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2019 brings changes to annual Kolache Festival

Showcasing downtown Caldwell to thousands celebrating the Czech tasty treat

The kolache.

It's the taste of Czech tradition.

If you're unfamiliar with a kolache, you are not from Burleson County.

The Kolache Festival has been held in Burleson County every year since the late 1980s as a celebration of the town's Czech roots.

Czech immigrants brought kolaches with them when they came to Texas in the late 19th century. The pastries were a staple of the traditional Czech diet and were eaten as part of a meal or as a snack.

And, the Kolache Festival is the one day every year where everyone in Caldwell, Czech or not, indulges in the sweet treat.

This year's festival will see a few changes, including a food court and a new location for kolache vendors.

Susan Mott, Executive Director for the Burleson County Chamber, said the changes will "give the festival a fresh new look and feel and that alone will appeal to people of all ages and especially the younger generation."

But, also, Mott said the changes will be improvements in several ways.

"Over the years, there were food vendors scattered throughout the square," Mott said. "This year, we have designated the city parking lot as the food court. This will cut down on unnecessary noise on the square and will allow a place for visitors to sit and eat and enjoy the music from the pavilion (corner of Fox and Hill streets)," which Mott



KOLACHE VENDORS WILL BE at a new location during this year's Kolache Festival -- at the intersection of Echols and Fox streets. This move is one of several changes made for this year's festival.

said will now be referred to as the "Polka Pavilion."

Picnic tables will also be set up at the food court.

In previous years, kolache vendors from bakeries from around the state, armed with thousands of pastries, offering everything from traditional flavors like fresh apricot, gooey cream cheese and hand-ground poppy seed to more creative flavors liked spiced pumpkin cream cheese, tart key lime and coconut, would line the downtown square to sell individual kolaches and orders by the dozen to lines of people who seem to never end.

This year, festival organizers have decided to move those lines

to the Bake Shop located at the parking lot at the intersection of Echols and Fox streets, next to the Polka Pavilion.

Mott said the move will "allow the addition of more artist vendors on the square" and "since the Kolache Shop vendors normally sell out by 2 p.m., they can pack up and depart the festival with very little disruption."

Also, the Glamper/Vintage Trailer show has also moved to a new location -- on West Buck Street from the courthouse annex.

Mott said, "This will allow individuals to visit this attraction without leaving the downtown square."

Another move this year is locating the opening ceremonies, eating contest and the Shiner Hobo Band back to their original location -- the corner of Echols and Buck streets.

And, during the Shiner Hobo Band, new this year, will be a polka dancing contest. Organizers hope that 10-15 couples will sign up for the contest, and the winners will be determined by crowd applause. The winning couple will receive a \$25 gift card and a certificate.

To help navigate festival-goers to the locations will be new signage and a new information trailer.

Festival Chair Janice Easter said the new signage will point "everyone in the right direction to find the things we have moved."

She said that festival organizers are trying the new locations "to get a better flow" for visitors.

And, visitors will be able to get information about the festival from the new information trailer.

Mott said, "For many years the chamber always borrowed the Men's Lions Club trailer for our information booth. We really appreciated the use of the trailer, but it has seen better days."

She said some chamber members wanted to help the festival and constructed the new information trailer.

"The benefits of having a new trailer is exactly the boost the festival needs to attract more volunteers of all ages."

"We will be able to house the Kolache Festival T-shirts, fans

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September 14, 2019

Festival Map

- 1 Courthouse Square
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- 5 Antique Machinery & Tractor Show
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- 10 Czech Heritage Museum
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Celebration of Past Kings & Queens
- 9:30 a.m. **SPJST Youth Beseda Dancers**
- 10:30 a.m. **Shiner Hobo Band**
- 11:00 a.m. **Kolache Eating Contest**
- 3:30 p.m. **State Championship Kolache Bake Show Awards & Ceremony**

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- 8:30 a.m. **Entry / Arrivals**
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- 2:00 p.m. **Grand Exit**

POLKA PAVILION

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1:00 p.m. **Battle of the Bands:**
The Moravians vs. Czech & Then Some

NEW LOCATIONS! Check the map for your favorites!

NEW! Food Court near the Pavilion • Find the Kolaches adjacent to the Pavilion
Glampers can be seen on West Buck Street



KAYLEA WALKER WAS NAMED the 2018 Miss Kolache Festival. She is pictured with 2017 Miss Kolache Festival Morgan Sebesta.

Miss Kolache Festival

The tradition of a Miss Kolache Festival began in 2010 when the first-ever Miss Kolache Festival was selected.

Kaylea Walker, daughter of Jason and Denna Macik Ward of Snook and Shane Walker of College Station, currently serves as the 2018 Miss Kolache Festival.

To qualify for the title of Miss Kolache, a candidate must be single, a Burleson County resident of Czech descent and between the ages of 17-25. She must also be an active member of at least one Czech fraternal or service organization, such as the SPJST, Texas Czech Heritage Society or the Burleson County Czech Heritage Museum.

The Kolache Festival

committee chooses a girl who fulfills these qualifications.

The winner receives a minimum \$500 scholarship and she will be presented at the opening ceremony of the Kolache Festival wearing a Czech costume.

The new Miss Kolache Festival will visit event venues during the festival, including the quilt show, the car show, the antique farm equipment show and the Kolache Bake Show awards ceremony. She will also represent Caldwell at other Czech-related events throughout the year.

Past queens include: Morgan Sebesta (2017), Carlee See (2016), Deanna Hairrell (2015), Brittanie Gaas (2014), Anna Faust

(2013), Hannah Kovar (2012 and 2011) and Lindsey Jones (2010).

Mayor's Welcome:

Folks, I can't say how proud I am to be part of this city where so many can work together to make things happen.

