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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
Executive Director
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2017 calendar of events

- Jan. 13: Wharton Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture Lunch and Learn, Wharton Civic Center
- Jan. 14: MLK Freedom March, Monterey Square to Just Do it Now
- Jan. 21-22: Wharton County Bridal Expo, Wharton Civic Center
- Jan. 25: Pilot Club Chili Supper, KC Hall
- Feb. 11: East Wharton County Crime Stoppers Dinner and Dance, Wharton KC Hall
- Feb. 14: Wharton County Business Expo/Job Fair, El Campo Civic Center
- March 2: Lions Club Annual Pancake Supper, Wharton Civic Center
- March 3-4: Knights of Columbus Annual Cookoff, KC Hall
- March 4: Gourmet Guys, Wharton County Historical Museum
- March 9: Wharton Chamber of Commerce Banquet, Wharton Civic Center
- TBA: 100 Club Cookoff, Crescent Fairgrounds
- April 7-8: Wharton County Youth Fair BBQ Cookoff
- April 22-29: Wharton County Youth Fair
- May 19-20: Wharton County Freedom Fest, downtown Wharton
- June 3: Eighth Annual Citywide Garage Sale
- June 10: 27th Annual Kolache-Klobase Festival, East Bernard
- June 16: Chamber Ambassadors Casino Night, Wharton Civic Center
- June 17: Juneteenth Celebration, downtown Wharton
- August, TBA: Wharton County Football Coaches Luncheon
- Sept. 30: Rotary Club Gala, Wharton Civic Center
- Oct. 14: Monterey Square Wine & Arts Fair, downtown Wharton
- Oct. 28: Wharton Chamber Golf Tournament, Wharton Country Club
- Nov. 21: Wharton Chamber of Commerce Holiday Parade, downtown Wharton
- Nov. 23: Wharton Feast of Sharing, Holy Family Catholic Church’s Family Life Center
- Nov. 25: 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)
- Wharton County SPOT pet adoptions at WCJC front parking lot (normally second Saturday 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 County Farmers Market at WCJC front parking lot (Saturday mornings, late spring-early summer and late fall, dates TBA)
- Kapeesh Marketing meetup first Wed. of the month. Call Amy Morales for more

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 whartontexas.com.
Visitors & Newcomers Guide 2017

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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 Footliters, 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.
Wharton County Freedom Fest

The patriotic party on the square will host its annual festival with tributes to veterans and first responders. The festival is located on Monterey Square in downtown Wharton, this festival also hosts a day for family fun. Originally planned for the Fourth of July, three years ago committee members decided to move the event to May since it’s a cooler time of the year and precedes Memorial Day weekend. Because of its widespread popularity, the 2017 festival will be celebrated all weekend.

The barbecue cook-off is set for Friday, May 19 and the festival for Saturday, May 20.

The weekend event, sponsored by H-E-B, is held on Monterey Square in downtown Wharton and features dozens of craft and food vendors, the timeless car show, live music, a bocce ball tournament, the return of the patriotic pet parade put on by Wharton County Stray Pet Outreach Team (SPOT), the celebrated barbecue cookoff and, if you are willing to get your hands dirty, lots of boiled crawfish hosted by H-E-B.

The festival will be equipped with an outdoor dining area, hands-free hand washing stations, not to mention restroom trailers with air-conditioning.

Fulton Street hosts an area just for kids with games and fun things to do.

Just a block from the action, the Open Car Show at Guffey Park, with Von-Wil Ford sponsoring features numerous categories and gives awards to the most impressive cars, trucks, motorcycles or practically anything on wheels.

The focal point of the festival — the Veterans’ Salute — commences as veterans march into the square and gather at the monument for a brief ceremony.

Though Freedom Fest promises fun, it’s a celebration for another great cause.

Every year, proceeds from Freedom Fest go to charitable organizations such as the Disabled American Veterans Van Club in El Campo, a free transportation service for area veterans.

For updated information, visit whartonfreedomfest.org.
Wharton County Juneteenth Festival

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

The festival attracted an estimated 15,000 people three years ago. Last year’s event was estimated at around 8,000. 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 lifelong 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 in the 1950s here.

