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Wylie Historical Marker Dedicated

WHAT: A Texas State Historical Marker, telling the story of Wylie's beginnings, will be dedicated in Wylie's Olde City Park, 112 Ballard Ave. near Hwy. 78, Dec. 6 at 11 am. Mayor Eric Hogue, City Manager Mindy Manson, and representatives of the Collin County Historical Commission and Wylie Historical Society will be on hand.

The marker, which will be placed in the heart of historic downtown Wylie, recognizes the City of Wylie, previously known as Nickelville. The marker will be recorded in the National Register of Historic Places for the State of Texas and will be located on the Texas Historical Commission's website – Texas Historic Sites Atlas at <http://atlas.thc.state.tx.us/>.

The marker describes Wylie's origins in the early 1850s, when pioneers settled near the East Fork of the Trinity River, taking advantage of the plentiful water supply and fertile Blackland Prairie soil, as well as land grants by the Peters Colony. It notes the opening of the first post office in 1883 and says three churches, a hotel and Nickelville School were in place by 1885, and highlights other significant events in the city's history.

The designation was pursued by Wylie Historical Society President Jon Lewis and his father, Bill Lewis, a member at large of the group.

WHEN: Saturday, Dec. 6, 2014
11 am

WHO: Mayor Eric Hogue, City Manager Mindy Manson, representatives of the Collin County Historical Commission and the Wylie Historical Society

WHERE: Olde City Park
112 Ballard Ave.
Wylie, Texas 75098

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.