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A Day Trip to Wharton, Texas

Wharton is a lovely town, ripe for a day visit during the weekend. Make sure to bring along your camera and friends, because you are sure to get plenty of idyllic shots.

Morning:

Whether you are driving into town, or staying the night in one of our hotels to get an early start, be sure to pick up breakfast to start your day off right. If coming in from the Greater Houston Area, near the entrance of town driving past the TeePee Motel you will find the comfort of “home-style cooking” to welcome you in. Freddie’s will not only be packed with locals enjoying its fares, but also a diner-style atmosphere and huge amounts of food to fill you up. If you are coming in from the south, Junior’s Smokehouse will be sure to greet you with kolaches of every flavor you can imagine.

If you manage to escape either of these places walking instead of rolling from all of the great food, a trip into the Historic Downtown of Monterey Square is a must. The Historic Downtown of Monterey Square still has many of the original storefronts, and will be a tranquil addition to your social media feeds. Make sure to park your car at Wharton County’s historic courthouse and feel free to roam! The peaceful small town vibes will make the walk a joy, almost as though you are in a period movie.

Many unique and original pieces can be found at Wharton’s “antique road.” Some of the stops along your way should include JT’s This & That, Bohemian Rhapsody, and Blue Moon Antiques. If you get thirsty while shopping, make sure to stop at Milam Street Coffee and cool down with a delicious refreshment.

Afternoon:

When your tummy gets rumbling again, be sure to check out some of Wharton’s famous Bar-B-Que. This Tex-

as staple is done right back at Junior’s Smokehouse. Not only is their brisket and sausage worth returning for, their jerky will make a great souvenir to take back home. In fact it may be so good that you will not want to share! Another BBQ option is Hinze’s BBQ where you can pick up a great BBQ loaded baked potato, meat by the pound, and wonderful desserts. If you want a more “downhome country” option, Evelyn’s Soul Food was recently spotlighted by Localish Food Houston. There you can find soul food classics such as oxtails, pig feet, beef tips and pork chops. Make sure to top it off with a heaping serving of their peach cobbler!

Enjoying a serene afternoon at the park will be a great way to spend the rest of a sleepy afternoon. Located at the corner of Colorado Street and North Richmond Road, you will find Dinosaur Park. The kids will love the life-sized brachiosaurus and recently updated playground, and you will enjoy the quiet and shaded seating areas.

Evening:

The Plaza Theatre, located at 120 South Houston Street, would be a perfect place to end your trip in Wharton. With “Regional Appeal,” this award winning theatre is sure to put on a great show. The glowing lights of the Plaza all lit up are reminiscent of Broadway in our little town, and the local talent will be breathtaking as they entertain your evening hours.

After the show, be sure to check out Wharton’s vast array of TexMex. Offering margaritas and cerveza, Cuevas’ Mexican Restaurant is located within walking distance of the Plaza Theatre, but is far from the only option. Los Cucos is sure to satisfy with tasty fajitas and nachos.

Enjoy your trip to Wharton. You won’t regret it!

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 cared for and completely restored.

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*.



Vivien Leigh.

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 arrange tours, call Kim at (979) 532-1862.

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 Pitman's lives. Pitman 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.

Brahman Country **History of Brahman Cattle** **in Wharton County.**



Cattle raising replaced the plantation system as Wharton County's major industry after the Civil War and drew significant numbers of Mexicans into the area to serve as herdsman. Herds were formed as residents bought cattle and rounded up strays that had multiplied on the prairies when access to markets was limited. Abel Head (Shanghai) Pierce acquired vast acreage on the west side of the Colorado, with a cattle empire that stretched over three counties, encompassing a half-million acres, of which 30,000 were in Wharton County. He saw the potential impact that the Brahman

cattle breed could have on the cattle industry in the south, but his death in December 1900 left his nephew, A. P. Borden, to facilitate the first major importation of Brahmans to the United States, specifically Wharton County, in 1906. J. D. Hudgins had purchased some Brahman cattle prior to 1900 and later purchased some from the Pierce Ranch herd and imported Brazilian bulls via Mexico. The J. D. Hudgins Ranch in Hungerford eventually established the largest American Grey Brahman herd in the world. Wharton County became the second largest cattle producing area in the state.

WHARTON COUNTY FARMER'S MARKET

For only the second time in seven years, organizers with the Wharton County Farmer's Market changed venues, each time in hopes of making a bigger impact on foot traffic.

In 2013, the Farmer's Market moved to the Wharton County Junior College parking lot at the corner of Alabama Road and FM 1301.

In 2020, the Farmer's Market moved to Guffey Park in downtown Wharton. The move to 255 West Caney Street came amid the coronavirus pandemic when WCJC opted to close for health reasons.

Like at WCJC, the Guffey Park location is spacious and wide open, but lacks the mature trees at the college. Vendors have adapted and used canopies to stay in the shade.

The market, which takes place for several weeks in the spring and summer and again in the fall, is the place to go for anyone who is looking for fresh vegetables, home canned foods, and delightful craft items, like hand towels, jewelry, purses, wood crafts, locally written books, home baked goods, fresh tamales, and farm fresh eggs.



Marchelle Brown Pettibone, treasurer and spokesman for the Farmer's Market group, was delighted with the turnout of shoppers and of the variety of vendors. Her introduction to the market was when she bought a lemon cake from Bessie Konvicka at a Farmer's Market several years ago.

"That was delicious!" she said, "so I kept coming back."

The spring market is April 3 - June 19, and the fall market runs October 23 - December 18.

The activities last from 9 a.m. to noon.



Since before the spring of 2020, the City of Wharton on every other Monday began a food truck event at Guffrey Park near downtown.

It was called “Food Truck Lunch Series” and the idea was conceived by the city staff, and ultimately approved to make it an event by the Wharton City Council.

Elected leaders approved it in February and by the first Monday in March, it was off and running – no pun intended.

The idea of having such an event came from the Community Development and Code Enforcement departments.

“This project would lay the groundwork for multiple goals in the City of Wharton’s Comprehensive Plan, specifically related to encouraging and growing small/local business development and increasing economic opportunities,” according to the city. “In addition to the economic impact, hosting this event would attract more people to the central downtown area, which is the historical core of our city.”

If an event like this were to be successful, Gwyn Teves, who is the director for the city’s Community Development, suggested that it would establish Guffrey Park as an open and outdoor market space destination that can be utilized for future farmers’ markets, holiday markets, community garage sale/swaps,

or other public gathering opportunities that “build community.”

