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Wylie Arts Festival, Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting Dec. 3

Wylie, TX, Aug. 1, 2016 – The City of Wylie and the Public Arts Advisory Board proudly present the sixth annual Wylie Arts Festival Dec. 3, from 10 am to 5 pm, at the FBC Wylie Event Center, 200 N. Ballard Avenue. Join us in historic downtown Wylie and shop for fine art and unique, handmade crafts at more than 100 vendors, listen to the sounds of the season, and enjoy festive foods. Admission is free.

More than 100 Arts & Craft Vendors

The Wylie Arts Festival is the perfect opportunity to cross some names off your Christmas list or simply treat yourself. Shop at more than 100 vendors, handpicked by the Public Arts Board to ensure a diverse, unique selection of quality handmade fine art and craft items. From jewelry to home décor to clothing to paintings to gift items you will not find anywhere else, there is definitely something for everyone. The downtown merchants also welcome you to stop by and discover the many shops lining Ballard Avenue in downtown Wylie.

Festive Foods

Historic downtown will be filled with more than just the sights and sounds of the holidays on Dec. 3; the smell of festive food will be in the air. Choose from your favorite “fair fare” including funnel cakes, Kettle corn, turkey legs, corn dogs, Tater Twisters and sausage on a stick. Or savor the barbecue, quesadillas, tacos, beans and rice, and more. Just stop by and check out the selection.

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Festival of Lights Christmas Parade

The celebration continues at 7:30 pm with the Festival of Lights Christmas Parade on Ballard Avenue, sponsored by First Baptist Wylie and the Wylie Downtown Merchants Association.

Tree Lighting

Top off the evening in Olde City Park with the annual tree lighting, following the parade, featuring Christmas music from Wylie High School's Tempo choir and Mayor Eric Hogue's reading of "A Visit from St. Nicholas" (aka "The Night Before Christmas").

Children's Activities

Kids will enjoy a selection of inflatables, a petting zoo, and a barrel train. Other activities include face painting and caricatures. And check out our vendors' wide selection of handmade children's items.

For more details on the Wylie Arts Festival go to www.wylietexas.gov/artsfestival .

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.