Now the James Simmons Jr. Wharton County Juneteenth Festival will be the place to be on Saturday, June 17 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 in 2017 prior to the event.

For more information about the Juneteenth Festival, call 979-532-1468.
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 on the second Saturday of October.

The event is a fantastic night to sip, shop and stroll. The 2017 event — the ninth annual — is set for Saturday, Oct. 14 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, with the Painted Poodle Art Studio, usually exhibiting dozens of paintings and sketches.

The art doesn't just sit on an easel, though — it drives down the streets.

Members of the ARTX of Houston set up their unusual vehicles on Fulton Street, near the Wharton County District Court Building. Cars have included one with a fighter jet on the roof and one decorated with hundreds of glass bottles.

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.

Last year’s event also included a popular food court with food trucks set up in the Wharton Journal-Spectator parking lot.

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

For more information, visit montereysquarewinefair.com.
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 also 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.

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

Acts lined up so far for 2017 are:
- Friday, Jan. 27: A special program, “Music and Humor of the Civil War” interpreted by Doc Blakely, musician/humorist.
- Friday, Feb. 24: Johnny Flores, guitarist/singer from Needville.
- Friday, March 24: Luckenbach fiddler Wes Holsford and Donny Price, “The Lords of Luckenbach.”

See milamstcoffee.com for current performers, details and directions.

Performance schedules are subject to change. To verify dates prior to performances, call Milam Street Coffee at 979-282-9771 or visit milamstcoffee.com.
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Gulf Coast Antique & Junkin’ Trail

As part of the Texas Gulf Coast Antique and Junkin’ Trail, Wharton is home to some of the best antique shopping. Antiquing has become quite the trend today, and people from all over the area travel to Wharton to visit its antique shops, thrift stores and wholesale stores. Whether you’re on your next treasure hunt to find a one of a kind item, searching for a piece of history to bring you closer to your past or if you’re an avid collector, the Wharton County trail is one to follow.

There are also some great stops along the way that are perfect for your next do-it-yourself project.

Here are the ones in Wharton County:

- **Bohemian Rhapsody II**
  134 W. Milam St., Wharton, 832-434-8374. Email: Boh_rhap2@att.net Over 32 vendors! Everything from rustic, metal décor, painted furniture to chalk paints and knobs for your next project. Vintage & up-cycled! Candles, jewelry and more. Open 10 a.m.– 5:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat., 1–5 p.m. Sun.

- **Milam Emporium**
  238 W. Milam St. 979-531-3103
  Email: dougsmolik@gmail.com
  Antiques, Jewelry, Clothes, Home Decor and more. Open Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- **JT’s This & That**
  232 W. Milam St., Wharton, 979-532-0977.
  Vintage salt/pepper shakers, doors and windows, furniture, nik-naks and more! Open 8:30 a.m.– 6 p.m. Tues.-Sat., by chance on Mon.

- **Montgomery Gallery and Frame**
  110 S. Houston St., Wharton, 979-532-3929.
  Website: Montgomerygalleryandframe.net.
  Email: mogie@sbcglobal.net. Vintage look, ready made, and custom made frames. Oil paintings restoration. Photo restoration. Frame restoration. Open 9 a.m.–6 p.m. Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.– 3 p.m. Sat., closed on Sun.

- **Glen Flora Emporium**
  103 S. Bridge Ave. Glen Flora, 979-677-3249.
  Website: emporium@glenflora.com. Dealers who rent space to sell their merchandise and consignments. On Facebook as “The Glen Flora Emporium.” Open 10 a.m. 5:30 p.m. Wed.-Sat., noon –5 p.m. Sun.

- **Burr Trading Company**
  411 CR 123, Wharton, 979-453-0860.
  Website: thegalleryinwharton@gmail.com. Buying, selling and repurposing old things. We are in Wharton’s Bohemian Rhapsody II, the Glen Flora Emporium, Bar W Field and Warrenton. Personal picks by appointment! Find us on Facebook as Burr Trading Co.

