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“Happy Fall Ya’ll”

Ennis Downtown Merchants to Host Autumn Days in Ennis Fall Festival on Oct. 17, 2009

(Ennis) The 8th annual Autumn Days in Ennis Fall Festival will be held October 17th from 10 am-5 pm in downtown Ennis for non-stop fun to celebrate the changing of the season with focus on family entertainment. This free event will primarily be held on NW Main St., W. Knox Street, and N. Dallas Street in downtown Ennis. Residents and visitors are invited to come out and enjoy this fun family festival, hosted by the Ennis Historic Downtown Merchants Association. The Ennis Arts Commission will be the sponsor of the music stage, which will include a variety of live entertainment.

The children’s area at this festival offers several other fun activities. Children’s activities will include various fall themed arts and crafts, petting zoo, pony rides, face painting, an inflatable obstacle course, and other favorites will also be offered.

Other activities offered at this family festival are retail and arts and crafts vendors, delicious food, and an opportunity to shop in the historic downtown district which features businesses that offer Czech heritage items, collectibles, antiques and much more.

“This is our 8th year to host this Fall Festival. We’re really excited that we will be offering new activities for the children this year. This festival offers a chance for the family to have a fun day together,” stated Nancy Swindell, President of the Ennis Historic Downtown Merchants Association.

“Scarecrow Lane”, a special area where local Ennis merchants and organizations can promote their business or organization will also be available again this year.

Regular vendor applications for arts, crafts and retail booths, are available online at

www.visitennis.org or can be picked up at the Ennis Convention and Visitors

Bureau. Booth spaces are \$50.00 and there are additional fees for electricity and for a city food permit for food vendors. The deadline for vendor space is Sept. 30.

For history lovers, the Ennis Railroad and Cultural Heritage Museum will be open during the festival. The Ennis Railroad and Cultural Heritage Museum is located at 105 NE Main St.

There are sponsorship levels available for local companies and businesses to be part of this festival. Please contact Nancy Swindell at 972-875-8882 or the Ennis Convention and Visitors Bureau at 972-878-4748 for more information on these sponsorship opportunities.

“This festival is a favorite among our local residents and visitors. It offers old-fashioned fun for the entire family, and it gives us a chance to really show our hometown hospitality,” says Gina Rokas, Tourism Director for the city of Ennis. This free festival has grown bigger each year, and it really reflects the charm and heart of our downtown merchants and the city.”

For more festival information, please contact the Ennis Convention and Visitors Bureau at 972-878-4748. Ennis is conveniently located just 30 minutes from downtown Dallas on IH 45. Updates on festival events will be posted frequently on the website, www.visitennis.org.

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