Teves said this is a small and inexpensive way for the city to start a path towards positive and successful growth here.

Food Truck Lunch Series from spring through fall from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Food truck vendors would be allowed to set up at from 10-11 a.m.

Among the city’s responsibilities are:

- ★ Make sure available for certified and registered mobile food units;
- ★ Schedule and confirm mobile food units for each scheduled date;
- ★ Maintain one existing trash receptacle needed to be on-site;
- ★ Provide and install seating space.

For more information about becoming one of the city’s certified food trucks or to register as a food truck for this lunch series, call the city’s Code Enforcement 979-532-2491, ext. 23.

The City of Wharton’s Food Truck Lunch Series continues at Guffrey Park, 255 West Caney Street. The Food Truck Lunch Series features a rotating schedule of food truck businesses. Dates for the first three months of 2021 are Jan. 15, Feb. 1, Feb. 15, March 1, and March 15.

Wharton County Courthouse

The Wharton County Courthouse does not resemble what people remember from the 1950s. In the 1930s and 1940s, the courthouse was remodeled to gain needed space. Wings were added on each side. The bell, clock tower and mansard roof had been removed. Its original red bricks covered in stucco and painted yellow. It was redesigned in an art deco look of the time period.

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

By the 1980s the added wings were pulling on the center structure and causing major engineering concerns. The question was, “Do we raze it or save it through restoration?”

For a while it looked like the 1889 Wharton County Courthouse would be no more. Structural issues became the focal points of the emotional issue. Restoration of the courthouse caused divisions among residents of the county.

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

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

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

The 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 - 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 Hallettesville 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.



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.



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

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 the website danrather.com.

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The Plaza Theatre

History of the Plaza:

The Plaza began life in 1904 as the Plaza Hotel, a two-story brick structure on Monterey Square across from the Wharton County Courthouse. Owned and operated by R.B. Huston, and his wife Lula Merriwether Huston, the hotel had a large dining room on the first floor and 20 rooms to let upstairs. It was the site of many community activities, conventions, and civic and club banquets. A third floor added in 1929 expanded the number of rooms and included a small opera house that housed Wharton's first radio station, which first went on the air in July, 1933. Wharton was one of many cities that participated in the World Bridge Olympics in 1934, and the local tournament was conducted at the Plaza.

The lot on which the hotel stood was sold in 1941 to Long-Griffith Theaters. The hotel was gutted and extended to create a Streamline Moderne Art Deco movie theater that opened in March 1942. One of three movie theaters in Wharton, the Plaza Theater operated until the 1980s, when it was closed and abandoned. In 1995, the Community Theatre of Wharton, now known as the Plaza Theatre, restored and reopened as a regional performing arts center.

According to its website, The Plaza Theatre is a "regional, iconic performance space as a home for live plays, concerts, special events on Monterey Square in historic downtown Wharton, TX."

The Plaza Theatre on Monterey Square in downtown Wharton will begin the 2021 season with "Clue: On Stage."

The beginning of the 2021 season is Friday, Feb. 7. Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays,

with a 2:30 p.m. matinee on Sunday afternoons.

Some information on the 2021 productions:

Clue: On Stage

The Ya-Ya's of Wharton County proudly present

Based on the screenplay by Jonathan Lynn

Additional Material by Hunter Foster, Sandy Rustin, and Eric Price

Based on the Paramount Pictures Motion Picture
Based on the Hasbro board game CLUE

Original Music by David Abbinanti

By special arrangement with the Araca Group, Work Light Productions, and Michel Barra/Lively McCabe Entertainment

Directed by Reagan Wrench & Darin Mielke
Auditions: December 13 & 15, 2020
Performances: February 5 – 14, 2021
Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30pm,
Sundays at 2:30pm

General Admission: \$15

Recommended for general audiences

About the Show: It's a dark and stormy night, and you've been invited to a very unusual dinner party. Each of the guests has an alias, the butler offers a variety of weapons, and the host is, well . . . dead. So whodunnit? Join the iconic oddballs known as Scarlet, Plum, White, Green, Peacock, and Mustard as they race to find the murderer in Boddy Manor before the body count stacks up. Based on the cult classic film and the popular board game, Clue is a madcap

comedy that will keep you guessing until the final twist.

Crimes of the Heart

The Plaza Theatre proudly presents
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Directed by Jami & Hughes
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Auditions: February 14 & 16, 2021

Performances: April 16 – 25, 2021

Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30pm,
Sundays at 2:30pm

General Admission: \$15

Recommended for mature audiences
due to language and adult themes

About the Show: Hazlehurst, Mississippi, the three Magrath sisters have gathered to await news of their grandfather, who is living out his last hours in the local hospital. Lenny, the oldest sister, is unmarried at thirty; Meg, the middle sister, who quickly outgrew Hazlehurst, is back after a failed singing career; while Babe, the youngest, is out on bail after having shot her husband in the stomach. Their troubles, grave and yet, somehow, hilarious, are highlighted by their priggish cousin, Chick, and by the awkward young lawyer who tries to keep Babe out of jail while helplessly not to fall in love with her. In the end the play is the story of how its young characters escape the past to seize the future.

Disney's Frozen JR.

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Directed by Chris Buck
and Jennifer Lee

Presented through special arrangement
with Music Theatre International (MTI)

Directed by Hailey Roberson

Auditions & Registration:

May 17 & 19, 2020

Program details to be announced.

Performances: June 25-28, 2020

Thursday & Friday at 7:30pm, Saturday
& Sunday at 2:30pm

General Admission: \$15

Recommended for general audiences

About the Show: Frozen JR. is based on the 2018 Broadway musical, and brings Elsa, Anna, and the magical land of Arendelle to life, onstage. The show features all of the memorable songs from the animated film, with music and lyrics by Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez, plus five new songs written for the Broadway production.

A story of true love and acceptance between sisters, Frozen JR. expands upon the emotional relationship and journey between Princesses Anna and Elsa. When faced with danger, the two discover their hidden potential and the powerful bond of sisterhood. With a cast of beloved characters and loaded with magic, adventure, and plenty of humor, Frozen JR. is sure to thaw even the coldest heart!