- **Junk & Stuff**
  709 Main St., East Bernard, 281-450-6219.
  Email: jamesdcollector@aol.com. The store is mostly antiques and collectibles. Neons, beer signs, old truck doors, tailgates. One stop man cave store! Open Saturdays or by appointment.

Visit whartontexas.com for more information and trail locations in West Columbia in nearby Brazoria County.
The Tee Pee Motel

The Tee Pee Motel, located on Business 59/Texas 60, is one of Wharton’s unique landmarks.

One of Wharton’s most eye-catching historic locations is not only designed to be looked at, but also designed to be lived in.

The unique landmark could be missed by those who travel through town on U.S. 59, but those who make the cutoff on Business 59 as they are coming from Houston will be sure to see the Tee Pee Motel.

The motel is a throwback to the 1940s and ’50s before interstate highways, when family car trips were an adventure and part of the appeal was visiting new communities and finding a unique place to stay. Among the more eye-catching of those were motels where the units were built not as square boxes but in the shape of a Native American dwelling, the teepee. Today, there is only one in Texas and only four in the U.S.

The motel rooms were originally designed in 1942 by George and Toppie Belcher but construction was delayed until 1947 because of World War II.

Once a destination location for travelers, the motel began a slow slide as the highway system routed traffic away from the Tee Pee’s location. It closed in the 1980s and remained that way until it was purchased by Bryon Woods, who refurbished and reopened the motel.

A lottery winner, Woods bought the motel at the urging of his wife Barbara, a Wharton County native. She said that as a little girl, she’d always wanted to stay in one of the rooms but never had the opportunity. When Bryon pointed out it was closed, Barbara reportedly pointed out that it was for sale.

“She told me she wanted to stay there,” Woods said in an earlier interview. He saw it as a bad investment but being able to “afford” to keep peace in the family, he relented and took on the project, purchasing the motel in 2004 and reopening it on Oct. 30, 2006.

Woods has been able to capitalize on that investment. In addition to the national attention the project has brought, Woods installed about 50 recreational vehicle pads as well as a laundry area.

“We’ve also had people call up and book the rooms and grounds for family reunions,” he said. “We’ve got a lot of space and people enjoy the added feature of being able to stay in a unique location.”

And while the location and original construction date back to the 1940s, the rooms have been modernized and include a number of the amenities the modern guest would expect, including high speed Internet and cable television.

In 2015, a new firepit was added behind the teepees that includes seating for visitors.

In addition, three of the rooms have been updated to include queen size beds.

Call 979-282-8474 or visit teepeemotel.net.

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The Plaza Theatre

“Noises Off” (Feb. 17 to Feb. 26): The opening night performance of the farce “Nothing On” is just hours away, and as the cast stumbles through their final dress rehearsal, things couldn’t be going any worse. With lines being forgotten, love triangles unraveling and sardines flying everywhere, it’s complete pandemonium ... and they haven’t even reached intermission! Can the cast pull their act together on the stage even if they can’t behind the scenes? It is recommended for mature audiences due to mildly offensive subject matter and language.

“All My Sons” (April 28 to May 7): During the war, Joe Keller and Steve Deever ran a machine shop that made airplane parts, some of which were defective and caused many deaths. Deever was sent to prison, but Keller went free and made a lot of money. Deever’s younger son, George, reported lost in the war, returns to find his father in prison, his father’s partner free, and his sister involved in a love affair with the partner’s son. An electrifying drama of almost unbearable power. It is recommended for mature audiences due to mildly offensive subject matter and language.

