

Bluegrass festival a hit in Wylie

Great weather and good times were found in Wylie at the annual Bluegrass on Ballard in June. Bluegrass music and lawn chairs filled the streets of historic downtown Wylie as thousands of guests enjoyed the tunes, arts and crafts, and cars.

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Library hosts children's event

The Rita and Truett Smith Public Library in Wylie invited kids from Wylie and surrounding communities to the free Summer Reading Club Kick-Off in June to inspire students to keep reading over the summer break. But the event wasn't only about reading, and kids got to let off a little end-of-the-school year steam. There was a bounce house, inflatable slide, music, face painting, Scholastic book fair, petting zoo and a visit from Clifford, the Big Red Dog.

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Annual celebration a blast in Sachse

Sachse's annual Red, White, and Blue Blast in July was a hit once again with great weather and one of the largest crowds to date. The Independence Day parade got things going, followed by the fire department's Splash Down. Families spread out their blankets on the grass and enjoyed the evening's activities, including on-stage entertainment by Metroplex United Pipes and Drums, Jonathan Fox, and the Daughter Judy Band. A hula hoop contest, pie eating contest, and Marshmallow Stuff were just a few of the activities offered at the event. There was also a special area for kids, equipped with bounce houses, a bungee jump, and Pirate's Revenge. A full-blown fireworks display was the grand finale to the patriotic celebration.