

41ST ANNUAL KOLACHE FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL ATTRACTIONS

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Friday, September

Quilt Show

Caldwell Civic Center
103 TX-21, Caldwell, TX 77836

Join us on September 11, 2026, from 9 AM to 5 PM, or at the Kolache Festival from 9 AM to 4 PM on September 12th. Explore lovely quilts crafted by local artists, shop for handmade goods at our Country Store, and participate in the raffle for the Opportunity Quilt displayed on the right.

Yard Party & Street Dance

Burleson County Czech Heritage Museum (BCCHM)
201 E Fawn St, Caldwell, TX 77836

Join us on September 11, 2026, from 6 PM to 10 PM for the Pre-Festival Yard Party & Street Dance. Pre-sold tickets only for a night that includes a Czech meal, live auction, free ice cream (while supplies last) and live music by Ed Kopecky and the Fun Time Polka Band. For tickets, contact a BCCHM member.



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Saturday, September

Free Admission

The 41st Annual Kolache Festival is open for everyone to attend at no cost.

Free All Day Shuttle Bus

Caldwell High School 8:30 am - 4 pm
550 Co Rd 307, Caldwell, TX 77836

Enjoy a complimentary shuttle to the festival by parking at Caldwell High School and traveling to the Kraitchar House Museum.



Information Booth

Visit our tiny trailer to buy this year's festival t-shirts and other merchandise. We also provide FREE fans, maps, and additional festival information. You can find us at the corner of Main and Buck Street. This is also the designated spot to collect your prize if you participate in The Great Kolache Quest, the Chamber's latest scavenger hunt located in the Kids' Zone!

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Saturday, September



Kroje Folk Costume Parade

BC Czech Heritage Museum
201 E Fawn St, Caldwell, TX 77836

Ahoj, join us in a fresh approach to kick off the 41st Annual Kolache Festival with a traditional kroje folk costume parade. The parade will start at 8:15 AM, circling the square before heading to the pavilion for the opening ceremonies. All ages are welcome to participate. The museum will be open 10 am - 2 pm.

• VITEM & (Welcome) Opening Ceremonies

Polka Pavilion on Fox Street

Join us under the pavilion at 9 am for our opening ceremonies, which will feature:

- Kroje Folk Costume Parade
- Opening prayer
- Flag ceremony
- National & "KDE DOMOV MUJ" (Czech national anthem)
- Local dignitaries
- Crowning of Festival Royalty

The SPJST Youth Beseda Dancers will perform at 9:30 am, followed by the fan favorite Shiner Hobo Band at 10:30 am. At noon, watch a performance by the Czech and Slovak Dancer of CHS. The Czechaholics will start performing at 1:30 pm and the Moravians will take over the white tent on Main Street as soon as the last kolache is sold! The State Championship Kolache Bake Show Ceremony & Awards will start at 3:30 pm.

State of Texas Kolache Bake Show

Caldwell Methodist Church
306 W Fox St, Caldwell, TX 77836

Registration will commence from 7:45 am to 10 am, with judging starting at 10:30 am. The winners will be announced under the pavilion at 3:30 pm. The bake show has expanded to include five divisions over the years. It is open to adult and youth bakers, both nonprofessional and professional, including champion bakers.

Kraitchar House Museum

Kraitchar House is preserved by the Bureson County Historical Society
203 E Buck St., Caldwell, TX 77836

Come join us from 9 AM to 2 PM to discover the history of the Kraitchar House and its inhabitants. Witness exciting demonstrations including bobbin lace, blacksmith, spinner and weavers, butter making, corn shucking and grinding.

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Kolache Bake Shoppe

This year, beginning at 9 AM under the 140-foot white tent on Main Street, we are delighted to present an array of bakeries offering the finest Kolaches in the state of Texas. For Kolache enthusiasts, be sure to order early as they typically sell out by 2 pm each year! Once we are sold out of the thousands of Kolaches, we have a special performance by The Moravians Polka Band from 2 PM to 4 PM. So, as soon as the last Kolache is sold, make your way to the Kolache Bake Shoppe for some delightful Polka music!