“Disney’s Alice in Wonderland Jr.” (June 29 to July 2): Every summer, basic stagecraft and theatre discipline is taught to youngsters age 6 through 16 during the Litefooter Summer Youth Workshop, and it culminates with a youth production. Travel down the rabbit hole and join Alice, one of literature’s most beloved heroines, in her madcap adventures. Featuring updated songs from Disney’s thrilling animated motion picture, “Disney’s Alice in Wonderland Jr.” is a fast-paced take on the classic tale. The ever-curious Alice begins her journey innocently enough, chasing the White Rabbit. Her adventures become curiouser and curiouser as she races the Dodo Bird, gets tied up with Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum, raps with a bubble-blowing Caterpillar and beats the Queen of Hearts at her own game! Performance dates vary from the usual schedule and are at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

“Footloose” (Aug. 4 to Aug. 20): One of the most explosive movie musicals in recent memory bursts onto the live stage with exhilarating results. When Ren and his mother move from Chicago to a small farming town, Ren is prepared for the inevitable adjustment period at his new high school. What he isn’t prepared for are the rigorous local edicts, including a ban on dancing instituted by the local preacher, determined to exercise the control over the town’s youth...
that he cannot command in his own home. When the reverend’s rebellious daughter sets her sights on Ren, her roughneck boyfriend tries to sabotage Ren’s reputation, with many of the locals eager to believe the worst about the new kid. The heartfelt story that emerges is of a father longing for the son he lost and of a young man aching for the father who walked out on him. To the rockin’ rhythm of its Oscar- and Tony-nominated Top 40 score and augmented with dynamic new songs for the stage musical, Footloose celebrates the wisdom of listening to young people and guiding them with a warm heart and an open mind.

For more information, call 979-282-2226 or visit whartonplazatheatre.org.

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 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.

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 parks

The Wharton Economic Development Corporation 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. Earlier this year, the city of Wharton 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 plans to retire in January 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 include:
- 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. Centerpoint Energy is the area’s natural gas provider.

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

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.
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. A historical airplane exhibit, a visual timeline of technology, lineages of the lives of local notables such as Pulitzer Prize and Academy Award winning playwright Horton Foote, and a trophy room with a game collection comparable to that of any museum of natural science all coexist under the same roof.

Wharton residents Marshall and Lillie Johnson rose to wealth from the oil and gas and farming industries. During their lifetimes, most of their fortune (more than $30 million) was donated to health care within the area. Their home and trophy room were deeded to Wharton County for the purpose of establishing the new and larger museum, which opened in August 1991. The original museum, which opened in 1981, was located in the Old 1888 Jail near the courthouse.

Wharton County Historical Museum is filled with historical artifacts and treasures donated by the Johnsons and other native Wharton County families, tracing the history of Wharton from the early 19th century to today. Marshall, an avid hunter, donated his extensive game collection to the county museum. The exhibit features a giraffe, a crocodile, lions, tigers, an elephant (oh my) and many more animals from Alaska, Canada, India, British Honduras, Africa and the United States. Notable persons featured in the museum are MSG Roy P. Benavidez, an El Campo native who was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for heroic deeds performed as a Green Beret in Vietnam and world-renowned journalist and Wharton native Dan Rather.

The museum contains exhibits on the area's rich history of the military, law enforcement, fire departments, agriculture, medicine, schools and churches, and Texas Gulf Sulphur Company. There are also rotating exhibits featuring the artwork of area students and seasonal displays.

In addition, the museum has a doll collection featuring an original Marilyn Monroe doll from the 1990s, a Shirley Temple doll from 1934, a Princess Diana doll from 1982, and much more. An exquisite cactus garden adorns the exterior grounds.

In October 2012, an addition was built to accommodate the 20th Century Technology Museum. Founded and operated by Wharton residents Art and Sharon Schulze, the Technology Museum houses a timeline of technological artifacts through the last century. Currently more than 1,000 pieces are displayed, including radios, telephones, kitchen appliances, arcade games, toys, computers, and many other items of interest. Some of the more notable include original aircraft, such as the Ornithopter, built by an aviation pioneer in the 1930s, and a WWII Norden bombsight.

Supervised children are welcome to watch demonstrations of antique toys and games their parents and grandparents once played with.

Both museums are free of charge and open to the public. The Historical Museum is open from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The Technology Museum is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday (closed on Sunday).

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

For more information, call 979-532-2600 or 979-282-8810 or visit whartoncountyhistorical-museum.com or 20thcenturytech.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 Wharton County 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 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 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 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 whartoncounty courthouse.com.

whartontexas.com  |  Community
While in Wharton, there is plenty to do, and we've got it all planned for you.

