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### **City to Celebrate Arbor Day with Seedling Giveaway**

**Wylie, TX, Nov. 5, 2016** – The City of Wylie will celebrate Arbor Day Nov. 6 by giving away 200 Mexican White Oak 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. 6, starting at 9 am, while supplies last.

This is the third year Wylie has celebrated Arbor Day, which began 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 at Wylie City Council Oct. 27, declaring Nov. 6 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.

The Arbor Day Foundation named Wylie a Tree City USA. 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.