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Wylie Kids Pedaled for the Medals

Wylie, TX, May 5, 2015 – The checkered flag dropped Sunday, May 3, at the 11th annual Pedal Car 500 Race in historic downtown Wylie. Kids age 2 to 5 raced down Ballard Avenue in heats of six – for 500 inches.

In the 2- to 3-year-old category, the winners were Jackson Whitfield, first place; Dylan Walker, second place; and Claire Lindsey, third. In the 4- to 5-year-old group, Dylan Whatley won first; Bria McKeegan won second; and Bryce Hoppe came in third.

All proceeds will benefit Wylie area Special Olympics and downtown Wylie beautification. The event was presented by the Wylie Downtown Merchants Association and the City of Wylie; title sponsor was the Ballard Street Café.

Photos by Craig Kelly, City of Wylie Public Information

Cutlines:

Pedal Car 1- And they're off! Kids in the 2- to 3-year-old category put pedals to the metal in an early heat at Wylie's Pedal Car 500 Race May 3. Jackson Whitfield, second from left, won this race and took first in the finals.

Pedal Car 2 – Jackson Whitfield, Claire Lindsey and Dylan Walker pedal up Ballard Avenue in the 2- and 3-year-old final race.

Pedal Car – 3

Wylie East National Honor Society member Halie Daniel prepares to give Claire Lindsey a push in the May 3 Pedal Car Race.

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Ellie Jurden, a member of the Wylie East High School Honor Society, assists Noah Manshardt as he eyes the Wylie Pedal Car finish line.

Pedal Car – 5

Halie Daniel, a Wylie East High School National Honor Society member, gives last-minute tips to Claire Lindsey as she prepares to do battle in the Wylie Pedal Car Races May 3.

Pedal Car – 6

Members of the Wylie East High School National Honor Society hold their hands over their hearts as the national anthem is sung to kick off the May 3 Pedal Car Races in Wylie. From left are Ellie Jurden, Sarah O’Neill, Joahanna Olivas, Renae Helmberger, Kendal Dulaney and Halie Daniel.

Pedal Car – 7

Mayor Eric Hogue, left, keeps his hand over his heart as Evan Niimi, age 11, sings “The Star Spangled Banner.”

Pedal Car – 8

Stephanie Minschew, Cheryl Simmons and Cole Wells, representing the Wylie area Special Olympics, bring in the colors at the Wylie Pedal Car Races. Event proceeds benefit the Special Olympians and downtown Wylie beautification.

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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.