**SATURDAY**  
**Morning**
Visit the Downtown Monterey Square Historic District for antiquing, a piece of history and a 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 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.

**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 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. 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. Recently merged, 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 teepees. After winning the lottery, the couple purchased the motel in 2004 and re-opened it in 2006. 4098 Business 59, 979-532-1084

- 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. 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

Head south on U.S. 59 for about 20 minutes until you hit Wharton’s sister city, El Campo. Located in Wharton County, El Campo has a handful of restaurants and sites to see.

Afternoon

After you refuel, spend the day in El Campo and visit the El Campo Museum of Natural History. Address: 2350 N. Mechanic, located inside the El Campo Civic Center.

And if you have time

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 Civic Center

The Wharton Civic Center is the hub for all 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.

Last year, Jessica Dunn stepped in as the director since Knezek’s retire-
ment, 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,” Dunn 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.”

Dunn 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,” Dunn said.

Being so close to Wharton County Junior College, Dunn 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 or email jdunn@cityofwharton.com. You can also check them out on Facebook at www.facebook.com/whartonciviccenter.
Wharton County Junior College

Wharton County Junior College celebrated its 70th anniversary last year and invited an old friend back to perform — Grammy award winner B.J. Thomas.

The event was a packed house at the Wharton Civic Center in November with around 600 guests to see the former WCJC student perform.

The concert was not a fundraiser, but instead a celebration of the college’s 70th anniversary.

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, 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.

The first day of classes for the spring 2017 semester is Tuesday, Jan. 17.

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.
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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 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 Mary 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.

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.

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.
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 neoclassical 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 Vinyard 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.

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, salve 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 preserved under the management and ownership of Bud and Mary Margaret Northington. The couple maintains the facility for tours and events.

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.
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 those 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. Later, he was a reporter for United Press International from 1950-52, several Texas radio stations, and the Houston Chronicle from 1954 to 1955.

In 1959, he entered television as a reporter for KTRK-TV in Houston and was later promoted to director for KHOU-TV.

In early 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 danrather.com.
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.
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  
Share: 282-2021  
Salvation Army: 532-1550  
Red Cross: 531-1128  
Wharton Chamber of Commerce: 532-1862

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**WHARTON COUNTY JR. COLLEGE**

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Assistant Superintendent of Finance: Randy Hill
Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction: Gayle Parenta
Director of Student Services: Jeanne Young
Director of Operations: Steve Wernecke
Technology Director: Sheri Ganske
Director of Special Education: Kim Somer
Police Chief: Landy Williams
Athletic Director: Tim Finn

**Wharton High School**
(Grades 9-12)
No. 1 Tiger Ave.
Wharton, TX 77488
Phone: 532-6800
Principal: Mark Anglin
Associate principal: Olsyunji Oduwole
Assistant principal: Alan Black

**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: Ahmesha Graham

**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: Kim Moses
Assistant principal: Yemi Oduwole

**Sivells Elementary School**
(Grades PreK-2)
1605 Alabama Road
Wharton, TX 77488
Phone: 532-6866
Principal: Trishia Terrell
Assistant principal: Jim Smith
Assistant principal: Dana Foyt

**Wharton School Board**
President: Rachel Rust (Place 4)
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Vice president: Open
Place 1: Steven Roberts
Place 2: Cody Pohler
Place 5: Sherrell Speer
Place 6: Wayne Taylor
Place 7: Curtis W. Evans

**FAITH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY**
[wharton-fca.org](http://wharton-fca.org)
(Infants to Grade 12)
Faith Christian Academy of Wharton
5227 FM 1301
Wharton, TX 77488
Phone: 531-1000
Email: fcawharton@gmail.org
Administrator: Sandra Allen
Assistant Administrator: Diana Gajesky
## Business Directory

### Accountants-Certified-Public & Tax Service

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<td>103 S. Bridge Ave. Glen Flora, TX 77443</td>
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<td>2500 Junior College Blvd. Wharton, TX 77488</td>
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<td>200 McElroy Avenue #8 Wharton, TX 77488</td>
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<td>University Place Apts./Pecan Village</td>
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### Art Galleries & Graphic Arts

