sycamores to prove that pecans could be a viable cash crop for Wharton County. But the courthouse square was not big enough for both of them. As the pecan trees grew, it became clear that there was not room enough both for the pecans and the sycamores. The problem was resolved one night, after midnight, when an unknown woodsman came to the courthouse square and cut down all the sycamores. The pecan trees continue to flourish there to this day.



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.



**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 Elliotts 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.



**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.





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.



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Morning

You may be getting up from one of the many hotels/motels Wharton offers visitors. You want to eat breakfast and the city has restaurants you won't find anywhere else but here. If you are in the mood for Mexican-style "huevos rancheros" or "home style" cooking, stay along Business 59/Richmond Road. Some of these locally-owned restaurants like Freddie's, Larry's or Regio's only take cash so be prepared just in case. Don't be surprised if you run into a Wharton councilperson or school district trustee as they frequent these restaurants as diners just as the day is getting started. Freddie's is also our bus stop for travelers who might be coming through or destination Wharton.

Once you've done eating, visit the Downtown Monterey Square Historic District for antiquing, a piece of history and morning coffee and pastries. The Milam Street Coffee: Java & Junque recently switched ownership and antiques are something the new owners John and Jane Bard have introduced to our citizens and now you!

There are other antique shops along Milam Street that would interest you and the nicest owners you'll ever meet. Across the street from Milam Street Coffee is another spot you want to add to your list of Wharton stops: The Tejano y Conjunto Gallery of Legends Museum, which is at 146 West Milam Street. Owners John and Lucy Alaniz said when they were looking for a location to place the museum, Wharton was the best place as it's located along a busy US 59 corridor between Corpus Christi and Houston – and it's not too far from San Antonio.

While hopping from store to store with a

glimpse of the past musically speaking, make sure to visit the original Wharton County Courthouse. Join others who stroll around the courthouse with their cell phone in hands taking selfies. The famous Texas architect Eugene T. Heiner constructed the building in 1889. As decades went by, markers were erected on the courthouse grounds at various corners. While circling the square, you might get a glimpse of a mural or two. Count them all as you visit through town, there are at least half a dozen to chose from. Address is 100 South Fulton Street.

Afternoon

After all that walking, shopping and learning you're probably hungry and 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 Larry's Mexican Restaurant, Cuevos Mexican Restaurant, Taqueria Las Regias and Los Cucos for an authentic Tex-Mex experience. If Tex-mex isn't your cup of tea you can always rush on over to Provisions Bistro and Market for organic and locally sourced food. Owner and operator, Debra Medina, once ran for the governor and was another reason that put Wharton on the map.

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, which sometimes reached at least 30 feet of water. Address is Colorado Street at North Richmond and Business 59.

Check out the recently restored Southern 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. Address is 100 South Sunset. Hours are Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Finish the afternoon off by visiting another museum, this one the 20th Century Technology Museum. It has an address of 615-625 North Fulton Street. Items include papers enabling NASA's Man in Space program, NASA reports including biomedical results of Skylab, debriefing reports from Apollo astronauts and various engineering planning reports, among other historical collections. Wharton is home to the Wharton County Historical Museum, but unfortunately it is closed due to Hurricane Harvey in 2017. County leaders are working to look for funding to make it operable once again.

Evening

If you know about the Plaza Theatre located at 120 South Houston Street and its numerous productions, you'll want to plan a day in February, April, June and August. Now that the 2019 theatre season is upon us, you want to visit the Plaza's website at www.wharton-plazatheatre.org for dates and times. Before a show, try Wharton's barbecue. If you're in the mood for this, 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 off Boling Highway and Fulton Street.

Wharton's Pick & Flip to Kick Off in 2019!

Makers, flippers and junkers will be the center of attention when the inaugural Pick & Flip happens later this year.

You will be invited for a one-of-a-kind event that will be held in conjunction with the 10th Annual City-wide Garage Sale. Participants and you will gather at Monterey Square to see judges decide who has the best DIY skills.

