

Prague Kolache Festival Set For Saturday, May 5

The 48th annual Prague Kolache Festival is set for Saturday, May 5, 2007. Everyone is invited to come celebrate the community's 105th birthday and its Czech heritage during a day-full of family activities, which begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 10:30 p.m.

Be sure to make it to town by 11:00 a.m. for the parade, which features the theme "Celebrating 100 Years of Statehood." The festival has been designated an Oklahoma Centennial Event, and the Centennial Calliope will be in the parade with its melodious music to ring in the Centennial Year of Statehood.

Among the events are an arts and crafts show, homemade wine, kolaches and bread contest at 9:30 a.m. at park pavilion #1, a wine and gourmet food tent, beer garden, Judy Howard's OK Centennial Quilt Exhibit at Parks Funeral Home covered garage, 5-D Open Barrel Racing at 5 p.m., carnival, rock climbing wall, pony rides, and Civil War re-enactors.

There will be various entertainment all day at the main grandstand located on Main Street by the city park. A Gospel Music Stage is located next to the Sonic.

Czech costume contests are scheduled for 9:30 a.m. in front of Vision Bank for ages infant to 4 years, and 1:00 p.m. at the main grandstand for all other ages.

Around twenty food booths will line Main Street offering everything from kolaches, the Czech fruit-filled dessert, and klobase sandwiches, to funnel cakes, corn dogs, fresh squeezed lemonade, Indian tacos, barbecue dinners, Cajun catfish, smoked turkey legs, chocolate dipped cheesecake, and much more.

There will be a large assortment of Czech import cut crystal, jewelry, goblets, wine glasses, Christmas ornaments, vases, costume braid and trim, and more, located at park pavilion #2.

The popular Polka Street Dance is from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the main grandstand with Masopust Polka Band providing the music. A fireworks display will follow the dance.

A new attraction this year is a free Friday night concert on May 4 at the main grandstand from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. with Blues Extravaganza and Hollow, a rock band.

Parking for the festival is available at the Middle School, located west of town on Highway 62, with free shuttle service all day by the senior citizens van. In case of rain, entertainment will be moved to the high school gym. Rain does not cancel the parade.

For further information call 405-567-4866 or www.praguekolachefestival.com