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816 Olive St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 943-8400

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El Campo, TX 77437  
(979) 543-3291

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Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-2150

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

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Big G Auto Glass  
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Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-2080

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

Pekar’s Body Shop  
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Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-5805

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1739 N. Richmond Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-4510

Star Parts  
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Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-1500

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Wharton, TX 77488  
(832) 740-2004

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Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 282-2773

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

Prasek’s Hillje Smokehouse  
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El Campo, TX 77437

Wal-Mart Supercenter  
10388 U.S. 59 N.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-3986

**Banks & Banking Associations**

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Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-1650

Prosperity Bank - Wharton  
143 W. Burleson St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 282-2000

Texasgulf Federal Credit Union  
2101 N. Fulton St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 282-2300

The First State Bank  
505 E. Boling Hwy.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-0404

Woodforest National Bank  
1255 Hwy. 59 Loop  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 531-8680

**Beauty Salons**

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

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

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## Carpet Cleaning

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## Caterers

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<td>Mrs. T’s Kitchen</td>
<td>608 CR 243</td>
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<td>Reyna’s Cafe</td>
<td>7902 U.S. 59</td>
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## Child Development Center

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## Churches

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Lone Star Cleaners  
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Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-8500

**Clinics & Medical Groups**

Access Health  
1720 B F Terry Blvd. Suite H  
Rosenberg, TX 77471  
(281) 238-2303

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

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

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

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

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

**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

Wall2Wall Words/Milam Street Coffee  
200 W. Milam St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 282-9771

**Collection Agencies**

McCreary, Veselka, Bragg & Allen, P.C.  
P.O. Box 469  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 282-8089

**Communications, Consultants & Telecommunications**

Computer Center & Radio Shack  
119 North Mechanic St.  
El Campo, TX 77437  
(973) 543-1949

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

**Concrete**

Alamo Concrete  
193 CR 216  
Bay City, TX 77404  
(979) 532-1962

**Construction Companies, General Contractors, Industrial**

Brothers Custom Works  
PO Box 249  
Hungerford, TX 77448  
(979) 532-2250

Durden Construction and Woodworking  
207 School Rd.  
Boling, TX 77420  
(830) 329-3713

Exuma Construction & Development LLC  
1111 Swallow Circle  
Sugarland, TX 77478  
(832) 250-6224

Hinton’s A&G Construction  
1218 CR 232  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(713) 906-0290

Priority Roofing & Construction  
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East Bernard, TX 77435  
(979) 559-7281

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1210 North Richmond Rd. 6&7  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 257-9452

**Consulting**

Kapeesh Creative Marketing & Design  
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Wharton, TX 77488  
(713) 570-6603

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Eldridge Air Conditioning & Heating  
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Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 539-8150

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 & Refrigeration, Inc.  
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Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-5101
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Sugar Land, TX 77479
(979) 282-2773

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Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-1144

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Hungerford, TX 77448
(405) 463-8069

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Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 245-9109

Great Oaks Recovery Center
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Egypt, TX 77436
(979) 677-1000

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

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

Victory in Jesus Recovery Center
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Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-2319

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Boehm Dental, PLLC
808 N. 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

**Drug Store, Pharmacy**

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

**Electricians/Electrical Equipment & Supplies**

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**

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

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

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

Jones & Carter, Inc.
6335 Gulfon 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

**Farms & Ranches, Commercial & Residential**

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

Foggy Hollow Ranch
5911 CR 225
East Bernard, TX 77448
(281) 381-4311

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

**Feed Store**

Wharton Feed & Supply
1105 N. Fulton St.
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-8533
Financial & Financial Advisors
Edward Jones Investments
128 S. Houston St.
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-1282

Fire Departments
Hungerford Volunteer 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 X 401

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

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

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

Foundations
Mary Louise Dobson Foundation
P.O. Box 588
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 282-7000

Fuel Distributer
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Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-2221

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

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

Furniture
Franklin Furniture Company
7397 US 59 Hwy.
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-2631