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Plaza Theatre

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Directed by Darve Smith & Betty Vick

Auditions: May 2 & 4, 2021

Performances:

July 30 – August 15, 2021

Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30pm,
Sundays at 2:30pm

General Admission: \$20

Recommended for general audiences

About the Show: This musical ad-
aptation of Thornton Wilder's hit play

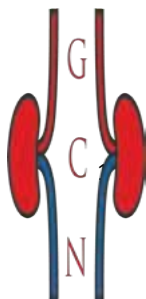
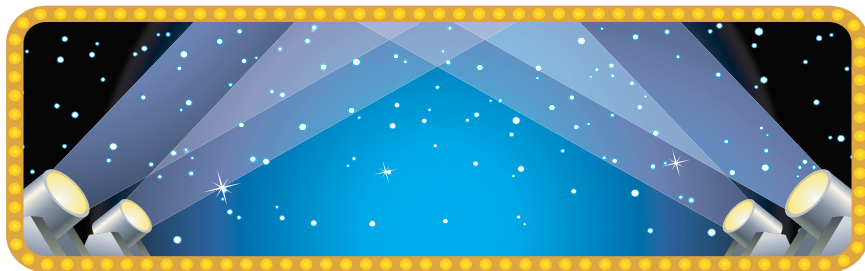
The Matchmaker bursts with humor, romance, energetic dance, and some of the greatest songs in musical theatre history. The romantic and comic exploits of Dolly Gallagher-Levi, turn-of-the-century matchmaker and "woman who arranges things," are certain to thrill and entertain audiences again and again. The show's unforgettable songs include "Put On Your Sunday Clothes," "Ribbons Down My Back," "Before the Parade Passes By," "Hello, Dolly!," "Elegance," and "It Only Takes a Moment."

Be sure to call ahead regarding the showtimes in response to COVID-19.

According to the Plaza Theatre's website, social distancing protocols have been put into place.

These changes include fewer audience members, enhanced cleaning, social distancing, temperature checks upon arrival, required masks, touchless ticketing, one-way entry and exit, and spaced theatre seating. For more information regarding the Plaza's social distancing, visit <http://www.whartonplazatheatre.org/socialdistancing>.

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



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Horton Foote

Horton Foote, a Wharton hometown hero, had his love for the place that he came from splashed across the big screen. Debuted at the virtual Austin Film Festival in October 2021, "Horton Foote: The Road to Home" is a new piece of confirmation for the writer's love of his hometown.

According to Playbill, the documentary's director Anne Rappe said that this new film captured a much more personal view of Foote's life and work. The connection between the success of Foote's work and his hometown is also explored in the film, she added.

An Academy Award winner and Pulitzer Prize recipient, Foote immortalized Wharton and loved the community until 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" as well as 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 in Wharton 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 part. 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.



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 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.



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 and again recently by the current owners.

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 was 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,
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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.



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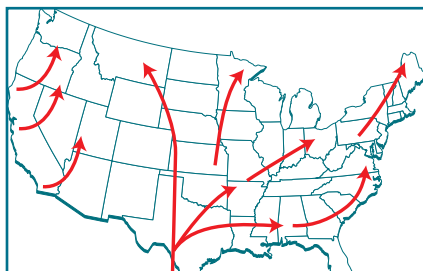
Monarch butterflies (*Danaus plexippus*) are a big part of Texas agriculture, not just because of the beauty they bring as they migrate through Wharton County in the spring and fall, but because they are terrific pollinators.

In March of 2013 my wife and her sister took a trip to Moody Gardens in Galveston, Texas, to see the film “Flight of the Butterflies” in 3D. The film was so inspirational that we decided to create a monarch-friendly garden in our backyard.

We never realized that it would be such a success, but we have hosted and participated in dozens of monarch metamorphoses every season.

The butterflies overwinter in the mountains of Central Mexico and some parts of the West Coast of California before they begin their spring migration north. Some migrate to Florida or Cuba in the fall, but they all move northward and begin the egg-laying process along the way.

As the monarchs move north from their Central Mexico roosts many of them travel through Texas to reach the north east coast of the United States, and Wharton, Texas is situated in a very prominent place along the way.



Monarch Migration Routes Through USA



A single egg on the underside of a milkweed leaf



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Growing milkweed in your garden encourages them to breed and lay eggs in our area and we have seen butterflies overwintering right in Boling, Texas. On December 2, 2020 we hosted at least 6 eggs which hatched into caterpillars by the 25th of December.

The monarchs only lay their eggs on milkweed species of plants but they get sustenance from a variety of flowers in the garden.

Monarchs go through four stages of transformation to complete their metamorphosis from egg to fully formed butterfly.

The Eggs

Monarch butterflies lay eggs on the underside of the leaves of milkweed plants during the spring and summer months. The females deposit up to 1,180 eggs along their southern migration route. The eggs hatch in 3 to 8 days with a single, pale green and translucent caterpillar emerging.

The Caterpillars

When the caterpillars emerge from the eggs, they immediately begin devouring the milkweed leaves and grow quite fast during this larval stage.



The caterpillar continuously eats milkweed leaves for between 10 to 20 days before it finds a spot to begin its pupal stage where it will form a chrysalis.

The Chrysalis

At between 14 and 25 days of development the caterpillar will find a safe spot to hang out while it spins silk to attach itself vertically so that it can change into the chrysalis stage.

Soft and green at first, the chrysalis will harden into a shell-like substance while inside the creature goes through dramatic transformations into the butterfly we see fluttering through our yards.



After the chrysalis hardens and the caterpillar begins to change into the butterfly the chrysalis will slowly become translucent. Soon you can see the actual wings of the butterfly inside.

It takes between 8 to 15 days before the chrysalis turns dark and the butterfly is clearly seen inside. At that point it will be within 12 hours that the butterfly emerges from the chrysalis and stretches its newly formed wings.

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

In 2019 the Wharton Chamber of Commerce held 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 restored and reopened," said-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."

The second annual Party Under the Bridge was held in October 2019. In lieu of a dedication, the community joined together in celebration of Wharton.

"The celebration will bring people

together and that's why we want to do it up," Sanders said.

The fun party spirit of the event will remain the same with food and beverage vendors, music and entertainment, face painting and activities for the entire family.

"The Wharton tourism committee felt like the event was a great success and it's different than other Wharton events," 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."

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 fourth annual Party Under the Bridge will be on Thursday, October 21, 2021.