Caldwell is a blessed city.

I have to say how proud I am of the city employees, chamber of commerce and all the multitudes of volunteers who give their time, energy and resources to produce such a festival year after year.

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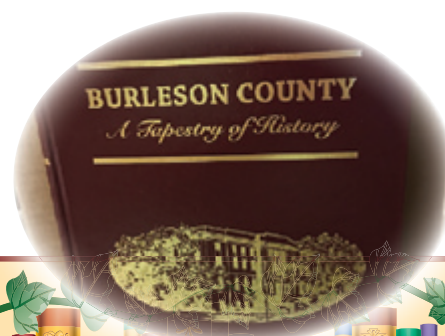
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New location this year for the Glamper/Vintage Trailer Show

There is a new location for this year's "Glamper/Vintage Trailer Show" which will be located on West Buck Street from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

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Many vendors will be at this year's Kolache Festival, selling kolaches for \$18 per dozen and \$1.50 each.

The vendors should have plenty to offer, and some vendors will sell a variety of other pastries as well.

Vendors will be located at the parking lot adjacent to the downtown pavilion, so that folks standing in line can enjoy listening to announcements and some great polka music.

So, take your family, fill up and load up on kolaches. Then, browse through the arts and crafts, food concessions, quilts and car show. Or, kick back and enjoy the music along with the friendliest people in Texas.



MANY BAKERIES AROUND THE STATE that bake kolaches sell their versions of the Czech treat at the annual Kolache Festival. This year you can pick up a dozen for \$18 or a single kolache for \$1.50.



VENDORS FROM ALL OVER the State of Texas will be in downtown Caldwell selling kolaches and other goods during this year's Kolache Festival. Kolaches will be sold for \$1.50 each or \$18 per dozen.

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New division, classes in Bake Show for 2019

The 2019 Kolache Festival's Kolache Bake Show will see some changes with the addition of a new division and two new classes.

New to the show will be the Kolache Roll Division, open to all bakers of any age, both professional and non-

professional.

A Kolache Roll must be made with kolache dough with any filling.

An entry will consist of six approximately 1-inch slices of the same filling and dough.

A baker can only have one entry in the division.

One Grand Champion and one Reserve Champion Kolache Roll will be recognized.

Other changes in the bake show include:

Also, the number of classes a baker can enter has increased to 12.

Previously, the classes were apple, apricot,

cheese, cheese combination, peach, poppy seed, prune, sausage, other fruit, other meat or other.

This year, bakers can enter apple, apricot, cheese, meat and cheese combination, other and cheese combination, peach, poppy seed, prune, sausage, other fruit, other meat or other.

Each entry in the annual bake show must consist of six average size kolaches of the same filling.

Each plate of kolaches entered should have an entry form which can be found at www.burleson-tx.tamu.edu.

One other change is that the youth division now is from ages 9 through 18 or anyone still enrolled in high school.

The art of baking ko-

laches came to Burleson County with the early immigrants from the old country, where the kolache was the original Czech wedding pastry and is still a national favorite throughout Czechoslovakia.

Area bakers and those from around the state have competed for decades in an effort to win the title of Grand Champion at the Kolache Festival in Caldwell, and the tradition continues this year for adult and youth bakers, both non-professional and professional.

The mission of the Bake Show is to celebrate kolache baking skills, regardless of the status of the bakers, whether professional, non-professional or youth.

Registration for the annual bake show will be from 7:45-10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 14, at the First United Methodist Church in Caldwell. Judging will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Grand and reserve champions and first place winners will be announced at the awards ceremony at 3:30 p.m. during the festival. Ribbons for all entries will be given to participants immediately after the awards ceremony.

All Burleson County non-professional adult bakers may enter in the Burleson County or the state division, but they may enter in only one division in any given year.

Professional bakers are those who have owned or have been

employed by a bakery and-or those who have received more than \$1,000 in gross sales from the sale of baked goods from their home or any other means.

Once a baker enters the show as professional, he or she will always be considered a professional for the contest.

All other bakers are non-professional.

All grand champion winners in 2018 are not eligible to compete in 2019, but are invited to judge in the 2019 Kolache Bake Show. However, the 2018 winners may compete in 2020.

Trophies and cash prizes will be given in the following divisions:

* Kolache Roll -- Grand Champion, \$300; and Reserve Champion, \$100.

* Champion -- Grand Champion, \$300; and Reserve Champion, \$100.

* Professionals -- Professional Grand Champion, \$300; and Professional Reserve Champion, \$100.

* Adult Non-Professionals -- State Grand Champion, \$300; State Reserve Champion, \$100; Burleson County Grand Champion, \$300; and Burleson County Reserve Champion, \$100.

* Youth Non-Professionals -- Grand Champion, \$300; Youth Reserve Champion, \$100.

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and offer a place for our vendors to fill out much needed information for future events and just take a load off during the festival," Mott said.

She said the new trailer will also be used at other chamber events.

And, there are even changes to the Kolache Baking Contest -- the event that started the festival.

Since the early days of the Kolache Festival, there has been a bake-off to honor top-notch kolaches made by both professional and amateur bakers locally and from around the state.

The 2019 Kolache Festival's Kolache Bake Show will see some changes with the addition the Kolache Roll Division and two new classes -- meat and cheese combination, other and cheese combination.

Also, the youth division now is from ages 9 through 18 or anyone still enrolled in high school.

And, as another new attraction, those attending may purchase a platter of the winning kolaches from the baking contest.

One of each of the blue ribbon winners from each category will be placed on a large platter and auctioned during the announcement of the bake show winners.

Easter said, "In other words, you get the best of the best."