Participants will be given a set amount of time to shop downtown and find their perfect "pick" before rushing back to a DIY station to begin transforming the piece into a "flip."

Judges will name a winner, and all finished pieces will be up for sale the same day.

Again, the first-ever Pick & Flip will be held in conjunction with the garage sale, which will be Friday, May 31 and Saturday, June 1.

Times of when contestants will be participating will be announced.

Email Pick & Flip organizer Amy Morales at amy@kapeeshllc.com for more information.

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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 fund-raising, the task of restoring the historic courthouse began — and it would be restored to its Victorian style.

The courthouse was designed by Eugene T. Heiner, who arrived in Houston from Dal-

las in 1878. Between 1878 and his death in 1901, he designed 12 courthouses - only six survive.

The courthouse was built in a classic Victorian design. Its design was a combination of two popular Victorian styles of the 1880s — the Second 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 courthouse had an original estimate of \$2.9 million but ended up costing \$7.4 million. The restoration began in July 2003 and was completed in July 2007. It was the most extensively restored courthouse in the state’s history.

Finally, in August 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 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 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.

Wharton Museums

The **Tejano y Conjunto Gallery of Legends Museum** is one of the newest attractions in downtown Wharton. The gallery is located inside the Wolf Pak Radio Studio building at 146 West Milam across from the Wharton County Courthouse.

John Alaniz is the operating director and his son, Lee Cruz aka DJ Lobo, is the museum director. The museum is now a 501c3 non-profit organization, which affords them the opportunity to expand on their operation, which sometimes includes Tejano music dances in the Wharton area. Just recently, the inaugural Musicians Reunion was held to honor performers from as far back as the 1960s.

"We are dedicated on persevering our culture's roots," Alaniz said. "The museum has a lot of talented musicians that have contributed to Tejano and conjunto music."

Exhibit hours are Monday through Friday
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



For more information, John Alaniz at 979-533-4009 or Lee Cruz at 979-533-6170. Email djlobo@wolf-pakradio.com

Location: 146 W Milam
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The new Library Annex and Research Center for the **Wharton County 20th Century Technology Museum** is now open.

After flooding damage from Hurricane Harvey, the museum had been closed, but now visitors can visit, said founder Art Schulze.

There are many items currently on display in the center, which has an address of 615 through 625 North Fulton Street in Wharton.

Items include books signed by pioneers in biomedical engineering center in the Houston area, papers enabling NASA's Man in Space program, NASA reports including biomedical results of Skylab, debriefing reports from Apollo astronauts and various engineering planning reports, historical collection of radios, comprehensive local barbed-wire collection, cameras and computers including rare Thomas Edison radios and a collection of selected organ technology including a pump, an electronic reed, a Baldwin Fun Machine and Hammond.

The public is welcome to come visit the center for free, though during this transitional phase an appointment must be made ahead of time, Schulze said.

