

NEWS RELEASE

Downtown Waxahachie Recognized At Statewide Conference

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Waxahachie Businesses Receive Statewide Awards

(June 15, 2010) Two businesses from Waxahachie were named winners of the 2011 Texas Downtown Association (TDA) Presidents Awards Program. Winners were announced at the Texas Downtown Development and Revitalization Conference held at the Hotel Fredonia. Since 1998, the Awards Program has recognized more than 150 projects, events and people that make a difference in Texas downtowns.

The College Street Restaurant & Pub was named winner in the Best Downtown Business category, which recognizes an exceptional downtown business that promotes downtown as a destination for locals and tourists. The Citizens National Bank of Texas was named winner in the Best Downtown Partner category, which recognizes a local private business or civic organization that positively impacts the community and contributes to the revitalization efforts of downtown. Judges were impressed with the commitment to downtown demonstrated by both businesses.

Judging for the awards took place on Friday, August 5, in Austin. The distinguished jury panel included the following representatives: Jim Adams, McCann Adams Studio; Terri Davis, AJR Media Group; Pete Gasper, Laurie Smith Design Associates; and Lori Martin, Paramount Theatre.

The Texas Downtown Association, established in 1985, is a statewide nonprofit organization comprised of more than 400 members involved in downtown revitalization projects. By fostering development and revitalization, TDA strives to enhance the economic vitality of Texas downtowns and

neighborhood commercial districts by providing resources, networking opportunities, education and advocacy. For more information, visit www.texasdowntown.org.

Waxahachie Receives National Main Street Recognition

NACOGDOCHES, Texas — Waxahachie has been commended for its successful annual progress as a designated Main Street community. The Texas Historical Commission (THC) and its Texas Main Street Program (TMSP) made the announcement November 2 at the annual statewide downtown revitalization conference co-hosted by the TMSP and the Texas Downtown Association.

The 55 National Recognition cities, which represent the real places of Texas, include: Amarillo, Bastrop, Bay City, Beaumont, Brenham, Bridgeport, Canton, Canyon, Carthage, Celina, Colorado City, Corsicana, Del Rio, Denton, Electra, Elgin, Farmersville, Ferris, Georgetown, Goliad, Gonzales, Graham, Grapevine, Greenville, Harlingen, Henderson, Hillsboro, Huntsville, Kerrville, La Grange, Laredo, Levelland, Livingston, Llano, Longview, Lufkin, McKinney, Mount Pleasant, Mount Vernon, Nacogdoches, New Braunfels, Odessa, Palestine, Paris, Pecos, Plainview, Rio Grande City, Rockwall, San Angelo, San Marcos, Seguin, Taylor, Waxahachie, Weatherford and Winnsboro. These cities will be further recognized as Nationally Accredited by the National Trust for Historic Preservation next April in Baltimore, MD at the annual conference of the National Trust Main Street Center.

“Throughout 2011 we have been celebrating the Texas Main Street Program’s 30 years of progress, having taken our first designated cities in 1981. Recognizing these cities for their efforts in revitalizing their historic downtowns takes on special meaning this year. The programs being acknowledged are large and small from all areas of the state, showing that the Main

Street model is appropriate for all kinds of communities with historic downtowns,” said Debra Farst, TMSP state coordinator.

National accredited Main Street cities show above average performance in ten categories on an annual report. Selection criteria focus on planning, partnerships, staffing, volunteer effort, preservation ethic, training and program assessment through reporting. For additional information about the national Main Street effort, visit the National Trust Main Street web site at <http://www.preservationnation.org/main-street/>. For more information on the Texas Historical Commission’s Main Street program visit www.thc.state.tx.us.

The THC’s Texas Main Street Program is a revitalization program for historic downtown and neighborhood commercial districts. It is based on a Four-Point Approach™ — organization, design, promotion and economic restructuring, all within the context of historic preservation. Implemented in 1981, the program has assisted approximately 165 communities throughout the state. For more information, contact Debra Farst at 512/463-5758 or www.thc.state.tx.us.

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(photos below)



Anita Williamson (left), Waxahachie’s Downtown Development Director, is pictured with Frieda Hanley, 2011 TDA Board of Directors President, receiving CNB of Texas’ Award for Best Downtown Partner. The College Street Pub also received Best Downtown Business Award. Pictured below are Wayne and Tammy Strickland, College Street Pub owners, with the award.



Downtown Development Director Anita Williamson (center) is pictured with Debra Farst, State Coordinator of the Texas Main Street Program, and Terry Colley, Deputy Executive Director of the Texas Historical Commission.