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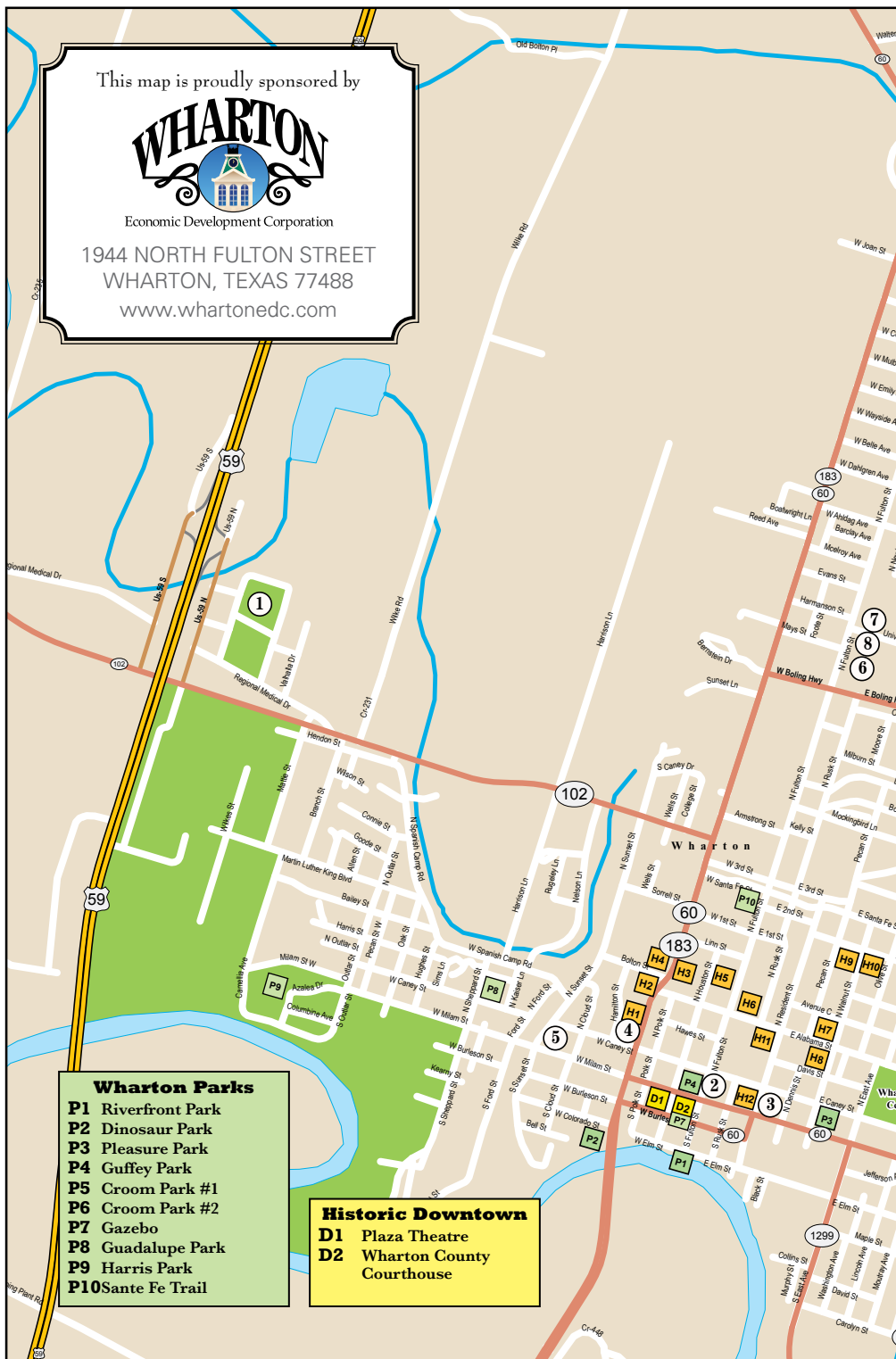
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Wharton Parks

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- P2** Dinosaur Park
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- P5** Croom Park #1
- P6** Croom Park #2
- P7** Gazebo
- P8** Guadalupe Park
- P9** Harris Park
- P10** Sante Fe Trail

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- D1** Plaza Theatre
- D2** Wharton County Courthouse



Historic Homes Tour

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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 for residents and visitors.

The Facilities Maintenance Department responsibilities include maintaining approximately 100 acres of City Parks and 65 pieces of park equipment.

“We have around 100 acres throughout the city dedicated for outdoor fun,” said the City of Wharton’s Director of Facility Maintenance and Parks, Bob Baker.

In 2019 the city installed restroom facilities along with new playground equipment at the park locations that had been missing those accommodations.

“I’m really proud of how the city is represented in our parks,” said Baker. He continued, “We have

some pretty neat, new playground equipment and now almost all of our parks have restroom facilities.”

“It just makes it so much more inviting to families and young adults to utilize them,” said Baker.

Other accommodations found at some of the city’s parks include:

- Pavilions with electrical hookups
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- Soccer fields
- Baseball/Softball fields
- Volleyball sand courts
- Picnic benches
- Shading trees
- Piers
- Benches

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

For locations of the parks, see the map on Pages 24-25.

City of Wharton Parks & Recreational Facilities

- **Croom Park#1**, FM 3012
- **Croom Park#2**, North Alabama Street and Shirley Avenue
- **Dinosaur Park**, West Colorado and Bell Street
- **Gazebo**, West Burleson Street and South Fulton Street
- **Guadalupe Park**, North Sheppard Street and West Caney Street
- **Guffey Park**, Houston and Caney Streets
- **Harris Park**, South Outlar Street and Harris Street
- **Pleasure Park**, North Walnut Street and East Mulberry Street
- **Railroad Depot**, Sunset Street and West Milam Street
- **Riverfront Park**, Elm and Fulton
- **Santa Fe Trail**, North Fulton Street and East Santa Fe Street
- **Wharton Municipal Pool**, Junior College Boulevard and East Belle Avenue



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.

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ing rooms that can accommodate anywhere from 1-120 people each. All rooms are available to be rented 7 days a week while office hours are Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.-5:00p.m. The Civic Center staff is ready to assist in any of your rental needs!

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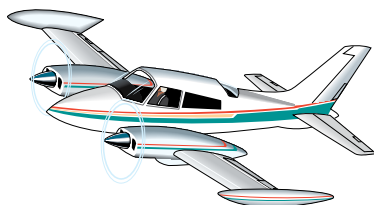
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Snow on the Square



Snow is not a usual occurrence in this part of Texas, but the Wharton Chamber of Commerce ensures that the Wharton County Courthouse lawn 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 Claus, himself, will be making an appearance again this year, much to the delight of visitors.

