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Miss Kolache
Festival 2024

FREE ADMISSION



BURLESON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

40th ANNUAL
**KOLACHE
FESTIVAL**

September 13, 2025

DOWNTOWN CALDWELL
“ON THE SQUARE”

The Kolache Capital of Texas

 **979-567-0000**

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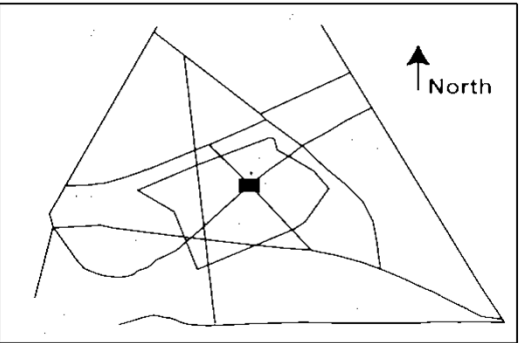
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Events, contact:

Burleson County Chamber of Commerce
301 N. Main St.
Caldwell, TX 77836

979-567-0000

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**KOLACHE FESTIVAL
SEPTEMBER 13, 2025
9AM-4PM
FREE ADMISSION**



Lodging Guide

Hotels/Motels :

America’s Best Value Inn - 1108 SH21 West,
Caldwell; (979) 567-3535

America’s Best Value Inn - 151 Ave B.; Somerville;
(979) 596-3884

Somerville Inn & Suites - SH 36 S.; Somerville;
(979) 596-1000

Fort Half Moon, Somerville (979) 596-1234

Sunset Inn - SH 36 N.; Caldwell; (979) 567-4661

The Surrey Inn - SH 21 E.; Caldwell; (979) 567-3221

Camping Facilities:

Big Creek Cabins on Lake Somerville
(979) 596-1616

Brazos Valley RV Park 2190 St. HWY 21 E.,
Caldwell; (979) 200-3007

Lake Somerville Marina & Campground
505 Marina Dr.; Somerville (979) 289-2321

Texas State Parks - Birch Creek State Park
(512) 389-8900

U.S. Corps of Engineers (Rocky Creek & Yegua Creek)
(979) 596-1622 or (979) 444-6777

Welch Park, Lake Somerville; (979) 596-2286

Bed & Breakfast:

Land of Refuge Retreat Center, Caldwell;
(512) 560-0933

Rocking H, Caldwell; (979) 567-1727

Rosewood of New Tabor, Caldwell; (979) 272-8580

Seven Oaks, Caldwell; (979) 272-1952

For more, visit our website:
Burlesoncountytx.com

2025 STATE OF TEXAS KOLACHE BAKE SHOW ENTRY FORM

NAME _____ PHONE _____

Mailing Address _____

Physical Address _____

Age (if younger than 18) _____

Email Address _____

1. Youth _____

2. Non-Professional Burleson County _____

3. Non-Professional State _____

4. Professional _____

KOLACHE ROLL DIVISION (open to everyone)

Please circle the class entered. **One entry**

Per class. **EACH ENTRY REQUIRES AN ENTRY FORM.**

KR-CC. Cream Cheese

KR-E. Poppyseed

KR-L. Other: (specify filling) _____

For additional information about guidelines or entries, contact the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service of Burleson County at 979-567-2308 or burleson-bx@ag.tamu.edu

Please circle the kolache class entered. **One entry per class.**

EACH ENTRY REQUIRES AN ENTRY FORM.

A. Apple _____

B. Apricot _____

C. Cheese _____

D. Peach _____

E. Poppyseed _____

F. Prune _____

G. Sausage (**Hot links ARE considered sausage)

** ANY cheese combined with any other filling will be considered cheese combo and included in Class H or I.

KOLACHE BAKE SHOW AWARDS

YOUTH

Grand Champion – Trophy & \$300

Reserve Champion – Trophy & \$100

NON-PROFESSIONAL

Burleson County Grand Champion – Trophy & \$300

Burleson County Reserve Champion – Trophy & \$100

State Grand Champion – Trophy & \$300

State Reserve Champion – Trophy & \$100

PROFESSIONAL

Grand Champion – Trophy & \$300

Reserve Champion – Trophy & \$100

KOLACHE ROLL

Grand Champion – Trophy & \$300

Reserve Champion – Trophy & \$100

GREAT CZECH ENTERTAINMENT

Friday, September 12, 2025

**Pre-Festival Dinner & Street Dance
Burleson County Czech Heritage Museum**

Sponsored by

Burleson County Czech Heritage Museum
6 pm – Czech Meal

7:00 pm – 10 pm, Polka Music and Dance
Beer sold by New Tabor SPJST

**Tickets sold in advance (limited tickets
available day of event).**

**For more information call the Chamber at
979-567-0000 or contact a Czech Museum
member.**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

KOLACHE FESTIVAL

**MAIN STAGE POLKA PAVILION
202 W. Fox St.**

Parade of Costumes

9:00 am: VITAM (WELCOME)

Opening Prayer, Flag Ceremony, National Anthem, "Texas Our Texas" and "KDE DOMOV MUJ" (Czech National Anthem) Local, State and National Dignitaries. Crowning of Miss Kolache Festival Burleson County.

