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City Holds Annual Employee Appreciation Banquet
Exceptional Employees Honored With Awards

Wylie, TX, Dec. 2, 2014 – The City of Wylie held its annual Employee Appreciation Banquet Dec. 2 at the FBC Event Center. City Manager Mindy Manson presented several awards to employees who had distinguished themselves throughout the year.

Employee of the Year went to Budget Officer Ron Arp. Manson said his co-workers describe him as “accurate, quick to respond, patient, friendly, dedicated, positive and always ready to help.” Part-Time Employee of the Year went to Meredith Murray, a guest services specialist in the recreation center. Janet Hawkes, administrative assistant in Public Services and Parks, won Customer Service Employee of the Year. Jose Arellano, Water Department Crew Leader, received the Excellence in Safety Employee of the Year award, and Orie Cross, in Utility Billing, was Newcomer of the Year.

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Ron Arp – Employee of the Year

Budget Officer Ron Arp was awarded the city’s highest honor, the Employee of the Year, by City Manager Mindy Manson. She said he is accurate, quick to respond, patient, friendly, dedicated, positive and always ready to help.

Meredith Murray – Part-Time Employee of the Year

City Manager Mindy Manson called Meredith Murray a “phenomenal problem-solver” in her job as a recreation center guest service specialist. She won the Part-Time Employee of the Year Award.

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Janet Hawkes – Customer Service Employee of the Year

Customer Service Employee of the Year went to Janet Hawkes, administrative assistant in Public Services and Parks. City Manager Mindy Manson said Hawkes provides excellent internal and external customer service through her extra efforts and polite demeanor.

Jose Arellano – Excellence in Safety Employee of the Year

City Manager Mindy Manson said Jose Arellano, Water Crew Leader, consistently promotes, demonstrates and supports safe work guidelines. He won the Excellence in Safety Employee of the Year Award.

Orie Cross – Newcomer of the Year

Orie Cross, Utility Billing Clerk, won the city's Newcomer of the Year Award. According to City Manager Mindy Manson, her co-workers said she always has a smile and has changed the energy of the department.

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About Wylie – Incorporated in 1887, the City of Wylie is located just 24 miles from downtown Dallas in Collin, Dallas and Rockwall counties. Possessing an outstanding school district, a low crime rate, an ISO #1 rating and an expanding business climate, Wylie (population 44,158) is one of the fastest-growing communities in the State of Texas with a 192% increase since 2000.