Along with literal tons of snow, characters Elsa, Anna and Olaf will join in on the frozen fun.

Throughout the evening you will hear Christmas caroling by locals merchants, smell the hot cocoa and see the community of

Wharton joining in fellowship... and a few snowball fights.

The Wharton Chamber of Commerce invites you to join in. Through the generosity of local businesses, this event is FREE to the public!

Mark your calendars. The reports are in and there will be snow falling in Wharton on Friday, December 17, 2021!

For more information contact the Wharton Chamber of Commerce office at 979-532-1862 or track the snow by following them on Facebook.

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4TH ANNUAL

COPS n' RODDERS



This Spring the Wharton Chief of Police Terry David Lynch, and the Wharton Police Department will host its 4th Annual Cops n' Rodders Car Show. This will take place in the front parking area of the Wharton Civic Center, 1924 N. Fulton St, Wharton TX 77488.

This is an open car show and community event, free to all spectators.

Categories for awards are to be announced but there will be nearly 30 awards. Bring your Oldies, Classics, Muscle, Rat-Rods or Trucks and enjoy the day with us.

A \$20.00 entry fee will be charged for entries.

Registration will be available on

the day of event starting at 8:00 a.m. Judging begins at 12:00 Noon, with winners announced at 2:00 p.m.

The event is sponsored in part by Pekar's Body Shop, The Trailer Place, and Relentless Defender Apparel. Car Show T-Shirts will be sold at event.

The tentative category list includes close to 30 awards, some of which include: Mayor's Choice, Best Of Show, People's Choice, Chief of Police's Choice and Relentless Defender Choice.

Event date tentatively set for April 25, 2021.

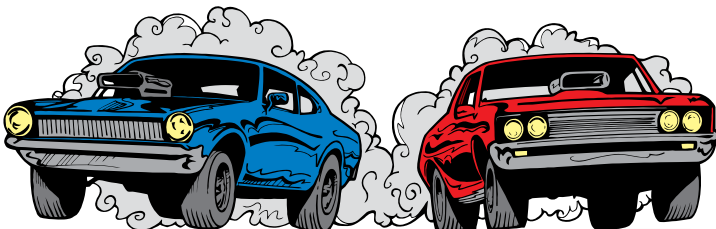
For more information look for the Cops 'n Rodders event on Facebook or contact the WPD at 979-532-3131.

Participants can pre-register at the following locations:**Wharton Police Department**

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The pecan is the only commercially grown nut in Texas and is native to most of the state's river valleys. The tree, one of the most widely distributed trees in the state, is native to 152 counties and is grown commercially in some thirty additional counties. It is also widely used as a dual-purpose yard tree. The size and quality of pecans are influenced by the number of leaves per nut. More leaves are needed for large nuts.

Pecan is Algonquian for "hard-shelled nut." The first recorded description of pecans is from 1533. As every Texas schoolchild learns, the Spaniard Cabeza de Vaca was shipwrecked near Galveston in 1528, was captured by Karankawas, and wandered with them in Texas for seven years. In his diary, he writes about tribes congregating every other winter along certain river valleys to subsist on flavorful nuts. He called them, simply, *nueces* (nuts), or *nogales*, meaning walnuts. In the Texas/Mexican borderlands even today, *nueces* remains the most common term for pecans.

The pecan tree was adopted as the official state tree of Texas on March 20, 1919 by Governor William Pettus Hobby. The choice of the Pecan tree as the official state tree of Texas was said to have been influenced by popular former Governor James Hogg's love of the pecan tree and his request to have one planted at his grave site.

Records indicate that the nut was exported from the state before 1860. Exports from Galveston alone amounted to 1,525 bushels in 1850 and 13,224 in 1854. In 1866, 8,962 barrels were shipped from Indianola, and 1,500 barrels from Port Lavaca.

The value of the pecan, however, was apparently not fully recognized for many decades, for many trees were cut to make way for cotton, and the wood was used for making

wagon parts and farm implements.

Immediately after the Civil War and into the 20th century, gathering wild pecans provided a necessary livelihood for many people, who had few other economic options.

By 1904 pecan trees had been cut to such an extent that laws to prevent their complete destruction were considered. The financial value of the crop was soon recognized, and pecans became one of the leading money crops in the state.

Texas pecan production in 1910 was 5,832,267 pounds. In 1914 all but eight counties reported pecan trees growing within their boundaries.

Exports from Texas during the 1920s ranged from twenty-five to 500 carloads a year. During the years of light production practically the entire crop was used in the state, but during the years of heavy production about 75 percent of the crop was exported to northern and eastern markets, principally to shellers and candy makers. The pecan crop in 1932 totaled 19,500,000 pounds and was valued at \$975,000. The average annual production for the 1936–46 period was 26,815,000 pounds. The 1948 pecan crop, the third largest on record, totaled 43,000,000 pounds and was valued at \$4,860,000, or 11.3 cents a pound. The 1949 crop was estimated at 36,000,000 pounds. The 1945 census estimated that there were 3,212,633 pecan trees in Texas.

The Lone Star State produced about 30 percent of the nation's crop during these years and usually led the states in pecan production.

Pecans were shelled on a commercial basis before 1900 by G. A. Duerler of San Antonio, who used railroad spikes for cracking the pecans and sacking needles for picking out the meat. The pecan-shelling industry grew



gradually, and more mechanical devices were used in the plants.

During the Great Depression an increase in cheap labor encouraged hand shelling, and many home shelling plants emerged. These small plants soon became a threat to the mechanized plants and forced them also to employ hand labor in order to compete. During the depression period 12,000 to 15,000 people were employed in the shelling industry in San Antonio alone, where several hundred plants were operating. In 1938, when wage increases were required by the Fair Labor Standards Act, unskilled labor became unprofitable, and the use of machinery again became necessary.

A few fully mechanized modern plants soon replaced the hundreds of home shelling plants. By the 1950s shelling plants were located at San Antonio, Tyler, Comanche, Clarksville, Taylor, Denison, Fort Worth, Dallas, and San Angelo. A plant at Weatherford in Parker County processed shell and other pecan wastes into oil and tannin for use in tannic acid.