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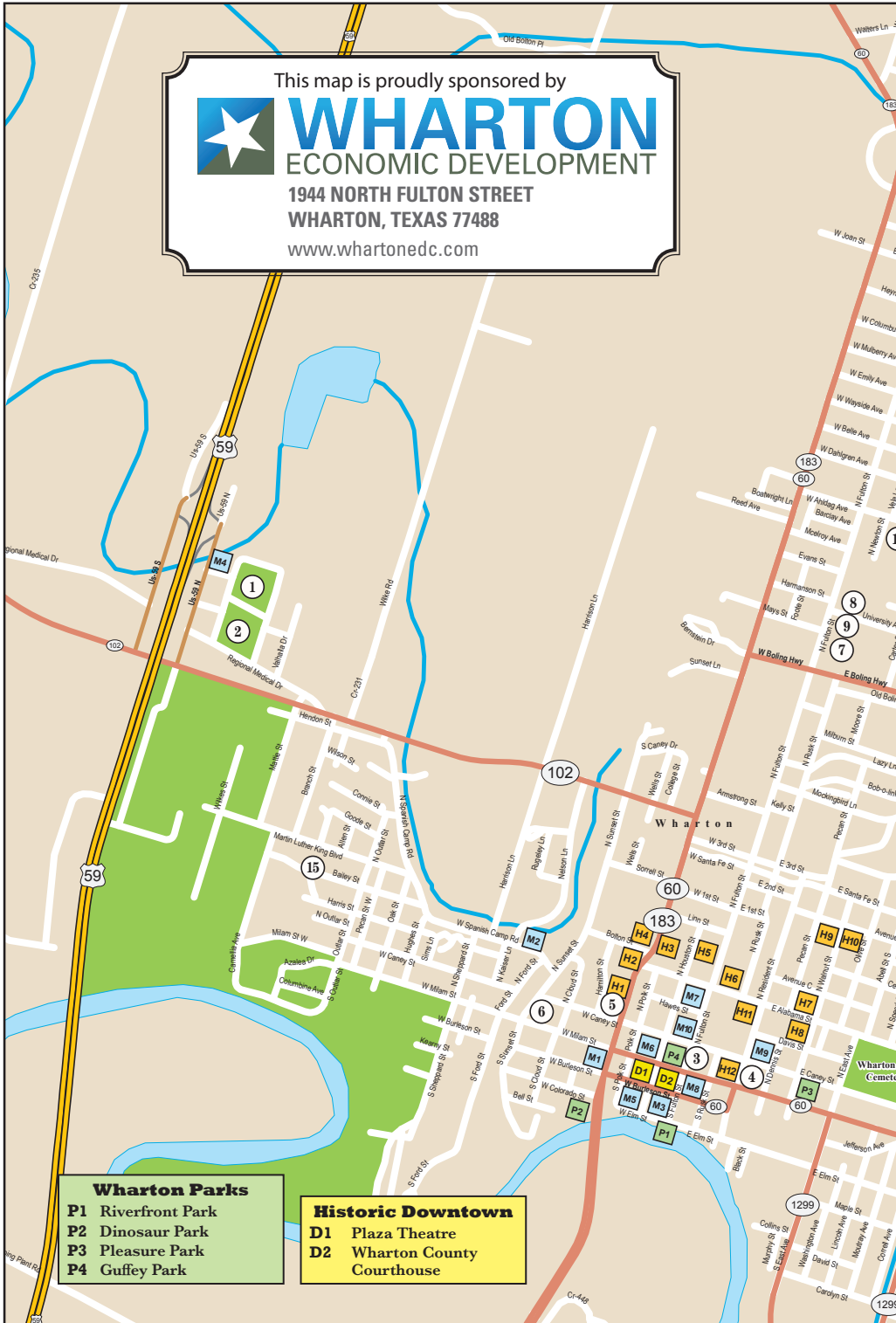
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Parks and Recreation

The City of Wharton continues to make improvements at its park facilities to enhance the quality of life to residents and visitors.

The Beautification Commission moved forward on applying for the construction of two butterfly gardens to be installed in city parks. The grant if received would come from the Texas Keep America Beautiful Fund.

The Facilities Maintenance Department responsibilities include maintaining approximately 60 acres of City Parks and 65 pieces of park equipment.

Riverfront Park 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.

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

Wharton's parks and recreational facilities include:

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



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- 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.



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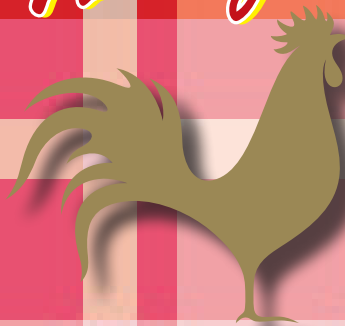
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By CHAD ODOM
Wharton EDC Executive Director



Whether you are visiting or relocating to Wharton, the Wharton Economic Development Corporation's board of directors welcomes you! We hope that you will relax and enjoy the small-town pace of life and our rich cultural heritage. WEDC is here to serve entre-

preneurs looking to start up small businesses, facilitating business relocation, or finding a home for your entrepreneurial dream—whatever it may be. We are here to bring resources to your dreams. Our staff also works closely with the city, Wharton County, and other stakeholders on maintaining and enhancing our quality of life through parks planning and funding.

