



Wide Awake Wylie Ready to Rock June 30
Bluegrass on Ballard Returns to Historic Downtown

Wylie, Texas, May 14, 2018 – Wylie will be wide awake Saturday, June 30, when the City of Wylie, Wylie Downtown Merchants Association, and Bluegrass Heritage Foundation present the sixth annual Bluegrass on Ballard in historic downtown Wylie. This year’s festival promises to be bigger and better than previous years, which brought thousands of citizens and visitors from throughout the state and beyond.

The free event begins at 10 am with over 100 booths featuring art, crafts, unique items and other vendors in Olde City Park, sponsored by the City of Wylie Public Arts Board, and pony rides, from noon to 4 pm, sponsored by North Texas Equestrian Society. The 200-vehicle car show, sponsored by East Fork Masonic Lodge, goes from 4 to 9 pm. The American Legion’s Chili Cook-Off will start at 4 pm and last until 7 or until all the chili is gone. In addition to a variety of food vendors, Ballard Avenue restaurants will be open for business, along with the many shops.

Music is the star of the event. Starting at 2 pm, this year’s lineup includes world-class bluegrass bands Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Bluegrass Band, Texas & Tennessee, Po’ Ramblin’ Boys, The Herrins, Salt Creek, and Pine Island Station. The stage will once again be in shady Olde City Park, so bring a lawn chair and plan to stay all evening.

Musicians of all skill levels are invited to bring their instruments downtown and pick and jam with other musicians on the street and in shops and restaurants.

Don't forget to stop by the Carter BloodCare bus and donate blood, then vote for the Wylie Police Department or Wylie Fire Rescue as they compete for bragging rights in the Battle of the Badges. The blood drive is from 10 am to 6 pm.

Bluegrass on Ballard is the updated July Jubilee street dance, an event that celebrated its 29th anniversary last summer. For more information on Bluegrass on Ballard, visit WylieTexas.gov/Bluegrass or call 972-516-6016.

Tentative band schedule

2 pm	The Herrins
2:55 pm	Salt Creek
4 pm	Pine Island Station
4:55 pm	Texas & Tennessee (featuring Steve Huber and John R. Bowman)
6 pm	Po’ Ramblin’ Boys
7:30 pm	Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Bluegrass Band

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Activities schedule

10 am – 10 pm Restaurants, Food Court, Street Vendors
10 am – 6 pm Battle of the Badges Blood Drive
10 am – 9 pm Arts and Crafts
Noon – 4 pm Pony Rides
2 – 9:30 pm Bluegrass Bands
4 – 7 pm Chili Cook-off
4 – 9 pm Car Show

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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 48,000) is one of the fastest-growing communities in the state of Texas with a 220-percent increase since 2000. In 2017, Money Magazine named Wylie the 20th Best Place to Live in the Country, and financial website NerdWallet named Wylie the Best Small City for Young Families in August 2016. Realtor.com named Wylie the second hottest suburb in the country in February 2017.