

Wylie Jubilee

BLUEGRASS on BALLARD

FREE

Car Show • Chili Cook-Off • Arts & Crafts • Food & Fun

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN WYLIE ON BALLARD AVENUE

MUSIC 3 PM - 10 PM



CLASSIC CAR SHOW 4 pm - 9 pm DallasMoparClub.com

ARTS & CRAFTS 10 am - 8 pm WylieTexas.gov

CHILI COOK-OFF 10 am - 4 pm American Legion

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Police Chief John Duscio

Police Chief John Duscio To Retire

Wylie Police Chief John Duscio has announced his retirement effective July 1, 2015. Duscio has served as chief since January 2008.

"I am proud of Chief Duscio's service over the past seven-plus years ... he is leaving the city and police department in great shape," said City Manager Mindy Manson. "His leadership style, strong hiring practices, and focus on mentoring ensure a smooth transition to our new chief, Anthony Henderson."

Manson touted the overall drop in crime rate and high level of service maintained during Duscio's tenure despite a period of high population growth followed by the recession. His commitment to community relations was highlighted by the award-winning, annual National Night Out event and the department's Youth Enrichment Program, an outreach to area troubled kids. Duscio also oversaw the addition of a Narcotics Unit and Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit.

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WFR Swift Water Rescue Team Garner's National Coverage

Wylie Fire Rescue's May 29 hovercraft rescue led the CBS evening news that night (photo captured from broadcast). The story, highlighting record-breaking floods in Texas and Oklahoma, was included in the "CBS Evening News with Scott Pelley" program and featured an interview with Firefighter Travis Araujo.

Reporter Mark Smith had visited Fire Station 3 and interviewed Chief Brandon Blythe, Araujo and Firefighter Jared Buckmeier about the rescue, in which Buckmeier piloted the hovercraft parallel to a car, floating in flood water on Miles Road in Sachse. The driver had climbed onto the roof of her car; Araujo gave her a life jacket and helped her into the hovercraft.

In addition to the national coverage on CBS and The Weather Channel, the story was carried locally on all of the major stations.



Go to Facebook.com/WylieTexas to view the CBS Evening News coverage.



Wylie will indeed be wide awake June 27 for Bluegrass on Ballard, a free festival featuring top bands, a car show, arts and crafts and great food. The event in historic downtown Wylie breathes new life into the city's longtime moniker

and continues the tradition of drawing citizens and members of neighboring communities into the heart of the city.

The free event begins at 10 am with arts and crafts in Olde City Park, sponsored by the City of Wylie Public Arts Board, and the American Legion's Chili Cook-Off. Dallas Mopar Club's 200-vehicle car show runs from 4 to 9 pm.

Music is the star of the event; starting at 3 pm, this year's lineup includes top bluegrass bands Joe Mullins & The Radio Ramblers, Texas & Tennessee featuring Steve Huber and John R. Bowman, Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Bluegrass Band, Phil Ferguson & Texas True, In Achordance, and Bobby Giles & Music Mountain. Bring a lawn chair and plan to stay all evening.

Get ready to eat! BOB features savory fare such as jalapeño mac 'n' cheese, wood fired pizza, fried corn on the cob, ribs, Philly cheese steak, street tacos brisket, corn dogs and yes, alligator on a stick. And don't forget the sweet treats: Italian ice, funnel cake, gelato, ice cream, sorbet, fro yo, fried Oreos, cobbler, fried pies and more.

Ballard Avenue restaurants will be open for business, along with the many shops. Try one of Ballard Street Cafe's famous chicken fried steaks, cool down in Taste of Home with a chicken salad sandwich, try Italian fare at Ballard's newest restaurant Villa Vinci, or refresh with a frap in Shoemaker and Hardt ... just to name a few.

Musicians of all skill levels are invited to bring their instruments and pick and jam with fellow musicians on the street or in 96 West Winery, on the porches of Taste of Home, FBC Event Center and Wylie Chamber of Commerce, and under the trees and pavilions in Olde City Park.

Don't forget to use #BluegrassOnBallard on all of your event-related Tweets and Facebook posts. Show us the great time you had at Bluegrass on Ballard.