Our economy is poised to see unprecedented growth in the coming years as our lands are protected from flooding by a 100 percent federally-funded Hazard Mitigation Program that is soon to commence; Wharton schools are to receive updates with varying types of renovation and construction through a robust bond proposal passed by 70 percent of our citizens; and our transportation infrastructure is enhanced by Interstate 69 expansion and connectivity planning to increase the safety of our walkable community.

These commitments and other private business expansion plans total to over \$250 million in investment stimulus that will occur locally during the next five years. The impact will add 600 to 1,000 jobs to our economy during this timeframe and add close to \$1 billion to our economy, truly making this “the time” to invest in our community or to make Wharton your business’ new home!

Whether you are appreciating the ease of access to the Houston area with the ongoing interstate improvements or taking a stroll downtown along our riverfront or the Santa Fe Trail, we hope you enjoy our community

as a unique place to visit and explore! We’re confident you’ll enjoy your stay here and encourage you to consider your opportunities and reach out for assistance with your business needs.

WEDC’s mission “To create a diverse economy and positive business climate that stimulates development” is only fulfilled by helping you make Wharton your new home, place of business or destination to unwind and enjoy away from the hustle and bustle of big city living.

As executive director, I welcome you to schedule a time to talk about your interest in starting, locating, or relocating a business here in Wharton, or your ideas about how to better our town. Our staff is here to serve you and to bring our vast array of resources to projects that will enhance Wharton’s quality of life and make economic prospects become a reality.

Enhanced by an eager embrace of our cultural history, our quality of life is evident in the restoration and maintenance of our historic structures. This includes Wharton’s historic Plaza Theater, hosting many live plays, concerts and special events year-round! Our hospitality is second to none ... to find out just stop into one of the many locally-owned businesses on the square and give them a “howdy!”

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By BETTY A. MCCROHAN
Wharton County JC President



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WCJC: Higher Education in Wharton

Wharton County Junior College enters its 73rd year in 2019 following a major expansion.

WCJC opened the 34,000- square-foot Johnson Health Occupation Center to include an 18,000-square-foot addition. The renovated facility was completed in 2018. The cost of the project was more than \$6 million, not including equipment and furnishings.

WCJC was created 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.

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, associate 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.

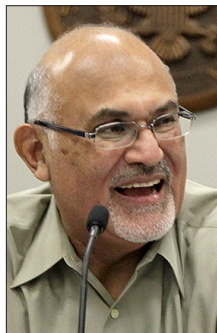
Wharton County Junior College is a Texas public, two-year, comprehensive community college offering a wide range of postsecondary educational programs and services including associate degrees, certificates, continuing education courses, cultural affairs and leisure-time activities for the benefit of 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.

Wharton's Positive Outlook

By ANDRES GARZA
Wharton City Manager



As the City of Wharton comes to the end of 2018, we look back at a busy and productive year. Many projects got under way after Hurricane Harvey devastated the city a year before.

Early in the year, the city was awarded a Class 9 rating from the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS). This was good news for the citizens of Wharton due to the rating allowing for lower cost flood insurance rates, just from the city taking extra efforts to engage in additional mitigation activities.

The City of Wharton partnered with GrantWorks, Inc. to create a 2018-2028 Comprehensive Plan for the community. Surveys and public meetings brought residents together to plan for a better future.

One of the many projects the city continued to work on was the reimbursement for restoration of Riverfront Park. The flooding events in 2015 and 2016 damaged the park near the pier and residents have not been able to enjoy it. We are continuing to work with FEMA to make it usable again.

Quite possibly the best news received was notice of the Flood Reduction Project being fully funded through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The city started a flood mitigation plan in May of 1999 and continued to work on the project over the past 19 years making it shovel ready. Texas Gov. Greg Abbott along with local leaders identified the Lower Colorado River Phase 1 (Wharton), TX project as one

of the high-priority projects which would make the city more resilient to future storms and flooding.