NEW SIGNS WILL BE PLACED around the square in downtown Caldwell during the Kolache Festival. Stop signs around the square will come down Friday evening, and these signs will be attached to the stop sign poles to designate the location of festival events.

Mott said she wants festival-goers "to realize that the changes implemented are a step in the right direction."

"This is the best opportunity we have to show off our downtown. The changes will give everyone a glimpse of the things we are willing to do to make our downtown shine," she said.

Mott said that festival organizers are hopeful that the changes "will allow the festival to grow and to keep visitors returning

each year."

So, though there are many changes to this year's Kolache Festival, the star of the show remains the same -- the kolache.

Lydia Faust with the

Kolache Festival Bake Show summed up the importance of the kolache.

She said, "There cannot be a Kolache Festival without the kolache."

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Tim Kulhanek-Donnie Vavra & Friends play pre-festival party on Sept. 13

A pre-festival party and dance will usher in the 35th annual Kolache Festival, with activities on Friday, Sept. 13, at the Burleson County Expo Center on State Highway 36 South.

A dinner of sausage, sauerkraut, Czech potatoes, green beans and

tea will be served from 5:30-7 p.m. with a silent auction from 5:30 -7:30 p.m.

Tim Kulhanek-Donnie Vavra & Friends will provide live polka music for the dance from 6-10 p.m.

Pre-sale meal tickets are \$10 per plate and are available at Citi-

zens State Bank.

The public is invited to the party to help support the sponsoring Burleson County Czech Heritage Museum.

The museum, located at the corner of Fawn and Shaw streets, will be open for tours during the festival.

Arts and crafts show offers gifts galore

Wonder what to get as a festival souvenir, gift or even for early holiday shopping?

The Kolache Festival's arts and crafts show has some answers.

Dozens of vendors set up around the courthouse square and surrounding streets from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., enticing visitors with their merchandise.

Ceramics and pottery, fused glass, garden art, hand-painted gourds, magnetic art, metal art, paintings, photography, wire art, woodworking

and wrought iron are only some of the items available.

Others include candles, clocks, floral arrangements, furniture, lamps, quilts, wind chimes, hair clips, hats, jewelry, ladies clothing, purses, soaps, baby items, dolls and pet products.

Antique dealers will also be out at this year's festival.

And, there are tempting treats besides kolaches, which include jams, jellies, pies and even cookies.

If you have an interest

in selling something, the arts and crafts booths may be rented by contacting the Burleson County Chamber of Commerce at (979) 567-0000 or by going online to the Kolache Festival section at www.Burlesoncountytx.com.



JEWELRY IS JUST ONE good which will be sold at this year's Kolache Festival. Many vendors will be lined up along the streets in downtown Caldwell selling art, floral arrangements, furniture and more.



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VARIOUS FOOD VENDORS will be available during this year's Kolache Festival, offering up burgers, sausage, popcorn, corn on the cob, snow cones and fried food, ranging from fried pickles to fried Oreos.

Many food vendors at Festival

The usual favorites, such as Asian, Cajun and barbecue, will be back as will hamburgers, sausage, turkey legs, corn on the cob, kettle corn and snow cones.

Also new this year, a few wineries will add a special twist on this year's festival.

Most of these foods will be sold in the food court near the pavilion.

Ice cold sodas will also be sold around the square.

So, visitors can enjoy many tasty treats, including the traditional baked good delicacy that is the Czech style kolache -- all while

shopping through arts and crafts booths or sitting down at a picnic table to relax and listen to the bands.

2019 Kolache Festival **BATTLE OF THE BANDS**

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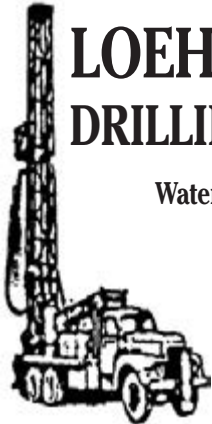
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SPJST Beseda Dancers to perform at festival

The New Tabor and Snook SPJST Youth Beseda Dancers will take the Kolache Festival's Downtown Stage on Echols Street at 9:30 a.m., continuing a tradition of always performing the Ceska Beseda Dance at the festival's opening ceremony.

The SPJST youth, part of the fraternal benefit organization founded by Czech immigrants over 100 years ago, keeps the heritage alive by performing the Ceska Beseda Dance.

The dance is a com-

posite of the many dance steps popular in the provinces and regions of what is now the Czech Republic.

When the people came together for a "beseda," a visit or social gathering, they would each perform the dance that represented their province. There are seven distinctive Beseda dances, one for each of the Czech provinces. The combination of the seven folk dances became known as the Beseda Dance.

The Ceska Beseda features a heel-and-toe polka or double polka.

The polka and waltz steps are the most frequently used steps in the Beseda Dance, which is danced by four couples, in Czech costumes, forming a circle.

Dance members range from 6-18 years of age, and most are second-generation Kolache Festival Beseda performers.

New Tabor Lodge No. 17

The dancers from New Tabor include: Luke Johnson, Andrea Story, Easton Lopez, Abby Lopez, Brylee Chmelar, Bailen Kocurek, Lila Supak, Jaycee Parker,

Cobey McCuller, Rylie Lloyd, Carson Parker, Emma Loehr, Maylee Dowell, Tabor Dowell, Ashlyn Kellum and Macy Narro.

Snook Lodge No. 9

The dancers from Snook include: J. Beaux Hruska, Jade Lauderdale, McKenzie Sebesta, Kennedi Withem, Brett Withem, Shane Kienow, Kimber Sebesta, Dakota Kienow, Joshua Green, Caleb See, Colby See, William See, Riley Green, Kyleigh Hruska, Tatiana Bates and Kamree Walker.