By the 1950s pecans were being divided into two general kinds, natives and improved varieties. Most Texas-grown pecans were native and were often shelled commercially before marketing, while the improved varieties were more often sold in the shell. In the 1950s Texas led the nation in total number of pecan trees and was usually first in annual production. The 1954 crop totaled 22 million pounds and was valued at \$5,886,000. The 1960 crop comprised more than 21 percent of the nation's total crop. That year 2,000,000 trees on nearly 16,000 farms produced over 8½ million pounds of pecans valued at \$8,600,000.

The state's pecan industry continued to develop during the 1960s due to the increased cultivation of improved varieties, the increased use of irrigation, and the development of a mechanical harvester. The 1964 census reported a total of 1,875,906 pecan trees (one-third improved varieties) on 11,074 farms. The 1965 crop was a record 62 million pounds valued at \$11,000,000.

Two factors that greatly increased yields

in these years were the development and use of new pecan varieties and many county and regional pecan-grading demonstrations. Texas varieties include Western, Desirable, Wichita, Choctaw, Cheyenne, Kiowa, Sioux, Caddo, Burkett, and a number of others. In 1972 the state production was a huge 75,000,000 pounds valued at \$30,780,000. Texas ranked second in the nation in production in 1978, producing 22,000,000 pounds valued at \$20,160,000, or 91.6 cents a pound.

In 1984 Texas ranked second nationally in pecan production; 25,000,000 pounds were produced that year, valued at \$22,500,000. Leading Texas counties in production in 1984 were Hood, El Paso, Pecos, San Saba, Mills, Comanche, Wharton, and Gonzales. By the early 1990s a Texas Pecan Producers Board existed, and a Texas Pecan Growers Association, organized in 1921, ran annual pecan meetings at the state level.

In Wharton, Texas pecan trees can be found all along the Colorado River and throughout the city's parks and pastures. Pecan trees can even be found surrounding the Wharton County Courthouse.

Pecan picking can be profitable commercially, as well as added household income for families and a whole lot of fun too!

From the months of October through February, Wharton residents can sell their pecan loot to pecan houses. Two of which are Bagley Pecan House and Atkinson Pecans.

Even though the individual participation of pecan picking has dropped over the last 15 years, Whartonians have been known to sell 2,500 to 3,000 pounds of pecans each day. Native pecans are the most popular and fetch the bigger payout with about 65 to 75 cents per pound.

The recreation that pays also saves. Not only can individuals and families profit from pecan picking, but the abundance of pecans can also save a pretty penny. Average retail price for shelled pecans in 2019 was \$9 per pound.

A WHARTON MYSTERY

Bobby Jones

Fourteen years ago a Wharton mystery sank into the Colorado River, and has yet to be solved.

On June 22, 2007, the music stopped as longtime El Campo deejay and popular Czech band leader Bobby Jones vanished. The only clues ever found were a few tire tracks and a license plate.

Jones was well known in the Wharton County music scene. Not only was he the host for Radio Station KULP 1390 AM's polka show, he also had his own polka band in which he played the accordion.

Very few clues have been found in the time since Jones' disappearance. No new information has surfaced in the case since the initial investigation.

His last known contact with anyone was a cellular phone call around 10:30 p.m. on the night he disappeared. Jones had gone out to dinner with friends that night and was reportedly despondent. Prior to going missing, he had cancelled several upcoming musical performances with no explanation.

He did not show up for work at the radio station the next morning and was reported missing.

Less than 24 hours later, tire tracks were discovered leading from the parking lot of Wharton's Los Cucos Mexican Restaurant down into the Colorado River.

Six days later, the license plate from Jones' 1993 Chevrolet Lumina was found stuck in a sapling at the water's edge.

River flooding hampered search efforts for weeks as the Colorado River rose to nearly 30 feet and was moving fast. Initial searches were made above water by sonar-equipped boats and helicopters, which discovered chunks of concrete and other de-



Bobby Jones was a popular polka musician and radio host from Wharton.

bris. No trace was ever found of Jones' car.

The river was searched when water levels were low enough to help the investigation, Wharton County Sheriff's Lt. Danny Marek said in 2010.

No indication of foul play was ever discovered at Jones' CR 167 home and no activity has been noticed on his credit cards or bank account since his disappearance. He had not packed for a trip.

Before its closure, the Wharton County Historical Museum hosted an exhibit honoring Jones. He had been named DJ of the Year by the Polka Music Association twice and his group claimed the title of Polka Band of the Year in 1997.

The exhibit included photos and mementos as well as Bobby Jones' awards and accordion. It held a place of prominence in the center of the facility.

Despite the time that has elapsed, this mystery still lives on in the whispers of Wharton. And perhaps Jones' vehicle lives on in the Colorado River in the same way.

Wharton Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture
2021 Calendar of Events

WHARTON CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE

Friday & Saturday, June 4-5, 2021

FIREWORKS SHOW

Saturday, June 26, 2021

PARTY UNDER THE BRIDGE

Thursday, October 21, 2021

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PARADE

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

SNOW ON THE SQUARE

Friday, December 17, 2021

WHARTON MARKET DAYS

Friday & Saturday, June 4-5

Friday & Saturday, September 3-4

HORTON FOOTE: HIS LIFE AND WORK

Friday & Saturday, May 14-15, 2021

THE HAUNTED TOUR

Friday, October 29, 2021

All events subject to change.
Call for updates **979-532-1862**
or check whartonchamber.com

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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.

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.

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103 W. Ahldag
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 282-8484

Disc Jockey

JP Express Mobile DJ Service
407 Davis St.
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 533-1852

Dog Training/Grooming

Mic & Mac Dog Training and Grooming
6203 West Creek Rd.
East Bernard, TX 77435
(979) 253-2303

Drain Cleaner

Mason's Plumbing Co.
213 N. Richmond Rd.
Wharton, TX 77488
(832) 888-5500

Electrical Equipment & Supplies

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

WC
108 CR 100
Boling, TX 77420
(979) 533-5311 • (907) 953-0340

Electricians

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

Emergency Medical Services

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

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

Employment Agency

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

Engineers-Civil, Environmental, Mechanical & Consulting

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

Estate Sale Services

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

Event Facility

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

The Pierce Ranch House
1232 Ranch House Road
Pierce, TX 77467
(979) 559-0204

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

Farms & Ranches Commercial & Residential

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

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

Festivals

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

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

Financial & Financial Advisors

Cody Sweat - State Farm Insurance
415 E. Boling Hwy.
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-4572

