



# Prague Kolache Festival

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Prague, Oklahoma

**PRESS RELEASE**



## Kolache Festival Dodges Spring Storms

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Weather for the Kolache Festival cooperated much better than last year, resulting in a near record attendance of close to 30,000 people. The low temperature on Saturday, May 5, was 71 degrees with a high of 79°; however, the humidity was high, in the 90% range. There were just a few sprinkles right before the parade and a brief shower at 5:30 p.m.

Prague had a downpour the first night of the carnival, Thursday, May 3, starting around 5:30 p.m. Combined rain for Wednesday and Thursday was just over 2 inches.

Friday night was perfect for the carnival, as a result there were many kids attending with an average wait in line of about 15-20 minutes.

With the ground already saturated, it made walking difficult in the park for the arts and crafts show at the festival.

The severe weather moved in the day after the festival. Tornado sirens were sounded in Prague around 9:30 p.m. Sunday after a funnel was spotted north of Seminole and tracked through Little, heading on north to go a little east of Prague. The only reported damage in the Prague area occurred at the home of Larry and Olla Jean Carpenter, two miles east of Hwy. 99 at Keokuk Falls. The funnel was not on the ground, but had a lowering which stripped the shingles off their house, uprooted six 70-80-foot elm trees, and blew away dog houses. A brief heavy rain occurred with the storm, bringing .6 of an inch to Prague.

The rain continued Monday and Tuesday, resulting in flood warnings for the central part of the state. Prague received 2-1/2 inches on Monday and .91 of an inch Tuesday morning.

Prague has received almost 6 inches of rain in a 7-day period.