YOUTH BESEDA DANCERS with the Snook SPJST entertain the crowd with their dancing skills. They will perform with the youth dancers from New Tabor at this year's festival.

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SNOOK SPJST LODGE NO. 9 Youth Beseda Dancers include, from left, J. Beaux Hruska, Jade Lauderdale, McKenzie Sebesta, Kennedy Withem, Brett Withem, Shane Kienow, Kimber Sebesta and Dakota Kienow.



SNOOK SPJST LODGE NO. 9 Youth Beseda Dancers include from left, front, Joshua Green, Caleb See, Colby See, William See, back, Riley Green, Kyleigh Hruska, Tatiana Tate, and Kamree Walker.



NEW TABOR SPJST LODGE NO. 17 Youth Beseda Dancers include, from left, front, Cobey McCuller, Rylie Lloyd, Carson Parker, back, Emma Loehr, Maylee Dowell, Tabor Dowell, Ashlyn Kellum and Macy Narro.



NEW TABOR SPJST LODGE NO. 17 Youth Beseda Dancers include, from left, front, Luke Johnson, Andrea Story, Easton Lopez, back, Abby Lopez, Brylee Chmelar, Bailen Kocurek, Lila Supak and Jaycee Parker.

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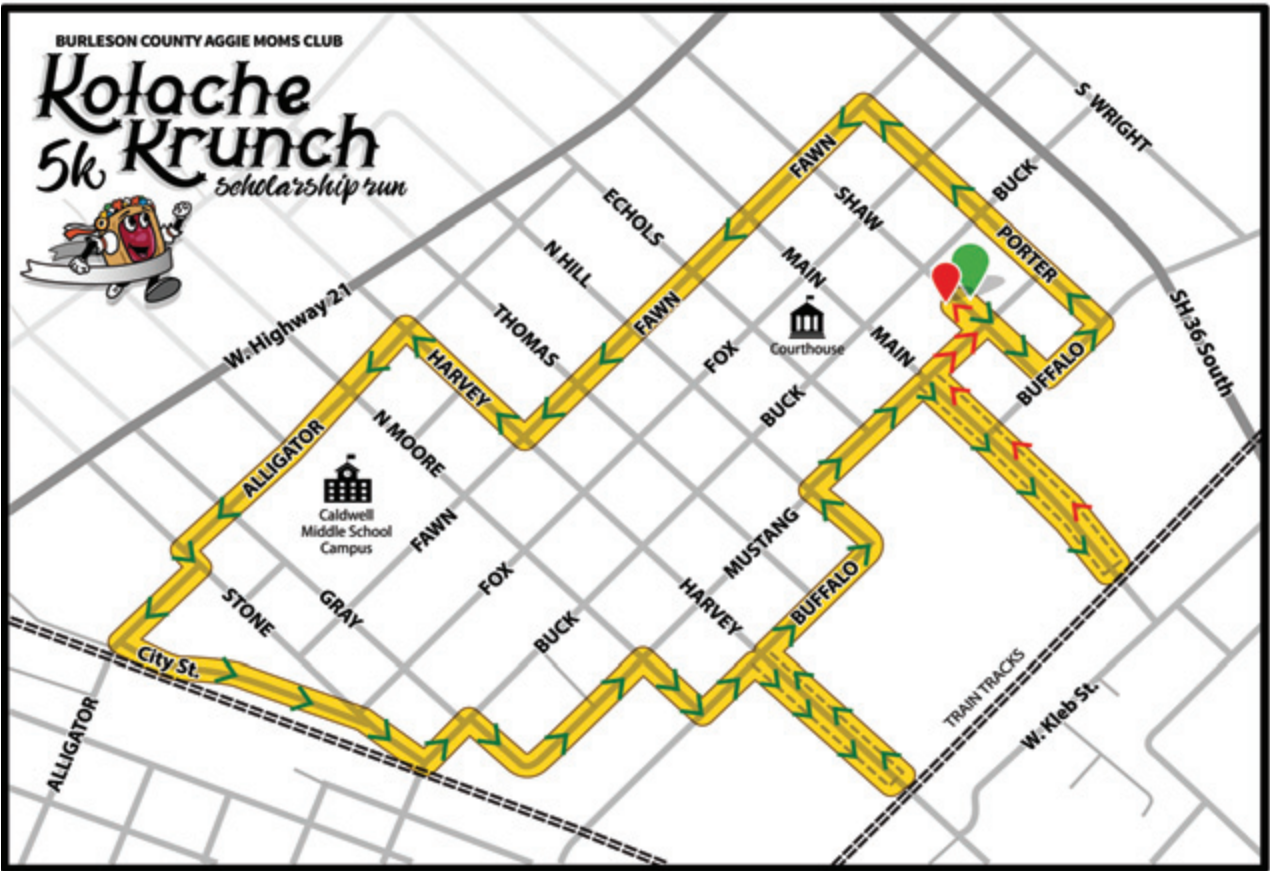
The Burleson County Aggie Moms' Club will host the second annual Kolache Krunch 5K during this year's Kolache Festival on Sept. 14. The organizers hope the event will bring new people to the festival while serving as the club's annual fundraiser for local scholarships to Texas A&M University. The year's chip-timed race takes place in downtown Caldwell, right in the heart of the festivities. Race participants will be only steps away from the rest of the many activities to enjoy as part of



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the Kolache Festival. The event start and finish line, as well as the after run party, will be at 200 East Buck Street. Start time for the race is 7 a.m., with registration at 6 a.m. The after party begins at 7:50 a.m. with the awards given at 9:30 a.m. Trophies will be given to the overall male and female winners. Medals will be given to the first, second and third place males and females in the several age divisions:

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THE BURLESON COUNTY AGGIE Moms will hold this year's Kolache Krunch 5K run in downtown Caldwell on the day of the Kolache Festival. Pictured are members, Amy Jurica Hinnant, Cindy Maresh, Donna Hitchcock, Marsha McCuller, Melinda Scott and Beverly Lilie.