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

Hollub Financial Services
727 N. Alabama Rd Suite A
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 488-9453 • (979) 533-1862

Fire Departments

Hungerford Vol. Fire Dept.
P.O. Box416
Hungerford, TX 77448
(979) 532-0539

Flooring

Honey Do It LLC
711 N Rusk St
Wharton, TX 77488
(281) 968-0407 • (979) 533-9722

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

Florist

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

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

Foundations

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

Framing

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

Funeral Homes & Memorial Parks

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

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

Furniture

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

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

Gas Lines

Mason's Plumbing Co.
213 N. Richmond Rd.
Wharton, TX 77488
(832) 888-5500

Gift Shop

Unlimited Creations
1406 N. Alabama Rd.
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 488-4200 • (832) 875-2620

Glass

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

Grocery

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

Hall Rental

Hungerford Community Center
235 Cypress
Hungerford, TX 77488
(979) 453-0060

Simply Divine Event Center
300 West Milam
Wharton, TX 77488
(832) 279-5850

The Orchard at Caney Creek
923 County Road 235
Wharton, TX 77488
(281) 944-3331

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

Hardware

Star Parts
1119 E. Milam
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-1500

Health & Wellness

Clarity Hearing
10119 us 59
Wharton, TX 77488
(936) 273-4437 • (832) 326-4889

Clinical Pathology Laboratories, Inc
10141 US Hwy 59 Rd.
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 488-4917

Health Centers/Equipment

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

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

MEHOP - Matagorda Episcopal Health Outreach Program
10141 U.S. 59
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 559-3550

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

Health Maintenance Organizations

Sam's Place
1324 N. Richmond Rd.
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 531 3007 • (713) 301-5383

Heating & Air Conditioning Distributors, Eqpt. & Repairs

Hunter's Air and Heat Inc
PO Drawer 628
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-1707

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

Home Health

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

Senior Helpers
1100 Gulf Frwy. South
Suite 110
Webster, TX 77573
(281) 316-6006 • (281) 704-6644

Homebuilders, General Contractors/Dev

Dream Maker Construction
523 Charlene St.
El Campo, TX 77437
(979) 543-6800 • (979) 637-6494

Merrymount Services
612 Tennie
Wharton, TX 77488
(281) 968-0407

WC
108 CR 100
Boling, TX 77420
(979) 533-5311 • (907) 953-0340

Hospitals

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

Memorial Hermann Sugar Land Hospital
17500 W. Grand Parkway South
Sugar Land, TX 77479
(281) 725-5296 • (832) 524-2264

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

Hotels/Motels

Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites

10247 Highway 59
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 282-8300

Travelers Inn & Suites

1527 N. Richmond
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-0740

Humane Society

Friends of Wharton TX Animal Control

1390 CR467
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 533-2081

Wharton County S.P.O.T.

PO Box 584
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 253-3446

Insurance

Bremser Insurance Agency

211 W. Milam
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-1586

Cody Sweat

State Farm Insurance

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

Hank Hall State Farm

727 N. Alabama Road
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-5151

Hollub Financial Services

727 N. Alabama Rd. Suite A
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 488-9453 • (979) 533-1862

InsuranceNet, Inc.

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

S. Cochran Insurance Agency - Farmers Insurance

140 W. Milam St.
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-3885

Schulz Insurance Agency

1327 N. Alabama
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-0021

Wharton County Farm Bureau

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

Interior Decorators & Designers

Jamie Feyen Designs, LLC

3533 FM 1299 Rd.
Wharton, TX 7488
(979) 533-8920

Investment Counselors

Edward Jones Investments - Chad Faucett

128 S. Houston
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-1282

Hollub Financial Services

727 N. Alabama Rd. Suite A
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 488-9453 • (979) 533-1862

K-Mana, Inc.

PO Box 588
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 282-7000

Jewelers

Tyler's Jewelry & Pawn

2310 N. Richmond Road
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-0971

Landscape Architects, Contractors & Designers

El Campo Spraying Inc.

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

Lawn & Garden Sales and Service

Texas Quality Lawn Equipment

707 East Milam Street
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-1350 • (979) 533-2227

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Lawn Equipment

Texas Quality Lawn Equipment

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Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-1350 • (979) 533-2227

Liquor Stores

Louie's Package Store

2005 Highway 60 South
and 1725 N. Richmond Rd.
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-2378

Loans

Security Finance

412 N. Alabama Rd.
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-9003

Locksmith

Tec-Tronic Systems

423 E. Boling Highway
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-0011

Lodging

Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites

10247 Highway 59
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 282-8300

The Pierce Ranch House

1232 Ranch House Road
Pierce, TX 77467
(979) 559-0204

Machine Shops

Koenig Welding Service, Inc.

2305 N. Richmond Road
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-4161

Mailing Services

Pamela Printing Company

550 Julie Rivers Drive Suite 310
SugarLand, TX 77478
(281) 240-1313

Manufacturing - Manufacturers

Dorian Tool International, Inc.

615 CR219
East Bernard, TX 77435
(979) 282-2861

J-M Eagle

10807 US 59 Road
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-5640

Lamberti USA, Inc.

PO Box 1000
County Road 212
Hungerford, TX 77448
(281) 342-5675

Nan Ya Plastics Corp.

2081 FM102
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-5494

Marketing Research & Marketing Companies

Kapeesh Marketing, LLC

247 W. Milam St.
Wharton, TX 77488
(713) 570-6603

Massage Therapy

Healthy Touch Knead to Relax

110 S. Resident
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 282-8881 • (979) 531-9317

Meat Markets

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

Jr.'s Texas Best Smokehouse
164 CR467
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 531-0888

Vincek's Smokehouse
139 S Dill St #7455
East Bernard, TX 77435
(979) 335-7921

Restaurants

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

Grand Buffet
125 E Boling Hwy
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 531-1818

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

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

Jr.'s Texas Best Smokehouse
164 CR467
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 531-0888

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

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

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

Sonic Drive In-Wharton
120 W. Boling Hwy.
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-1611

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

Whataburger
10319 US 59
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-1208 • (713) 405-0522

Golden Chick
1406 N Richmond Rd.
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 531-3070

Kings and Queens
Homestyle Cooking
1105 Richmond Rd.
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 257-9141

Media Production

The County Gin
P.O. 308
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 533-0122

