



Wide Awake Wylie Ready to Rock June 29
Bluegrass on Ballard Returns to Historic Downtown

Wylie, Texas, May 15, 2019 – Wylie will be wide awake Saturday, June 29, when the City of Wylie, Wylie Downtown Merchants Association, and Bluegrass Heritage Foundation present the seventh 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. Restaurants, food court, and street vendors also open up at 10 am, and Ballard Avenue restaurants will be open for business, along with the many shops. The 200-vehicle car show, sponsored by East Fork Masonic Lodge, goes from 4 – 9 pm, with pony rides 10 am – 9 pm and the American Legion’s Chili Cook-Off happening at a time to be determined.

Music is the star of the event. Starting at 1 pm, this year’s lineup includes world-class bluegrass bands. 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.

Bluegrass on Ballard is the updated July Jubilee street dance, an event that celebrated its 30th anniversary last summer. For more information on Bluegrass on Ballard, visit WylieTexas.gov/Bluegrass or call 972-516-6016.

Band schedule

1 pm	The Herrins
2:10 pm	Salt Creek
3:25 pm	Bobby Giles & Texas Gales
4:35 pm	Texas & Tennessee featuring Steve Huber and John R. Bowman
5:45 pm	Breaking Grass
7:20 pm	Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Bluegrass Band

Activities schedule

10 am – 9 pm	Restaurants, Food Court, Street Vendors
10 am – 9 pm	Arts and Crafts
10 am – 9 pm	Pony Rides
10 am – 5 pm	Battle of the Badges Blood Drive
1– 9 pm	Bluegrass Bands
4 – 9 pm	Car Show
Noon until chili runs out	Chili Cook-Off

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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 almost 50,000) is one of the fastest-growing communities in the state of Texas with a 220-percent increase since 2000. MONEY Magazine named Wylie the 20th Best Place to Live in the Country in 2017 and 25th in 2015. 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. SafeWise named Wylie the ninth safest city in Texas in 2017.