5K

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topography will provide professional photography and complimentary online access for race participants -- so everyone can have a souvenir of their race day.

Participants will also be able to attend the exclusive after party for racers and sponsors in the Kolache Festival's Hospitality Tent. During the after party, the race awards will be presented and Edward Kopecky and the Fun Time Czech Band will be the featured entertainment. Guests will also be able to enjoy kolaches, beer, snacks and beverages by area sponsors.

Register online at www.runsignup.com/

Race/TX/Caldwell/KolacheKrunch5K, and the fee is \$35 before race day, or \$40 on race day.

The Aggie Moms are still needing volunteers for race day. Contact Amy Jurica Hinnant at aggieamy@tamu.edu to volunteer.

Burleson County Aggie Moms' Club is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Any donations are tax-deductible. All event proceeds will go directly to scholarships benefiting incoming and continuing college students.



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The bygone technique of old-time Kolache Festival in Caldwell. The bobbins lace making Kraitchar House, at the corner of Buck and Porter streets will be demonstrated from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. during the

stration.

In addition, Gabe Matcek will be sharing his music on the front porch. His special talent is one you won't want to miss.

Kraitchar House

The Kraitchar House, an example of a Victorian cottage-style residence, was built in 1891 for area merchant, Burleson County tax assessor and Caldwell city alderman Thomas Kraitchar Jr. It remained in the family until 1982, and the Burleson County Historical Society has restored it and conducts tours by special appointment during the year.

The cypress-constructed home features a five-bay symmetrical facade with a general gable. Outside, a brick pathway honors current and former area residents, organizations, communities, public officials, businesses and friends of the society. Funds from the brick program are used for upkeep on the house and information is available at the house for anyone interested in placing a brick on the path. The cost is \$50 per brick.

The Burleson County Historical Society has completed extensive restoration of the exterior of the Kraitchar House, including foundation work, window and shutter repair

and painting during the past year. The HVAC system was also replaced to provide more efficient temperature and humidity control and additional insulation was installed.

Check out the back room of the house for a special children's room display.

Also, the Society's most recent history book -- Burleson County--A Tapestry of History, is available for purchase at the Kraitchar House during the festival for the fall "Promoting History Through Books" sale price of two books for \$50. Other county historical books are also on sale.

The society welcomes you into the home of this early Czech businessman



and civic leader during the Kolache Festival from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Car show rolls on after 18 years

The Street Rod and Classic Car Show enters its 18th year of excitement at the annual Kolache Festival in Caldwell.

Located at Davidson Creek Park, one block east of State Highway 36 South and Buck Street the show is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m..

Registration is \$30 per vehicle, and entry forms are posted at www.burlesoncountytexas.com. Pre-registered participants will receive a free T-shirt while supplies last and will be eligible for door prizes awarded throughout the day.

Awards, presented at 1:30 p.m. will be given to the Top Three Cars and Top Three Trucks along with four Special Show awards which include Burleson County Sheriff's Award, Bernard Rychlik Award, Caldwell Mayor Award, The People's Choice Award, which is the award that will have the Winning Vehicle on the next year's T-shirt.

At 2 p.m., spectators may view the car show's grand exit at the park's entrance and

along Wright Street.

Last year's People's Choice Award was presented to Lee Urbanosky of Snook's 1969 Chevy C10 Truck, which is featured on this year's T-shirts, available for purchase before or during the Car Show for \$20, along with last year's Car Show T-shirt for \$10 each.

Other awards included:

- * Burleson County Sheriff's Award: Frank Monroe, Caldwell, 1972 Chevrolet Chevelle.

- * Bernard Rychlik Memorial-Mayor Award: Darryl Gayhar, Rockdale, 1962 Chevrolet C10 Pickup.

- * Top Car: Christie Havemann, Caldwell, first, 1957 Chevrolet Bel-Air; Rodney Havemann, Caldwell, second 1955 Chevrolet ZZ; Steve Kyles, Bryan, third, 1955 Chevrolet Bel-Air; Robert Curn, Bryan, fourth, 1969 Plymouth Road Runner.

- * Top Truck: James Moran, Anderson, second, 1951 Chevrolet Pickup; Jamie Jennings, Caldwell, third, 1965 Chevy C10 Pick-

up, Jackie Hanson, Cat Spring, fourth, 1969 Chevrolet C10 Pickup.

Admission is free to the general public, and a free shuttle will run between the festival on the square and Davidson Creek Park. Bus pick up and drop off will be at the Kraitchar House Museum and the entrance of Davidson Creek Park, running

every 20-30 minutes.

Old Time Rock and Roll music will play during the show, hosted by Jamie Jennings, owner of Burleson County Detail, and Shelly Spivey, owner of Daisy Dukes BBQ, will be onsite.

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Creative Memories Quilt Guild Show Friday, Saturday

Civic Center to host 33rd annual show

The Creative Memories Quilt Guild invites you to attend the 33rd Annual Quilt Show. This event is held on the same weekend as the Annual Kolache Festival, so it is a great

opportunity to see the wonderful quilts and crafts of the guild at the Caldwell Civic Center.

The show will be held Friday, Sept. 13, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 14 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

This year, there will be over 110 quilts entered in the show.

Categories for the entries will be Large Quilts (78 inches wide and above), Small Quilts (62 inches to 77 inches wide), Lap Quilts (less than 62 inches wide), Miscellaneous and a Wall Hanging Category.

