

MARSHALL TX CHAMBER (903) 935-7868

Weisman Center 934-9902 restaurant

Joe Weisman & Co. is now beginning its 100th year. It took about \$1.5 million in state and federal grants to renovate the downtown building that will be used primarily for retail businesses. The Weisman Center used to be a department store, which some say was the first in East Texas or maybe even in the state. It had been open for about 100 years, but closed in 1989. Shortly thereafter, the building's owners gave it to the city, which had used it leased to several retailers. But now the outside metal facade has been removed, wooden floors have been exposed, and the original ceiling has been revealed. ...A retail cooperative and coffee shop, private investment dollars followed. The Design Center, Venue 105, the Red-Headed Lady Bistro, R&R Bakery, Austin Street Grille, Brophy's Oyster Bar and others are already in operation

Marshall—Marshall Pottery is the largest manufacturer of clay pots in the U.S. At 4901 Elysian Fields Rd. (take Exit 620 from I-20); 938-9201; www.marshallpotterystore.com.

Harrison Co. Historical Museum and Research Library is in the former Ginocchio Hotel. At 707 N. Washington; 938-2680; <http://txgenes.com/TXHarrison/NewHome.htm>.

Located in the historic Ginocchio Hotel in the Historical Ginocchio District, the county's museum houses an extensive collection of Caddo Indian artifacts, antique toys, Civil War memorabilia and mementos from famous citizens of Harrison County, including Lady Bird Johnson, George Foreman, Bill Moyers, Y.A. Tittle and James Farmer. A "Hands On" history room contains activities for children of all ages, and the Research Library whose archives serve as an invaluable tool for genealogical research and for historical information, proves to be a real treasure trove. The Museum Gift Shop has Harrison County and Texas gifts, toys, books and clothing.

Hours of operation Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

\$1 Admission for everyone aged 6 and above 903 938 2680

Michelson Museum of Art houses the works of Leo Michelson and other artists. At 216 N. Bolivar St.; 935-9480; www.michelsonmuseum.org.

Starr Family Historic Home

Starr Family State Historical park preserves the 150-year history of the Starr family in Texas and the adaptations to the site by successive family members. Maplecroft, the centerpiece of the estate, was built in 1870. The stately house and lush azalea-laden grounds are available for guided tours, special events, candlelight dinner tours during the winter holidays, bed and breakfast accommodations and more. Guided tours are available Saturday 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Classes in Victorian etiquette and Victorian crafts are available. Operated by Texas Parks and Wildlife, the structure is restored and beautifully maintained.

Texas and Pacific Depot 903 938 9495

Marshall's Historic Texas and Pacific Depot has been painstakingly restored and is functioning as a station for daily Amtrak service. Through generous grants and a committed group of Marshall citizens, this building has been brought back from the brink of destruction to house a railroad museum, gift shop and offices. Located in the Historical Ginocchio District, the museum has history, information and memorabilia of the Texas and Pacific Railroad and its workers set against the backdrop of an active railroad passenger station.

It is a place for adults and children alike to learn and experience the history of the T&P Railroad, the men who built and operated it and the influence the railroads had and continue to exert on the development of Texas and its people.

Hours of operation Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m until 4 p.m.

\$2 for adults \$1 for students from ages 5-20

The self-guided **Lale Trail** takes visitors through historic Marshall. Pick up a trail map at the Marshall Chamber of Commerce office (see chamber listing).

Michelson Museum of Art 903 935 9480

The Michelson Museum of Art was established in 1985 for the special purpose of accepting and caring for the life work of Russian-American artist Leo Michelson (1887-1978). His career spans two worlds and seventy years, leaving the museum a collection of over 1,000 paintings, drawings and prints.

In 1999 the museum received the art collection of Gloria and Bernard Kronenberg. Dr. Kronenberg, an ophthalmologist and collector of 20th century American art, has given 15 paintings, drawings and sculpture from artist such as Milton Avery, David Nurliuk, John Edward Costigan, George "Pop" Hart, Carl Holty, George Rousult, Raphael Soyer and Abraham Walkowitz. The Michelson then received the Ramona and Jay Ward Collection of African Masks and Artifacts. Mr. Ward was the creator of the cartoon characters Rocky and Bullwinkle, George of the Jungle and Dudley-Do-Right. The African Tribal Masks represent a wide range of separate but similar cultures of nine different peoples. This collection exhibits the vigorous, sharply defined abstract work of tribal art. The carvers illustrate great personal interpretation as each relates to human and supernatural forces.

Museum hours: Tuesday , Friday 12 to 5

Saturday , Sunday 1 to 4 PM

www.michelsonmuseum.org

Wisteria Garden Bed & Breakfast is in the 1884 Wood-Boone home. Rates: \$75-\$85, full breakfast included. At 215 E. Rusk; 938-7611; www.wisteriagarden.com.

Neely's Sandwich Shop is the home of the Brown Pig sandwich. At 1404 E. Grand Ave.; 935-9040.

Fuglers Grocery and Market

10079 Hwy 154

Alton Fugler – Harleton – Home of the "Bubba Burger" 903) 935-5967

Scottsville Cemetery, off FM 1998, is the home of the Grieving Angel and other tombstones dating to the 1800s.

Jonesville—T.C. Lindsey & Co. general store is at 2293 FM 134; 687-3382. Call ahead for hours.

Uncertain/Karnack

Ms. Betty's Caddo Grocery offers guided pontoon tours of Caddo Lake year round. Cost: \$15 per person, \$10 age 12 and younger. At 312 Cypress Dr. in Uncertain; 789-3495.

Cypress Moon Cottages are on a secluded cove on Caddo Lake. Rate: \$110, continental breakfast included. At 520 Private Rd. 2422, just outside of Uncertain; 679-3154; www.cypressmooncottage.com.

Bayou Landing Restaurant serves catfish, steaks, seafood, and alligator. At 300 Cypress Dr. in Uncertain; 789-3394; www.uncertain-tx.com/bayoulanding.

Big Pines Lodge serves fish, shrimp, steak, and burgers. At 747 Pine Island Rd. in Karnack; 679-3466.

Caddo Lake State Park headquarters are 0.4 mile off Texas 43, on FM 2198, near Karnack. (New interactive exhibits at park headquarters provide a good orientation to the park and Caddo Lake.) Entrance fee: \$2 per person, \$1 age 65 and older, free age 12 and younger. Cabins: \$75-\$100 per night. Campsites: \$8-\$20 per night. Call 679-3351 for park information, 512/389-8900 for reservations; www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/caddo.

Caddo Lake Area Chamber of Commerce 679-3500 or 866/AT-CADDO

Jefferson—**Jefferson Bottling Works** sells antiques and bottled-drink memorabilia. At 203 N. Polk St.; 665-3736.

Der Baskit Kase restores and sells musical instruments and phonographs. At 215 N. Polk St.; 665-7996;

The **Excelsior House** historic hotel is at 211 W. Austin; 665-2513 or 800/490-7270;

The **Jefferson General Store** offers a little bit of everything and features an old-fashioned soda fountain. At 113 E. Austin St.; 665-8481.

Riverport Bar-B-Que is at 201 N. Polk St.; 665-2341.

Marion Co. Chamber of Commerce, 118 N. Vale St.; 888/GORELAX; www.jefferson-texas.com.