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Senior Center Prom Recognized by State Park, Rec Society

Wylie, Texas, Jan. 2, 2018 – The Texas Recreation and Park Society has awarded Wylie Senior Recreation an Excellence in Programming Award for the center’s Senior Prom. The award was given to Recreation Supervisor Katy Burton and her team at the TRAPS North Texas Region Conference held Nov. 3 at the University of North Texas.

This award is given to an outstanding, ongoing program that has been offered for more than two years. The prom has been offered for four years and was inspired by seniors’ comments that they had missed their actual high school proms due to war or hard times or had attended their prom and found it magical and memorable. Themes have focused on enchantment, stepping out of normal routines, glamour and fun. About 100 guests from Wylie and neighboring communities attend the prom each year.

Prom planning was especially challenging in 2016; one week prior to the scheduled date, a devastating hail storm damaged the senior recreation center, rendering it uninhabitable. The event was moved to Wylie Recreation Center and went on as planned, providing not only an enjoyable event for the seniors, but a normal activity in the midst of a difficult time.

“At Wylie Senior Recreation Center, our focus is on our great seniors, and we are always anxious to provide new opportunities for them to celebrate,” Burton said. “The Senior Prom is one of our favorite, most popular programs, and we are so pleased that it was honored by our peers.

“I am very proud of our staff members; they always go above and beyond to provide enriching, memorable experiences for Wylie’s senior citizens. We look forward to this year’s Senior Prom and all the other great activities and special events we have planned for 2018.”

The Senior Recreation Center is located at 800 Thomas St. This year’s Senior Prom will be from noon to 2 p.m. on April 20, with a “Great Gatsby” theme. For more information and to register, call 972-516-6349.

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Wylie Senior Recreation Center staff, back row from left, Amy Cortez, Angela Daniel, Lori Jaynes, Michelle Stone, Jeni Lambert, Pam Little, front row with award, Recreation Supervisor Katy Burton.