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CREATIVE MEMORIES QUILT GUILD will be raffling off this quilt during the Kolache Festival. Guild member Peachie Burlin did the custom quilting. Members, Nancy Coleman, Lynn Love, Diane Gilbert, Gayle Whited and Barbara Behler also worked on the quilt. Tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for six.

The judging of the quilts is done by attendees, and everyone who attends the quilt show is encouraged to vote for their favorites in each category.

Additionally, there will be a "Challenge Category" that will include quilts no larger than 18 inches x 18 inches. This a Challenge Category because the guild wants members to make something special and a little out of their normal comfort zone for creating quilts. The quilter of each item is kept a mystery, so there is always excitement at the

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QUILT

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end of the show to see which quilter submitted which entry.

This year's show is organized by Barbara Behler who has been working since last year's show to make it an enjoyable, well run event. Unlike other area Quilt Shows, the Creative Memories Quilt Show is free to attend. Various demonstrations will be conducted during the quilt show on both Friday and Saturday. Demonstrations will include Quilt Binding, Embroidery, Paper Piecing, GO! Fabric Cutter Machine and others.

Guild Member, Diane Gilbert is the organizer of the Country Store and promises to have a huge selection of fabric, crafts, pattern books and quilted items for sale this year. She and her committee have been making a variety of items including baby quilts, larger lap size quilts, kitchen items, sewing notions and more.

There will also be a special area, called Coffee Can Choice. This gives everyone an opportunity to buy \$1 tickets for a chance to win various items. Six tickets can be purchased for \$5. This year we will have a Quilted Astros Throw, donated by Diane Gilbert, a beautiful Aggie T-shirt quilt, donated by Twana Benner, and various other items.

In addition to our Country Store and Coffee Can Choice, we will be selling tickets at the door for a large quilt. Tickets are \$1 each or six tickets for \$5. The size of the quilt is 92 inches x 116 inches. It is a beautiful quilt of greens, blues, aquas and orange colors. The quilt was pieced by the following guild members Nancy Coleman, Lynn Love, Diane Gilbert, Gayle Whited and Barbara Behler and the custom quilting was done by guild member Peachie Burlin.

As mentioned, there is no entry fee for the quilt show. Funds

raised during the show helps finance the guild's programs and presentations throughout the year. For a fairly small town or area, the guild is very active and has wonderful new members joining regularly. Members from Caldwell, Lyons, Somerville, Rockdale, Burton, Bryan, Magnolia, Brenham, Thorndale, Chriesman, Dime Box and Milano.

Each year, the guild takes on quite a number of service projects that help the local communities. This year, the guild will have three separate food collections for the Christians Care Food Pantry. Also, the guild collected over 100 lap size quilts for Hospice of Brazos Valley, and a quilt will soon be donated to the Cooks Point Volunteer Fire Department for their raffle.

As in any hobby, there are always new and exciting opportunities to learn new skills or buy new tools for our trade. The guild tries to bring in well



CREATIVE MEMORIES QUILT GUILD members display some of the work which will be featured in the Country Store. Pictured, from left, are Peggy Acebo, Judy Bishop, Rosie Harris, Doris Blackmon, Maggie McGuire and Diane Gilbert, Country Store Chair.

known quilters from all over Texas to teach new skills or show new techniques. Various types of quilting can include Hand or Fused Applique, English Paper Piecing, Hand Piecing and Quilting, Domestic Sewing Machine Quilting as well as Mid or Long Arm Quilting, Foundation Piecing and so many more. There is modern as well as traditional piecing and quilting.

The local guild has a wide variety of quilters who cover the entire gamut of types of quilting.

The guild invites everyone to come to their Quilt Show and promises that you will see a wide variety of beautiful quilts. You will also have an opportunity to vote for your favorite quilt in each of the categories noted above.

Winning quilts will be awarded ribbons before

4 p.m. on Saturday. Then, the guild will draw for the large quilt and the Coffee Can Chance winners.

The Caldwell Civic Center is located at 103 Presidential Corridor West (State Highway 21) in Caldwell.

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Czech music, from classical to folk, has a magic attraction. It binds families and children, with their longings and dreams. And for the older people, it reminds them of their youth.

Music to the Czech was an elixir to help overcome the difficulties encountered in day-to-day living, and for those early settlers in America who were starting a new life.

Dancing would go with the music, allowing the Czechs to vent a little steam after a day's or week's hard work.

Music has always been an integral part of the Czech culture, and Czech music has been a significant influence in many parts of the world. It continues to thrive as dem-

onstrated by many of the "Czech Fests" that are held every year throughout Texas and the United States.

More lively Czech music includes marches, polkas and waltzes. Czech songwriter Jaromir Vejvoda wrote "Skoda Lasky," which is familiar as "The Beer Barrel Polka." The song was popular with American soldiers in Europe during World War II.

The polka originated in Czechoslovakia in the 1830s and may have been invented by a Czech servant girl. And there is a claim that the word "polka" is derived from "pulka," which means "half" and it would make sense since there is a half-step in this dance.

Early Czech Composers

Czechoslovakia (now the Czech and Slovak republics) is a small country in Central Europe, but historically, it has

produced several world famous composers including Bedrich Smetana and Antonin Dvorak.

Smetana was born in Litomyšl in 1824. His most famous opera, "The Bartered Bride," is played in opera houses throughout the world. Dvorak was born in Nelahozeves, north of Prague, in 1841. He was a violinist and performed at the Czech National Opera in Prague under Smetana. Later, Dvorak came to America, and from 1892 to 1895, he was director of the National Conservatory of Music. During that time, he composed "Symphony No. 9 From The New World."

Other Czech composers include Frantisek Kmoch (1848-1912), who is the father of the Czech marches, many of which are used in Sokol festivities; Zdenek Fibich (1850-1900); Josef Suk (1874-1935); and Leos Janacek

(1854-1928).