9:30 am: SPJST Youth Beseda Dancers & Beseda Alumni Dancers

11:00 am-3:30 pm: The Moravians & The Czechaholics

12:00 pm: Kolache Eating Contest (Southside of the Courthouse)

3:30 pm: State Championship Kolache Bake Show Awards & Ceremony

CELEBRATING CZECH HERITAGE

The Kolache Festival is a celebration of the revitalization of Czech heritage...a county that was basically a Czech settlement realized their precious identity was slipping away. New generations knew not the language, the music or the art of their ancestors. Not only do we grasp at the past, but we hurry to share the history...to bring into today's focus the beauty, talent and delight of the Czech people.

Come to the Kolache Festival and learn the wonderful Czech philosophy. Dance to the Polka, sing the songs of the musician. Taste the true ethnic food and lend your soul to the fulfillment of the Czech cultural heritage.

MUSEUM, HISTORY & SPECIAL FEATURES

State of Texas Kolache Bake Show
The Kolache Bake Shoppe

The Kraitchar House Museum & Demonstrations

Burleson County Czech Heritage Museum

U.S. Texas Czech Flag Ceremony

"Kde Domov Muj" Czech National Anthem

Parade of Costumes

Creative Memories Guild Quilt Show

Street Rod & Classic Car Show

Kids' Adventureland

Antique Machinery & Tractor Show

Kolache Eating Contest

Street Rod & Classic Car Show
John E. Hejl Park @ Davidson Creek
8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Quilt Show (Friday - Saturday)
Caldwell Civic & Visitors Center
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW & FOOD VENDORS 150+ VENDORS

ADDITIONAL FEATURES

All Day Shuttle Bus from Caldwell High School
to Kraitchar House

and Kraitchar House to Car Show

NO PETS

VISIT THE BAKE SHOPPE

"Ceske Kolace"

A Block of Kolache Vendors
on Main Street

KOLACHE MAKING

DEMONSTRATION

**Friday, September 12, 2025
10 am – 2 pm**

Pre-Registration Required

Will open on Aug. 11, 2025 at 8 a.m.

<https://forms.office.com/r/TTXdQAtUJax>

The demonstration will include watching the baking of kolaches from start to finish, giving techniques on the best way to process the dough so that the kolache will fit the criteria that judges in the contest are wanting to see, as well as making kolaches for your family and friend's enjoyment.

Hosted by Bruno Shimek- 3-time State Champion & Kolache Bake Show Committee Member. Bruno will be assisted by Carolyn Brinkmann- 2-time State Champion & KBS Committee Member, Brian Estlund- KBS Committee Member, Lynette "Urbanovsky" Shimek- 2-time State Champion, & Stan Vitha.

For questions call (979) 567 2308 or

Burleson-tx@ag.tamu.edu

2025 STATE OF TEXAS KOLACHE BAKE SHOW

Kolache, the original Czech wedding pastry, is a favorite national dessert throughout Czech Republic. The art of baking Kolaches came with the early immigrants to Burleson County. Bakers have competed for 39 years to win the coveted title of Grand Champion Kolache Baker of Burleson County. Over the years, the bake show has grown to five divisions. It is open to adult and youth nonprofessional, professional, and champion bakers.

Guidelines

Caldwell Methodist Church
306 W. Fox Street; Caldwell, Texas

1. The Kolache Bake Show is open to youth, adult non-professional, and professional bakers. Youth ages 9 through age 18, or still enrolled in high school as of January 1, 2025, may enter the Youth Division. Professionals are those individuals who have owned or been employed by a bakery and/or those who have received more than \$1,000 in gross sales from sale of baked goods from their home or any other means. Once entered as professional, then always a professional. All others are considered adult non-professional or youth.
2. All Burleson County non-professional adults may enter in Burleson County or State Division. They may enter in only one division in any given year.

3. A kolache entry consists of 6 average size Kolaches of the same filling and dough. These will be transferred by the baker to a plain disposable plate and box. A baker may enter one entry in each of the 12 classes: A. Apple, B. Apricot, C. Cheese, D. Peach, E. Poppyseed, F. Prune, G. Sausage (**Hot links ARE considered sausage), H. Meat & Cheese Combo, I. Other & Cheese Combo, J. Other Fruit, K. Other Meat, and L. Other. **ANY cheese combined with any other filling will be considered cheese combo and included in Class H or I.
4. The Kolache Roll division is open to bakers of all ages, both non-professional and professional. A Kolache Roll must be made with kolache dough (yeast) of any filling. A baker may enter one entry in each of 3 classes: Cream Cheese, Poppyseed, and Other. An entry consists of 6 approximately 1- inch slices of the same filling and dough. (tea rings, strudels, or any other form of baked goods are not accepted.)
5. All Bake Show entries must be made by one person. Team entries are not accepted.
6. Registration will be from 8:00 am to 10:00 am on September 13, 2025.
7. Judging will begin promptly at 10:30 am.
8. After judging is complete, baked goods will be offered to the public for a donation to cover the cost of the event.
9. Grand Champions, Reserve Champions, and first place winners for each of the 4 Kolache divisions will be recognized, and 1 Grand Champion, 1 Reserve Champion, and 1st place class winners for the Kolache Roll division will be recognized at the Bake Show Awards ceremony at 3:30 pm at the Polka Pavilion (202 W. Fox Street).
10. Ribbons awarded for all entries will be given to participants immediately after the awards ceremony.
11. Decisions of the Kolache Bake Show Committee & Judges are final.
12. All Grand Champion winners of the 2024 Kolache Bake Show are not eligible to compete in 2025, but may compete in 2026. The Grand Champions of 2024 are invited to judge in the 2025 Kolache Bake Show.

For additional information about guidelines or entries, contact: Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

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