Wharton County Radio
KULP
PO Box 390
525 E. Jackson
El Campo, TX 77437 (979) 543-3303 • (979) 559-0645

Medical Laboratory

Clinical Pathology
Laboratories, Inc
10141 US Hwy 59 Rd.
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 488-4917

Mini Mart

BJ's Mini Mart
320 E. Milam
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-2111 • (979) 618-1147

Motorcycle Dealers

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

Museums

20th Century Technology
Museum
1406 Kelving Way
Wharton, TX 77488
Wharton County
Historical Museum
3615 N. Richmond Rd
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 282-8810
(979) 532-2600

Network Security/Software

BCOS, Inc.
1619 6th St.
Bay City, TX 77414
(979) 245-4002 • (979) 799-6063

Newspapers

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

Nursing Homes

Caney Creek Nursing & Rehab
1405 Valhalla Drive
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-1244

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

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

Oil Distributors

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

Optical Shop

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

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

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

Organizations

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

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

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

East Wharton County
Crime Stoppers
P.O. Box 145
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 282-8477

Edwards Ministerial
Assoc., Inc.
8003 Manassas Dr.
Austin, TX 78745
(210) 274-5841

Friends of Wharton TX

Animal Control

1390 CR467
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 533-2081

Gulf Coast Casa

1017 N. Alabama Rd
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 282-9223 • (972) 207-9540

Habitat for Humanity East

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

Hesed House of Wharton

413 Colorado Street
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 533-2139

Hospice Support, Inc.

P.O. Box 1417
El Campo, TX 77437
(979) 578-0314

Hungerford Community Center

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

James Simmons Jr. Juneteenth Committee

1709 Forrest Dr.
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 282-1070

Just Do It Now, Inc.

1619 MLK Blvd.
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 531-1975 • (979) 533-5577

Pilot Club of Wharton

P.O. Box 963
Wharton, TX 77488

Restoration City

1220 FM 1161 W.
and County Road 218
PO Box 134
Hungerford, TX 77448
(979) 532-5613

Rotary Club of Wharton

P.O. Box 303
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 533-1981

Team Wharton, Inc.

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

United Way

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

Wharton County Recovery Team

P.O. Box 641
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 531-3170

Wharton County Youth Fair

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

Wharton Garden Club

1407 CR231
Wharton, TX 77488

Wharton Knights of Columbus

2820 N. Fulton
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-2218

Wharton Lions Club

PO Box 106
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-4532

Wharton Training High School & Ex-Students Association

PO Box 1131
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-0916

Pawn Shops**Tyler's Jewelry & Pawn**

2310 N. Richmond Road
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-0971

Pecans**Bagley Pecan House**

932 N. Richmond Road
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-4020 • (830) 305-2900

Pest Control Service**Bricker Pest Control**

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

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

Photography**Kristy Quijas Photography**

1242 CR231
Wharton, TX 77488
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TX 77488
(979) 533-1981

Physicians & Surgeons**OakBend Medical Group**

4911 Sand Hill Drive
Sugar Land, TX 77479
(281) 238-7870 • (832) 520-3432

Plastic Molding**JM Eagle**

10807 US 59 Road
Wharton, TX 77488

Nan Ya Plastics Corp., USA

2081 FM 102 Rd.
Wharton, TX 77488
(281) 727-7300

Plumbing**Mason's Plumbing Co.**

213 N. Richmond Rd.
Wharton, TX 77488
(832) 888-5500

Rath Plumbing

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

Portable Toilets**ALLStar**

P.O. Box 1090
El Campo, TX 77437
(979) 332-3333

Printers, Publishers, Graphics/Commercial**J & M Printing**

813 E. Alabama
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-5240

Pamela Printing Company

550 Julie Rivers Drive Suite 310
SugarLand, TX 77478
(281) 240-1313

Real Estate**C.E. Muegge Real Estate**

213 N. Richmond Wharton, TX
77488
(979) 532-5252

Coldwell Banker The Ron Brown Company

2618 N. Richmond Road
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-1013

Hudgins-Groover Real Estate

120 N Richmond Road
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-0007

R.C. Harrison, Jr., Realtors

108 Santa Fe
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-8000

RE/MAX Professionals

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

Wied Realty

609 N. Mechanic
El Campo, TX 77437
(979) 532-0334

Real Estate Appraisers

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

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Wharton, TX 77488
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Wharton, TX 77488
(916) 799-4561

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(979) 543-7006

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El Campo, TX 77437
(979) 532-0334

Recreation

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

Remodeling-Repairs

Honey Do It LLC
711 N Rusk St
Wharton, TX 77488
(281) 968-0407 • (979) 533-9722

Meat Markets

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Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 282-2773

Junior's Smokehouse
164 CR 467
Wharton, TX 77488

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

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

Retail

**Bohemian Rhapsody Shoppe
on the Corner**
146 W. Milam
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 531-3100 • (832) 434-8374

Unlimited Creations
1406 N. Alabama Rd.
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 488-4200 • (832) 875-2620

Roofing

Houser Roofing
201 2nd St
Sealy, TX 77407
(979) 472-9176

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

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

RV Parks

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

Schools, Colleges & Education

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

**Wharton Independent School
District**
2100 N Fulton St
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-6201

Security Systems

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

Septic System Pumping

ALLStar
P.O. Box 1090
El Campo, TX 77437
(979) 332-3333

Shopping

Alyssa's Kisses
117 S. Fulton St., Suite 100
Wharton, TX 77488

Bohemian Rhapsody II
134 W. Milam St.
Wharton, TX 77488

Custom Creations
202 N. Houston
Wharton, TX 77488

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

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

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

Signs

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

Specialty Shops

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

Stocks & Bonds Brokers

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

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

Storage Facilities - Rentals

City Wide Storage
808 N. Richmond Rd.
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-3823
General Sales Company
808 N. Richmond Road
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-3823 • (979) 531-9051

MFS Storage, Inc.

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

My Storehouse Mini Storage

PO Box 827
1827 Stadium Rd. Wharton, TX
77488 (979) 532-4422

Surveyors**Robert Kolacny & Assoc. LLC**

140 S. Houston
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-8056

Tax Preparation**Security Finance**

412 N. Alabama Rd.
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-9003

Television-Cable**Sparklight**

1302 Wisteria Way
Wharton, TX 77488
(979) 532-3920 • (361) 230-4966

Theaters**Plaza Theatre**

120 S. Houston
Wharton, TX 77488
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