Czech Music in Texas

Czech is the third most-spoken language in the state and music has played a key role in the Czech culture in Texas.

Since the 1850s, many early Czech settlers were good musicians, and families formed bands that provided entertainment for weddings, church picnics and town festivals.

In the early days, the true Czech polka band had an instrument called a cymbal or dulcimer, which features about 120 taut strings that are struck xylophone-style with small hammers. This instrument is currently widely used by bands in the Czech Republic.

Early Czech Bands

Frank Baca of Fayetteville founded one of the early Czech bands in Texas. They were an all-brass band, and after Frank's death in 1907,

John R. Baca became the bandleader. Their style of music included marches, polkas and waltzes. The members were all well known and made many recordings. Descendants of this band are still playing today.

Another band that originated almost 150 years ago was the Kreněk Orchestra, founded in Pisek, near Fayetteville. In later years, this band was known as the Ray Kreněk Band. They played polkas and waltzes.

The Patek Family Band dates back to 1895 when Joe Patek's father, John, arrived from Czechoslovakia. John was already an accomplished musician and upon his arrival, he organized the Patek Orchestra. His sons played in the band, and today, Shiner, Texas, is still known for two things – Shiner Beer and Joe Patek's Orchestra.

Some of the other early

popular bands in Texas were the Leo Majek Orchestra, Adolph Hoffner, Benny Brosh, Leroy Matocha and the Vrazels. Most all of these bands play polkas and waltzes, but depending on the type of dance crowd, country and western is also played.

2nd Generation Bands

The next generation of Texas Czech musicians includes bands such as The Red Ravens, The Donnie Wavra Orchestra, The Czechaholics, The Dujka Brothers, Jodie Mikula, Chris Rybak, Czech & Then Some, The Ennis Czech Boys, Central Texas Sounds, Mark Halata and Texavia, The Lazy Farmers and newer bands, such as The Moravians.

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Eating contest a traditional hit at Kolache Festival

Whoever can finish eating all the required number of kolaches will be declared winner of their division in the annual Kolache Eating Contest at the Kolache Festival in Caldwell.

The competition is timed and "Czeched" by officials of the event. Men must eat six kolaches each; women, four; and the youth contestants (boys and girls 12 and under), three.

There is also a team division.

There is no registration fee, and the contest will start promptly at

11 a.m. On-site registration on Saturday will begin at 9 a.m. at the corner of Echols and Buck streets.

Cash prizes and caps will be given in the men's, women's and youth's individual categories, and to the championship team of three men or women.

Last year's winners included:

* Men's Division -- Brendan Webb, first; Jim Polasek, second; Kenneth White, third; six kolaches.

* Women's Division -- Nagar Yaryan, first;

Kimberly Williams, second; Kadie Hartman, third; four kolaches.

* Girls Division -- Sarah Boniol, first; only competitor to finish three kolaches.

* Boy's Champion -- Luke Bells, first; Carter Wilson, second; Landry Kuykendall, third; three kolaches.

* Team Division -- Aggies (Ethan Morse, Joseph Yarosz and Patrick Schroeder), first; The Three Muskolaches (Mary Katherine Hart, Brittany Fucik and Corbin Heinchan), second; Freshman 15 (Chris Bradberry, Jacob Cuccin and Juan Requena), third; 18 kolaches.



SARAH BONIOL IS A FOUR-TIME winner and reigning champion in the girls division in the Kolache Eating Contest. The contest is held every year during the Kolache Festival in downtown Caldwell.




THE KOLACHE EATING CONTEST is one of the favorite events during the festival. This year's contest will be at 11 a.m.

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Also, a diaper changing area will be provided on the ground floor of the courthouse, where a member of the courthouse staff will work all day serving as an overseer of this area.

And, the courthouse restroom facilities will be open.

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KAYLEA WALKER, 2018 Kolache Queen, addresses the crowd at last year's festival.



THE KOLACHE EATING CONTEST is one of the Kolache Festival's most popular events. This year's eating contest will be at 11 a.m. at the Downtown Stage on Echols Street.



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RUNNERS FROM LAST YEAR'S KOLACHE Krunch 5K enjoy kolaches and other snacks during the Kolache Krunch's "after party." The county's Aggie Moms will once again host the race and party during this year's Kolache Festival with proceeds going towards scholarships.

Czech Heritage Museum open during Kolache Festival

The Burleson County Czech Heritage Museum will be open Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., during the Kolache Festival.

The museum is located at 200 East Fawn

Street.

The Burleson County Czech Heritage Museum also sponsors the annual pre-Kolache Festival party the night before the festival at the Burleson

County Expo Center.

The meal will consist of Slovacek sausage, sauerkraut and fixing.


This year, the event's headliner will be Tim Kulhanek-Donnie Vavra & Friends (See

related story in this special section.)

For more information, visit www.Burleson-CzechMuseum.webs.com or the museum's Facebook page.



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Moravians to play 'Battle of the Bands'

The Moravians Polka Band will be entertaining Kolache Festival goers during a "Battle of the Bands" at the pavilion on the corner of Fox and Echols streets.

The event will feature the Moravians and Czech and Then Some.

The band was founded in the spring of 2009 by seven high school students. The band began with a slow start, but after winning a high school talent show, the band took off.

In the years since, the

band has toured across the country with Mollie B, played on the beach in South Padre Island and has performed in numerous local festivals including The Ennis Czech Music Festival, the Caldwell Kolache Festival, The South Texas Polka & Sausage Fest, National Polka Festival and various other events.

