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CES and Main Street Team Up to Design Banners for Downtown

CHATTAHOOCHEE, February 15, 2016 – The much anticipated Main Street banners are now flying high on the lamp posts lining downtown Chattahoochee on Washington Street. This project enlisted the artistic talents of the 5th grade class of the 2014/15 school year from Chattahoochee Elementary School (CES). Each student was given the opportunity to create an artistic interpretation to the question “What I love about Chattahoochee.”

This project began as an initiative of Chattahoochee Main Street with support from Commissioner Gene Morgan and has been funded by the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners. Enthusiastically supported by CES Principal, Valencia Denson, the 5th grade children drew detailed pictures depicting scenes of people, places, and activities that are meaningful to them and that can be found throughout the community.

Renderings include views of the Apalachicola River and Victory Bridge, the Cowen Library, the Boys & Girls Club, people fishing, playing sports and more. Each banner includes the first name of the child who created the design as well as their age at the time it was created.

Similar projects have been initiated in other Main Street communities throughout the United States. It is important to involve the children in community building activities as it teaches them to be civic-minded at a young age. The children represent the next generation of community leaders. It is a goal of Chattahoochee Main Street to instill in our children the importance of having community pride so that they may choose to remain in Chattahoochee to live and work, and ultimately grow to be protective stewards of our rich local resources.

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