Performance Schedule:

- 3:00 - 3:45 pm Phil Ferguson & Texas True
 - 3:55 - 4:40 pm Bobby Giles & Music Mountain
 - 5:00 - 5:45 pm In Achordance
 - 5:55 - 6:40 pm Texas & Tennessee
 - 7:00 - 8:15 pm Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Bluegrass Band
 - 8:30 - 9:45 pm Joe Mullins & The Radio Ramblers
- *Times subject to change



Heart of a Servant *Cont. From Front Page*

"I thank the community of Wylie for the support of its police department and am humbled by the compassion displayed by city leadership that transcends through the ranks and makes Wylie a great place to work," said Duscio.

"It's been an honor to serve beside the men and women of the Wylie Police Department, and I am extremely proud to have been part of this great team."

Assistant Police Chief Anthony Henderson will serve as interim police chief prior to attending the FBI National Academy beginning mid-July; Henderson will be named chief of police upon his return in September. Assistant City Manager Jeff Butters will oversee police operations in the interim. Butters served as Wylie's police chief prior to his current position.



Councilmember Diane Culver

Changing of the Guard

Congratulations Diane Culver who took the Oath of Office May 20 to fill Place 2 on the Wylie City Council. A run-off between incumbent Bennie Jones and Candy Arrington for Place 4 was held June 13. Results were not available at the time of publication.

The City of Wylie thanks outgoing Councilman Nathan Scott for his service to the community. He was honored with a reception and presented a commemorative plaque by Mayor Eric Hogue.

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Mayor Eric Hogue

Councilmember Nathan Scott

Wylie Named 18th Safest

Wylie has been named the 18th safest city in Texas among cities with a population of 10,000 or more. The 2015 list was compiled by SafeWise, a security organization, utilizing the most recent FBI crime data, 2013.

SafeWise noted that, despite having grown by almost 1,500 residents between 2012 and 2013, the number of property crime incidents in Wylie reduced by 87 reports and burglary reports by 25. There were 52 fewer reports of larceny in 2013. "Wylie deserves praise for their ability to keep property crime down, even during the influx of residents," the SafeWise website says.

SafeWise cited Wylie's community activities and initiatives designed to bring the police department and residents closer together; listed were the Wylie Youth Enrichment Program and Ride Against Crime.

Stay Safe This Summer

Summertime can be relaxing, but it's no time to relax your guard about staying safe and free from crime. The Wylie Police Department offers these suggestions about staying safe in the months ahead.

Unfortunately, criminals don't take a vacation. When heading out for a day of fun, follow these precautions.

Lock your doors and roll up the windows when you leave your car. Car thieves regularly patrol parking lots and try door handles, looking for an unlocked car they can rob. Always **store valuables in the trunk**.

While enjoying your day, **keep a close eye on your entire family ...** and everyone around you. **Look for strangers** who seem to be watching you or getting too close. They may be trying to determine if you have something they can steal.

If you're outside working in the yard, grilling or relaxing by the pool, **don't forget to close doors and lock windows**. Garage doors are especially inviting to burglars, who may steal tools and other valuables from the garage itself or use it as a way to get inside the home. Once inside, the law breaker can grab an armful of things quickly and exit, often without being noticed.

Some criminals will work together during the summer months. One will come to the door and distract the homeowner while the other sneaks into the garage, back yard or home to take whatever they can grab. **Be wary of anyone who approaches your front door**, and don't let them take up too much of your time.

Every year thousands of burglaries occur all over the United States. Teach your family how to guard themselves and their property and do what you can to ensure a safe and happy summer for everyone.

Sacrifices Honored

Mayor Eric Hogue recognized Wylie families with children serving in the armed forces by presenting Blue Star Banners at the June 9 council meeting. Mayor Hogue recognized the sacrifices being made to protect our freedoms. Honored were Denis and Christie McBride and son Andrew; Randy and Karen Gann (pictured) and son Joshua; and Brad and Roberta Lowery (pictured) and sons Jesse and Brandon.

The Blue Star Banner was designed in 1917 by World War I Army Capt. Robert L. Queisser of the 5th Ohio Infantry whose two sons served on the front line.

Thank you to all families whose sons and daughters serve.



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