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

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

Walmart Supercenter
10388 U.S. 59 N. Rd.
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-5986

Gun Shops
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

Hall Rental
CUFN an Caring and Snow Cone Stand
110 S. Ford St.
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 453-0740

Egypt Plantation Enterprises, LLC
P.O. Box 219
Egypt, TX 77448
(979) 533-0096

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

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

The Orchard at Caney Creek
923 CR 235
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-5856

Hang Gliding Flight School/Center
Cowboy Up Hang Gliding, LLC
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Wharton, TX 77488
(832) 740-2004

Health Centers & Equipment
Angels Care Home Health
315 N. Alabama Rd.
Wharton, TX 77488

Kindred at Home-Home Health
1614 N. Alabama Rd.
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 282-8822

National Senior Care Home Health Services
10707 Corporate Dr. Suite 140
Stafford, TX 77477
(979) 358-0404

Sam’s Place
1130 Westgate Dr.
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 531-3023
**Health Centers & Equipment Cont.**

TEXANA Center  
3007 N. Richmond Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-3098

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

Eldridge Air Conditioning & Heating  
1929 E. Boling Hwy.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-8150

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

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

**Home Health**

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

Kindred at Home-Home Health  
1614 N. Alabama Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 282-8822

Kindred at Home-Hospice  
1614 N. Alabama Rd. Suite B  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 488-3019

National Senior Care Home Health Services  
10707 Corporate Dr. Suite 140  
Stafford, TX 77477  
(979) 358-0404

**Hospice Services**

Kindred at Home-Hospice  
1614 N. Alabama Rd. Suite B  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 488-3019

**Hospitals**

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

**Hotels & Motels**

America’s 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

Express Inn LLC  
2393 FM 102  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 488-9440

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

Tee Pee Motel & RV Park  
4098 E. Us 59  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 282-8474

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

**Humane Society**

Wharton County S.P.O.T.  
PO 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

Farmers Insurance-S. Cochrane Insurance Agency  
140 W. Milam St.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 532-3883

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

Kerlick’s Farmers Insurance  
1317 N. Alabama Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488  
(979) 282-2820

Schulz Insurance Agency  
1316 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

**Investment Counselors**

K-Mana, Inc.  
PO 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
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

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

### Meat Markets
H.E.B. Food Store
1616 N. Alabama Rd.
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 282-2773

### Machine Shops
Koenig Welding Service, Inc.
2305 N. Richmond Rd.
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-4116

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

### Marketing
Kapeesh Creative Marketing & Design
414 Blanche St.
Wharton, TX 77488
(713) 570-6603

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

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

### Motorbike Shops
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

### Newspaper
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

### Newcomers Guide
Elmcroft of Wharton
1930 Briar Ln.
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-5800
Nursing Homes Cont.

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Oil Distributors

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Optical, Optometrists, Opticians & Optical Labs

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Organizations

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<td>American Cancer Society</td>
<td>4401 Lilac Ln.</td>
<td>Victoria, TX 77901</td>
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<td>2120 N. Newton St.</td>
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<td>East Wharton County Crime Stoppers</td>
<td>PO Box 145</td>
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<td>PO Box 386</td>
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<td>Habitat for Humanity East Wharton County</td>
<td>PO Box 451</td>
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<td>Just Do It Now, Inc.</td>
<td>1619 Martin Luther King Blvd.</td>
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<td>MLK Scholarship Fund</td>
<td>PO Box 84</td>
<td>Glen Flora, TX 77443</td>
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<td>PO Box 963</td>
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<td>2417 Ave. G</td>
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<td>Wharton County Freedom Fest, Inc.</td>
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<td>PO Box 397</td>
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<td>2820 N. Fulton St.</td>
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<td>PO Box 1131</td>
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Painting Classes

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<td>1610 Stadium Dr. Suite A</td>
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Pawn Shops

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

Pest Control Services
Bricker Pest Control
1400 Elm Ave.
Bay City, TX 77414
(979) 244-5811

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

Photography
KGibson Photography
2103 N. Richmond Rd.
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 533-1409
Sharon Joines Photographs
822 Caney Trail Dr.
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-2636