Several grants were applied for throughout the year. One being in conjunction with the Wharton Economic Development Corporation that submitted an application for grant funds to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Foundation for improvements to Harris Park on behalf of the City of Wharton. If approved the grant would provide, a lighted walking trail, additional soccer field equipment and ADA and sensory playground equipment.

A grant was awarded through FEMA for an upgraded Siren Warning System. This system would allow residents to be notified throughout the entire city, when the need of a mass notification arises.

The City Council saw a need for housing and created a Housing Finance Corporation. The council appointed seven residents to represent each council district and the mayor at-large. This creates the opportunity to bring housing to the city.

Within a few short months, the corporation had already worked with the Wharton Long Term Recovery Team and the Wharton West End Initiative to begin the process of providing six new homes to Wharton residents with plans for additional homes.

With so many exciting and new changes coming to the City of Wharton, we look forward to a productive and busy new year!



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 Daykarhanova 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.

Dan Rather

Dan Rather, the former news anchor for the CBS Evening News in the 1980s, is another native son of Wharton. Today, you can watch him on his show, *The Big Interview with Dan Rather* on the cable channel AXS TV. He has thought-provoking, in-depth interviews with some of the most talented artists from across the entertainment industry.

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 father worked here in “the oil patch” when he was born. Dan 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. In 1959, he entered television as a reporter 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. He was hired as a CBS News correspondent in 1962. He was the White House correspondent during the Richard Nixon presidency.

There is also an exhibit set at the museum which recounts events in his life.

In January, 2018 he began hosting an online newscast called *The News with Dan Rather* on The Young Turks YouTube channel. Rather is active on social media and reacts to events through his Twitter, Instagram and Facebook accounts.

For more about Dan Rather, visit danrather.com.



Dan Rather visits with Whartonians at the Wharton County Historical Museum.

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Wharton, TX 77488

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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.

Centerpoint Energy is the area's natural gas provider.

Applications can be filled out online at centerpointenergy.com or by calling 713-659-2111.

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Electricians

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

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

Emergency Medical Services

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

OakBend Medical Center
10141 US Hwy 59, Wharton
(281) 344-6960

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

Employment Agencies

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

Energy

Seventus, LLC
8750 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Ste. 300E
Chicago, IL 60631
(617) 217-1451

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
(979) 559-0592

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

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

Entertainment

Angel Wings Wharton
119 S. Fulton, Wharton
(979) 531-9202

Estate Services

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

Event Facilities

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

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

The Pierce Ranch House
1232 Ranch House Rd., Pierce
(979) 559-0204

Events

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

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

Farms & Ranches, Commercial & Residential

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

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

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(979) 532-1321

Fences

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Festivals

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

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

Financial & Financial Advisors

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

Hollub Financial Services
727 N. Alabama Rd. Suite A
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 488-9453

Fire Departments

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

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

Flooring

On The Square Floor Coverings
114 S. Houston St., Wharton
(979) 532-1040

Florist

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

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(979) 533-3449

Milam Emporium
238 W. Milam St., Wharton
(979) 531-3103

Food Trailer/Vendor

S&P Barbecue
1316 N. Alabama Rd., Wharton8
(979) 422-4874

Foster Care & Adoption

Houston Serenity Place Child
Placement & Adoption Agcy.
303 Chimney Rock Rd. Ste 400

Houston, TX 77056
(832) 834-6152

Foundations

Mary Louise Dobson
Foundation
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(979) 282-7000

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Montgomery Gallery & Frame
110 S. Houston St., Wharton
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Funeral Homes & Memorial Parks

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

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

Furniture

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

Glass

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

Grocery

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

Hall Rental

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(979) 533-0096

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(979) 453-0060

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

The Orchard at Caney Creek
923 County Road 235, Wharton
(979) 532-5856

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

Hang Gliding Flight School/ Center

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

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Star Parts
1119 E. Milam, Wharton
(979) 532-1500

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

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
(979) 532-8300

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(281) 239-1300

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1220 Sunny Lane, Wharton
(979) 532-5020

