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MONEY Magazine Names Wylie 25th Best Place to Live in Nation

Wylie, TX, Aug. 17, 2015 – Wylie has been named number 25 on MONEY magazine’s Best Places to Live in America list. Cities were judged on “optimal combinations of job growth, economic opportunity, affordable housing, good schools, health care, safety, ease of living and more.”

“This is exciting news for Wylie,” said Mayor Eric Hogue. “It’s wonderful to get this type of national recognition from a very prestigious organization like MONEY magazine. The country is seeing what the citizens of this community already knew – that Wylie is a great place to call home!”

MONEY editors said, “The strong community spirit is one of the many reasons Wylie has landed on MONEY’s Best Places list for the first time this year.” Other factors included events such as Bluegrass on Ballard, the Pedal Car Races and JazzArts Fest, location, opportunities to get “out and about” to hiking trails and other activities, and the new library and recreation center.

“In a sense, those amenities are a bonus in a town that is really built on solid fundamentals,” the MONEY article said. “Schools in Wylie consistently score above state and national averages on the SAT and ACT, while the crime rate’s rank is among the lowest.”

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MONEY also cited Wylie's "booming economy," with unemployment at 3.1 percent, projected job growth at "a whopping 19.1 percent, compared to the U.S.'s overall outlook of 7.4 percent," and economic development the new KCS intermodal facility is likely to bring.

City Manager Mindy Manson said the staff will continue to strive for excellence. "It is so exciting to see the City's vision of building on our heritage, celebrating our hometown character, and creating opportunities for growth be completely embodied by this honor," she said. "Being recognized at a national level is truly rewarding, and our organization is committed to continuing the work to keep Wylie great."

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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 44,938) is one of the fastest-growing communities in the state of Texas with a 197-percent increase since 2000. It was named 25 on MONEY magazine's Best Places to Live in America 2015.