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Wylie Celebrates Arbor Day with Seedling Giveaway

Wylie, TX, Oct. 29, 2014 – The City of Wylie will celebrate Arbor Day Nov. 7 by giving away 200 tree seedlings to members of the community. Those wishing to take home a tree to plant are invited to the courtyard between the Wylie Recreation Center and Smith Public Library, 300 Country Club Rd., on Nov. 7, starting at 11 am, while supplies last.

“Wylie is committed to celebrating trees and all the benefits they provide the community,” Parks Manager Shohn Rodgers told the Wylie City Council Oct. 28. “This is the second year Wylie has celebrated the day, which began in 1872 when J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees.”

Mayor Eric Hogue read a proclamation, declaring Nov. 7 to be Arbor Day in Wylie and highlighting benefits of trees, including protection from erosion of topsoil; lower heating and cooling costs; moderating temperatures; cleaning the air; producing oxygen and providing wildlife habitats. He also called trees a “renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and countless other wood products.”

The Arbor Day Foundation named Wylie a Tree City USA last year. The program identifies and celebrates cities that have developed an urban forestry program and have met requirements including having a tree preservation ordinance, a tree board, an annual Arbor Day observance, and an annual budget for tree-related expenditures of at least \$2 per citizen.