Health Maintenance Organizations

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

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

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

Roberson Air Conditioning &
Refrig., Inc.
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(979) 532-5101

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

Caring Senior Service of Wharton
County
122 W. Way St. Suite 300
Lake Jackson, TX 77566
(979) 488-2662

Hospice Services/ Healthcare

Altus Hospice
11352 Sugar Park Lane, Sugar Land
(832) 526-7665

Hospitals

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

Memorial Hermann Sugar Land
17500 W. Grand Parkway South
Sugar Land, TX 77479
(281) 725-5296

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

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Wharton, TX 77488
10141 US Hwy 59, Wharton
(281) 344-6960

Hotels/Motels

Countryside Inn
1808 FM 102, Wharton
(979) 282-8300

Holiday Inn Express & Suites
10248 HWY 59, Wharton
(979) 282-8300

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

Humane Society

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

Insurance

Barcenas Insurance Agency
209 E. Burleson St., Wharton
(979) 531-3221

Bremser Insurance Agency
211 W. Milam St., Wharton
(979) 532-1586
Cody Sweat - State Farm Insurance
415 E. Boling Hwy., Wharton
(979) 532-4572

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

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

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(979) 282-2002

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140 W. Milam St., Wharton
(979) 532-3885

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1327 N. Alabama Rd., Wharton
(979) 532-0021

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

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

Interior Decorators & Designers

Jamie Feyen Designs, LLC
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(979) 533-8920

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K-Mana, Inc.
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(979) 282-7000

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Tyler's Jewelry & Pawn
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(979) 532-0971

Landscape Architects- Contractors & Designers

El Campo Spraying Inc.
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(979) 543-7811

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Lawn & Garden Services

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(979) 543-7811

Liquor Stores

Louie's Package Store
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(979) 532-2378

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1808 FM 102, Wharton
(979) 532-1152

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10247 Hwy. 59, Wharton
(979) 282-8300

Motel 6
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1232 Ranch House Road, Pierce
(979) 559-0204

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Zarsky Lumber Company, Inc.
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(979) 532-2574

Machine Shops

Koenig Welding Service, Inc.
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(979) 532-4161

Mailing Services

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(281) 240-1313

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(979) 657-1216

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(979) 282-2773

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(979) 531-0888

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(979) 335-7921

Mortgage Services

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(979) 824-6761

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Museums

20th Century Technology Museum
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Double Down DJ's
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Newspapers

Wharton Journal-Spectator
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Nursing Homes

Avalon Place
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(979) 532-5020

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Wharton, TX 77488
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Organizations

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

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

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

Bright Minds Scholarship Fund
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(979) 533-2447

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(979) 533-3262

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

Habitat for Humanity East Wharton
County
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(979) 532-4850

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(979) 578-0314

Hungerford Community Center
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(979) 453-0060

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(979) 282-1070

Just Do It Now, Inc.
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(979) 531-1975

MLK Scholarship Fund
P.O. Box 84, Glen Flora
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Pilot Club of Wharton
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Rotary Club of Wharton
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(979) 532-2636

StraightWay, Inc.
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(979) 532-5613

Team Wharton, Inc.
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(979) 282-7000

United Way
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(979) 245-5852

Wharton Babe Ruth Baseball, Inc.
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Wharton, TX 77488
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(979) 543-5388

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(979) 532-0927

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Inc. dba SHARE
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(979) 282-2021

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

Wharton Garden Club
P.O. Box 397, Boling

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

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

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

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

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Tyler's Jewelry & Pawn
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(979) 532-0971

Pecans

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(979) 532-4020

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(979) 244-5811

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(281) 344-8266

Photographers

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(979) 533-1409

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

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(281) 727-7300

Plumbing

Rath Plumbing
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(979) 532-5240

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Real Estate

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(979) 532-5252

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(979) 532-0007

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Restaurants

9ers Grill
112 W Boling Hwy, Wharton8
(979) 532-2025

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Grand Buffet
125 E. Boling Hwy., Wharton
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(979) 531-1000

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(979) 532-0602

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Surveyors

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