Plumbing & Portable Toilets
ALLStar
4828 S. State Hwy. 71
El Campo, TX 77437
(979) 543-1500

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

Printers, Publishers, Typesetters & 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

Radio Stations
Wolf Pak Radio
146 W. Milam St.
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 533-6170

Real Estate
Bay City Realty
1320 7th St.
Bay City, TX 77414
(979) 245-2091

C.E. Muegge Real Estate
213 N. Richmond Rd.
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-5252

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

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

Remax Professionals
1707 West Loop
El Campo, TX 77437
(979) 543-7006

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

Real Estate Appraisers
Gary Ward Appraisal Services
P.O. Box 1276
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 531-8190

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

Real Estate Developers & Investors
Carlson Development Company
PO Box 886
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-8787

LL & C Properties, Inc.
2211 Norfolk Suite 1030
Houston, TX 77098
(713) 881-7777

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 Rd.
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-2631

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

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

Natural Horisun Family Nudist Park
11715 FM 442 Rd.
Boling, TX 77420
(979) 657-3061

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

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

Restaurants

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

Denny's #8388
10367 Hwy. 59
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-3200

Domino's Pizza
309 E. Boling Hwy.
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-9600

Dragonfly Cafe
125 S. Fulton St.
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 332-8118

Evelyn's Soulfood 59
8007 FM 1161 W.
Wharton, TX 77488
(281) 414-3468

Grand Buffet
125 E. Boling Hwy.
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 531-1998

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pizza Hut
2202 N. Richmond Rd.
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-1692

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

Reyna's Cafe
7902 U.S. 59
Hungerford, TX 77448
(979) 531-0880

Sonic Drive In-Wharton
120 W. Boling Hwy.
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-0097

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

Whataburger
10319 U.S. 59 Hwy.
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-1208

Roofing

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

Waterproof Roofing
P.O. Box 482
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 253-4414

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

Xtreme Roofing
3026 FM 2187
Sealy, TX 77474
(979) 877-0875

RV Parks

Country Living RV Park
12103 CR 147 Rd.
Wharton, TX 77488
(832) 595-5576

Natural Horizon Family Nudist Park
11715 FM 442 Rd.
Boling, TX 77420
(979) 657-3061

Tee Pee Motel & RV Park
4098 E. Bus. Hwy. 59
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 282-8474

RV Sales & Service

Fun Town RV
6767 U.S. 59
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 271-3400

Sanitation

WCA Management Company, LP
8315 Hwy. 6 S.
Houston, TX 77083
(281) 210-6185

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) 532-3612

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

Social Service Agency
1-Absolute Care
1330 N. Richmond Rd.
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 677-3511

Solid Waste Disposal
WCA Management Company, LP
8515 Hwy. 6 S.
Houston, TX 77083
(281) 210-6185

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
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-2451

My Storehouse Mini Storage
1727 Stadium Dr.
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-4422

Surveyors
K M Surveying, LLC
3902A Reese Road
Rosenberg, TX 77471
(713) 806-1814

Robert Kolacny & Associates, LLC
140 S. Houston St.
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-8036

Television-Cable
NewWave Communications
1302 Wisteria Way
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-3920

Theaters
Showplace 3 Cinema, Inc.
820 West Loop St.
El Campo, TX 77437
(979) 543-8152

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

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

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

Exelon Colorado Bend Power Plant
3863 S. State Hwy. 60
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 398-1415

Simply Smart Solutions
1201 Fannin 5th Floor
Houston, TX 77002
(512) 322-9090

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

Wharton County Generation - New Gulf Power Plant
206 Var Rd.
Boling, TX 77420
(979) 657-0343

Veterinarians
Alamont Veterinary Clinic
1907 E. Boling Hwy.
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-5599

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Wharton, TX 77488
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Hinze's Bar-B-Que

- Catering
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- Restaurant
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1917 N. Richmond Rd
Wharton, TX

979-532-2710

Hinze's Country Kitchen

1512 E. Milam
Wharton, TX

979-532-1799