

# HISTORIC WAXAHACHIE, INC.

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## MURAL PROJECT ON BASE

### Coming Event

July 12, 2014

Ice Cream Social and

Movie Night (Frozen)

Please bring home made  
ice cream.

The HWI mural project is on base to be painted in September on the Waxahachie Parks and Recreation Building that is located on the corner of Madison and Elm Streets. The theme is called "Legends" but the idea comes from the "Field of Dreams."

Baseball is a big part of the community going back to the 1800's. David Hudgins has done a great job seeing that the mural becomes a reality. He stated that the mural will look back in time. It will feature people such as Ty Cobb and Paul Richards and those teams that played here such as the Detroit Tigers and the Cincinnati Reds. The mural will also feature modern players from Waxahachie High School and SAGU in uniform in baseball action poses.

The wall features a bricked-in window where a baseball diamond will be painted and local baseball legends will be painted on the field. The modern players will be painted on the outside of the window. The wall is 700 square feet, 10 feet tall and 70 feet wide. The completed painting will cover the entire wall from the sidewalk to the covered awning.

Eycon is the company that will be painting the mural. One of Eycon's Dallas murals is painted on the 12 story Renaissance Tower parking garage. It is called "Mass Transit" and features a toddler pulling a wagon piled high with cars and trucks. Eycon has been in business for over 20 years. It is estimated the Waxahachie mural will take six to eight weeks to complete.



This image will be altered to include more of the historical players. The final image will be presented to the board for approval before painting begins in September.

## Preservation Texas Conference

Jane Crum, Nancy Tucker, and Becky Kauffman attended the conference in Austin on Tuesday, May 20, 2014. Jane reported that she found the program on Historic Preservation Ethics to be one of the most interesting. Dwayne Jones, Executive Director of Galveston Historical Foundation and Kitty Henderson, Executive Director of the Historic Bridge Foundation discussed the pros and cons of approaches that one can make in assessing aspects of preservation.

The group took a brief self-guided tour of the Capitol Building which was awe inspiring. The Lone Star in the center of the dome is eight feet across.

## TEMPLE CHURCH MEMBERS TOUR

Members of the Temple Bible Church from Temple, Texas toured the Ellis County Court House on May 17, 2014. Jerry Chapman, Larry Felty, and Glinda Felty guided them around the exterior, shared the restoration video, and led them through the building.

After lunch at the Pub, they toured the Roberts Home on Brown Street. They ended their day with a performance of the Old Fashioned Singers at the Chautauqua Auditorium.

## Membership at Work

The calaboose located in Singleton Plaza has recently been repainted. Many thanks to Peggy Cole and Ivan Cole and their generous contribution to this project.

## TOUR OF HISTORIC WILSON HOUSE

About 20 members journeyed to Dallas for a special tour of the historic Wilson Block. The Meadows Foundation funded and maintains a twelve block "turn of the century" Victorian and new buildings. It is a model incubator project for local not-for-profit organizations who use these spaces rent free.

David Preziosi of Preservation Dallas gave an inside tour of the Wilson House, a very outstanding example of Victorian architecture, built in 1899. The group went to the Carriage House for short video of the Jim Lake success story with the Bishop Arts District. A stroll under the lovely old trees finished the tour of this one block with David giving many interesting details.

Of special interest was the Beilharz House. Mr Beilharz had the contract for the stone work on our Ellis County Courthouse. Mrs. Beilharz was the sister of Mrs. Wilson.



## Gingerbread Trail

Many HWI members participated in the annual ECM Gingerbread Trail on June 7 and 8. Wayne Norcross and Becky Kauffman with HWI volunteers gave tours of the court house both days. Pictured is David Hudgins leading a group around the outside of the court house.

The Midlothian Classic Wheels Car Club displayed their cars on the square. Each year HWI presents a plaque to a special car. This year it was one that reminded President Larry Felty of his first car. It was a pewter metallic Chevrolet Impala with silver chrome wheels and beautiful black leather interior. Since President Felty and Becky Kauffman were participating in a KBEC interview at the time of the plaque presentation, his son Patrick Felty did the honors.

Larry and Becky were interviewed by Jim Philips concerning how HWI has had a positive influence on local historical preservation.



## CORRECTION

The 100F Building on the left was not located on the east side of the square. It is located on South Rogers Street. The building on the right is a picture of how that same building looks today.



**ACRONYMS—WAXAHACHIE**

HWI—Historic Waxahachie, Inc.  
CVB—Convention & Visitors Bureau  
WCDC—Waxahachie Community Development Corporation  
HOT tax—Hotel/Motel tax  
P & Z—Planning & Zoning Commission  
TDA—Texas Downtown Association  
CLG—Certified Local Government  
COG—Council of Governments  
THC—Texas Historical Commission  
CTA—Certified Tourism Ambassador  
TTIA—Texas Travel Industry Association  
DFWATC—Dallas/Fort Worth Area Tourism Council

**Main Street Boards:**

WPI—Waxahachie Partnership, Inc. (organization)  
HPC—Heritage Preservation Commission (design)  
TIRZ/TIF—Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (economic restructuring)  
WDMA/DMA—Waxahachie Downtown Merchants Association (promotion)

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