Current members include: Matthew Matous, accordion, trumpet, saxophone, vocals; Chris Trojacek, accor-

dion, guitar, trumpet, saxophone, vocals; Adam Rejcek, drums, vocals; Josh Goodwin, tuba, bass; Zachary Matous, keyboard, bass; Phillip Cryer, saxophone, guitar, vocals; and Tyler Prasifka, trumpet, vocals.

The band enjoys taking trips to play in new places and looks forward to spreading the joy of polka music for many years to come.

The Battle of the Bands begins at 1 p.m.

Czech and Then Some to play 'Battle of the Bands'

Czech and Then Some will be performing at this year's Kolache Festival during a "Battle of the Bands" at the pavilion on the corner of Fox and Echols streets, along with the Moravians.

The band formed in January 1997, with the majority of the band's members being of Czech descent, so they enjoy keeping their Czech heritage alive.

The band plays a variety of music consisting of polkas, waltzes, country music and fun dances.

The band has performed on RFD-TV for the Big Joe Polka Show and the Mollie B Polka Party and other events such as the National Polka Festival in Ennis,

Westfest, Six Flags Over Texas, Kolache Christmas, Oktoberfest in Fredericksburg, Wursthfest in New Braunfels and the Sausage Festival in Hallettsville.

In 2012, the band performed at The John F. Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., and was chosen by the Czech Embassy to perform and represent the Czechs of the United States at the celebration of The Music of Budapest, Prague and Vienna.

On May 14, 2016, the band made another trip to Washington, D.C., to play at the Czech Embassy for their EU Open House.

Current members include: Josh Zapletal,

trumpet, guitar; Zeke Martinez, drums, guitar, vocals; John Schumacher, bass, vocals; Jennifer Slovak, saxophone, clarinet, guitar, percussion; Michelle Slovak, saxophone, clarinet, keyboard; David Czarnek, saxophone, clarinet, guitar; David Slovak, accordion (piano and button), piano, guitar, bass, drums, vocals; Danny Zapletal, trumpet, keyboard, vocals.

The band has numerous years of experience playing polka music and has recorded eight CDs with the latest record being "Play Old Time Polkas and Waltzes."

The Battle of the Bands will begin at 1 p.m.



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Shiner band entertains crowds playing Czech, German music

The Shiner Hobo Band enjoys what they do, and the audiences love it.

The band is made up of 25-40 musicians and comedians, destined to entertain.

This year, the band is scheduled to play at the Downtown Stage on Echols Street beginning at 10:30 a.m.

The comedy routines the group performs leaves its audience laughing sometimes for months after the performance. They play saxophone, accordions, trumpets, tubas, trombones, guitars, harmonicas, drums and a broom and washboard!

Most of its members are professional people who travel by bus, performing to relax and make their audience happy.

The original Hobo Band was organized by a group of Shiner musicians after World War I. During the war years, most dance and family bands were disbanded due to the men entering the service. But after the war ended, the young GIs and veterans returned home

anxious to get back to old-time music.

Early Hobo Band musicians provided entertainment at picnics, wedding dances and civic affairs. They dressed in mismatched clothes with patches sewn on them. They were a happy-go-lucky group who enjoyed Czech and German music. The Spoetzl Brewery became their sponsor.

The Shiner Hobo Band gained fame in 1936, under the direction of Emmett Busch, who used a toilet plunger as his baton.

The Hobos marched and played in Shiner and surrounding towns, displaying a Hobo banner. They entertained crowds everywhere they went. Mr. Spoetzl would accompany the band during local parades and went from saloons to bars treating everyone to Shiner beer.

The tradition continued into the 1950s, when Curt Messer directed the Hobos in the same tradition of music, hospitality and refreshments. Due to Messer's failing

health, the band slowly disbanded.

In April 1986, Speedy Beal and Jules Silvers, new part owners of the Spoetzl Brewery, decided to meet with Joe Panus and Glenn Leist to reorganize the Hobo Band to entertain at Texas Sesquicentennial celebrations.

Panus and Leist contacted several musicians and held a short organizational meeting at the American Legion Hall in Shiner. Approximately 12-15 musicians were present, and they voted to have Panus as the director, who would wield the famous toilet plunger.

There were two short practice sessions at the Kasper Pavilion -- a comment was made that practice was not needed because almost all members were seasoned musicians, with a few exceptions -- Leist, who decided to pretend to play a replica of a base fiddle, tell jokes and agitate the director. The group was noted for not listening to instructions given by



THE SHINER HOBO BAND is a music staple at the annual Kolache Festival. The group will begin entertaining festival goers at 10:30 a.m. on the Downtown Stage on Echols street.

Panus.

The band played first at the Trinity Lutheran Home in Shiner and were an instant hit. They were immediately booked for Shiner Catholic Church picnics on Memorial Day and Labor Day and the "Come and Take It" festival in Gonzales.

Eventually, the Hobos had 30 active members, with approximately 25 making each function.

Members came from Shiner, Kokernot Hill, Port Lavaca, Victoria, Yoakum, Wied, Houston, Cuero, Schulenburg and

Weimar, to name a few. Their theme song became "The Shiner Song," and Spoetzl Brewery continued to provide refreshments.

After a few short years, Panus and Leist decided to purchase an old school bus to use for transporting musicians to out-of-town functions. The bus was painted white, and sign painter George Kalisk of Moulton painted instruments and "Shiner Hobo Band" all over the bus. Speakers were mounted on the top, and Hobo tapes were played

as the band drove to their engagements. A new bus was purchased in 1999.

The band played continuously until the death of Panus on June 30, 1996, but they continue to entertain -- without a director. Various members serve as master of jokes and pick the next tune to be played.

One classic feature of the Hobos is playing each polka and waltz from memory, with some tunes played from beginning to end as it was originally written.

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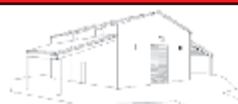


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