Phil Perry Memorial Street Rod & Classic Car Show - NEW LOCATION

Citizens State Bank Parking Lot
201 E Buck St, Caldwell, TX 77836

Use the drive thru to register your vehicle for the crowd favorite Street Rod & Classic Car Show. Awards will be given out in various categories. Entry begins at 7 AM with awards at 2 pm followed by the Grand Exit.

Kolache Eating Contest

Southside of the Courthouse
Buck Street, Caldwell

Join in the excitement and sign up for the highly anticipated Kolache Eating Contest! Registration starts at 10 am. Winners will be awarded cash and will be crowned in various categories: girls 12 & under, boys 12 & under, women, men & team. Don't miss out on this popular event!



Kids' Zone - NEW LOCATION

Directly behind Polansky A/C & Heating
102 N Main St (on the corner of Main & Fox Street)

Look for the 2 flags marking the entrance to this year's Kids' Zone. Here is where you will find old favorites like the petting zoo and a soon to be new favorite The Great Kolache Quest! Get more information on The Great Kolache Quest on page 4.

Art Show- NEW in 2026!

Caldwell Senior Center
210 W Buck St, Caldwell

Join us for a delightful experience at this year's art show, featuring local artists from Burleson County, all set in the inviting cool atmosphere of the Caldwell Senior Center. Enjoy browsing and shopping their unique creations!

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AN EXCLUSIVE
FESTIVAL
EXPERIENCE

The Czech Heritage Experience

The Novo
219 W Buck Street, Caldwell

Step beyond the festival gates and discover the heart of Burleson County's Czech heritage.

The Czech Heritage Experience is an exclusive opportunity to explore the stories, traditions, and people who have kept the Kolache Festival alive for more than four decades. Your Heritage Pass doesn't just provide special access—it helps preserve this celebration for future generations.

For more than four decades, the Kolache Festival has celebrated the people, traditions, recipes, music, and community that Czech immigrants brought to Burleson County. Every dance, every kolache, every volunteer, and every family gathering helps preserve a heritage that continues to shape our community!

Step inside and be transported to a vibrant world filled with the rich history and culture of the Czech community. The venue offers a refreshing and welcoming atmosphere where you can explore relics from past Kolache Festivals and learn about the traditional Czech kroje. Whether you're a first-time visitor or a returning guest, this promises a memorable experience that captures the spirit and warmth of the Kolache Festival.

Celebrate the Traditions. Preserve the Heritage.

"Every Heritage Pass helps preserve the traditions, music, food, and culture that make the Kolache Festival possible."

Heritage Circle Pass

\$75 Includes:

VIP Parking

Festival T-shirt or Beer Mug

Taste of Czech Cuisine

Kolache Festival- A journey through the years

The Story Behind the Czech Kroje

Two Drink Tickets

Photo Backdrop

Festival Concierge Service - Shop
throughout the day without
carrying your purchases.

Heritage Supporter Pass

\$50 Includes:

Festival Beer Mug

Taste of Czech Cuisine

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KIDS' ZONE
ADVENTURE -
FUN FOR ALL
AGES



The Great Kolache Quest

Kids' Zone
\$10 per Adventurer

Are YOU brave enough to conquer the Great Kolache Quest?

Grab your Quest Passport and set off on an exciting adventure through the 41st Annual Kolache Festival!

Search for hidden mementos at local businesses, vendors, and festival stops. Match each treasure to the place where you found it, then race back to Quest Headquarters to claim your reward!

-  Explore the Festival
-  Hunt for Hidden Treasures
-  Complete the Quest & Win a Prize!

Perfect for kids, families, and adventurers of all ages!

Every Quest helps support the Burleson County Chamber of Commerce and keeps the Kolache Festival tradition alive.

Come discover why Caldwell is where Czech heritage comes alive...and adventure begins!

