



These businesses and locations of interest are indicated on the map with a star:

American Legion Louis-Milan Post 101 Building (in the Legion Memorial Park) - 310 W. Legion Memorial Dr.

Legion Memorial Park - South on School St.

Dvoracek Memorial Library - 419 W. 3rd St.

First Evangelical Lutheran Church - 204 S. School St.

Hotel Wilber - 203 S. Wilson St.

Kuncel Funeral Home - 607 W. 3rd St.

Outdoor Theater - 510 S. Wilson St.

Post Office - 224 W. 3rd St.

Saline County Court House - 215 S. Court St.

Sheriff's Office - 911 S. Main St.

St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church - 501 N. Wilson St.

T.J. Sokol Hall - 317 S. Wilson St.

United Methodist Church - 215 W. 4th St.

Wilber Care Center - 611 N. Main St.

Wilber-Clatonia Public Schools - 900 S. Franklin St.

Wilber Czech Museum - 102 W. 3rd St.

Wilber Fire & Rescue/First Aid - 401 S. Main St.

Wilber Pool - 500 S. Wilson St.

These businesses and locations of interest are indicated on the map with a corresponding number:

- Bandstand & Information/Registration Booth - Corner of 3rd St. & Wilson St.
- Czech Cultural Center - 110 W. 3rd St.
- Wilber Czech Craft Shop - 216 W. 3rd St.
- Saline County Extension Office (Quilt Show) - 306 W. 3rd St.
- American Legion Downtown Building - 415 S. Main St.
- Food Mesto (grocery store) - 319 W. 3rd St.
- Shop Quik (gas station/convenience store) - 324 W. 3rd St.
- Casey's General Store (gas station/convenience store) - 521 S. Main St.
- Farmers Cooperative (gas station) - 216 E. 3rd St.

**Food & Vendor Courts** - Indicated in Light Red (on 3rd St. from School St. to Main St. and on Wilson St. from 2nd St. to 5th St.)

**Parade Route** - Indicated by Black Arrows (starts are the Legion Memorial Park, north to 3rd St., east to Main St. and back south to 8th St.)

**Port-A-Potties** - Indicated by Bath Room Icons and are located at the following locations:

- 211 S. Wilson St.
- 224 W. 3rd St. (Harris St.)
- 316 S. Wilson St.
- 6th & Main St.
- 219 W. 3rd St.

**Handicap Parking** - Indicated by Handicapped Icons and located at the following locations:

- Parking lot on the east side of S. Main St., between 3rd St. and 4th St.
- Parking lot of the Dvoracek Memorial Library, 419 W. 3rd St.

319 W. 3rd St.

419 W. 3rd St., Dvoracek Memorial Library - for the Children's Parade Friday evening, then moved to Legion Memorial Park by the Volleyball Court

6th & School St.

Parking Lot at Wilber-Clatonia Public Schools, 900 S. Franklin

## DINING & ENTERTAINMENT

**1895 Hotel Wilber** - 2nd & Wilson St., (402) 821-2020

Friday, Saturday & Sunday 11 a.m.-2 p.m. & 4 p.m.-7 p.m. Roast duck, pork & Polish sausage dinners served with dumplings, kraut, rye bread, kolače, soft drinks. Air conditioned & wheelchair accessible. The shaded beer garden & Czech Cellar are open nightly. Featuring beer, Czech beer, mixed drinks, etc.

**Polka bands at Hotel Wilber during festival will be:**

- Friday, August 4, 8 p.m.-12 a.m. - Barry Boyce Band, Omaha, NE
- Saturday, August 5, 4-8 p.m. - Malek's Fishermen Band, Garner, IA
- Saturday, August 5, 8 p.m.-12 a.m. - Barry Boyce Band, Omaha, NE
- Sunday, August 6, 4-8 p.m. - Angie Kriz Band, Papillion, NE

**First Evangelical Lutheran Church** - 204 S. School St.

Saturday & Sunday: 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday: 4-7 p.m. Duck & country style pork dinners, wiener lunch plates. Dinners include kraut, dumplings, apple rings, rye bread, dessert & drink. Air conditioned, handicapped accessible.

**St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church** - 501 N. Wilson St.

**Kolače Pre-order Sales ONLY** - Preorders end at 1,000 dozen kolače or by July 26, 2023, whichever comes first. To preorder kolače, call 402-821-2049 or 402-821-7309. Preorder pick up from 5 p.m.-9 p.m. on August 3 and 9 a.m.-12 noon on August 4 at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church. Any remaining kolače will be sold at these times.

Czech Hymns Mass - Saturday 4 p.m./Sunday 10 a.m.

Sunday Breakfast 7:15-11:15 a.m.

**United Methodist Church** - 215 W. 4th St.

Friday & Saturday 4:30-6:30 p.m., Saturday & Sunday 11 a.m.-2 p.m. "Czech Buffet" includes wood-fired pork, jaternice, sauerkraut, dumplings & Czech deserts. Liver Dumpling Soup. Air conditioned, friendly hospitality, handicapped accessible.

**American Legion Post 101 - Legendary Legion Burger Stand**, downtown - Opens Thursday at 6 p.m. and Friday; 4 p.m. Saturday & Sunday at 10 a.m. Serving hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, Polish dogs, kraut, ice cold drinks & ice cream treats. Golf Cart Passes available.

**Flag Raising at the Post Office** - Saturday & Sunday at 1 p.m.

**Legion Bingo**, downtown - All ages can play for only a quarter a card! Open Thursday 7-10 p.m., Friday 8-11 p.m., Saturday 6-11 p.m. & Sunday 6-8 p.m.

**Legion Park Building, Legion Park.**

**Live Entertainment & Cold Drinks** Kent Siebe on Saturday from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. air conditioned, handicapped accessible & parking.

**Legion Park Camping**, Legion Memorial Park - RV, trailer & tent camping. Electric hookups & dump station on-site. Showers & restrooms are on the west side of the Post building. Visit [reserveamerica.com](http://reserveamerica.com) for camping spots.

**T.J. Sokols** - Open Friday at 4 p.m.-Midnight, Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m.-Midnight. Pork and Polish sausage dinners with all the trimmings. Hot dog, hamburger, cheeseburger luncheon plates, kolače & beverages. Dances: Friday-Sunday, 7-11 p.m. Music Sat. & Sun 11:30 a.m. Air conditioned, handicapped accessible. Miss Czech-Slovak U.S. Queen Reception, Sunday 9 p.m.

**Wilber-Clatonia FFA Chapter Food Barn** - Serving west of the bandstand. Specializing in pork & pork reubens.

**Wil-Bol Lanes** - Friday, 5-7 p.m.; Saturday & Sunday, 11-1 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. Pork Dinners, kraut, dumplings, hot dogs, burgers, kolače, strudel & beverages. Beer Garden.

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## ENTERTAINMENT

### Theme: Celebrating 150 Years of Czech Heritage

#### Pre-Festival Celebration • THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

7-10 p.m. Legion Bingo - All ages. 25¢ per card ..... 3rd & Wilson

7:30-11:30 p.m. Hotel Wilber ..... Beer Garden

7:30-11:30 p.m. The Chelowski Brothers ..... Free Dance

Featuring the Wilber Czech Dancers at Hotel Wilber at 7:30 p.m.

Special appearance by Wilber-Clatonia Alumni Band

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

Vendors Open for Business ..... Downtown

Czech Bingo ..... Czech Cultural Center

Art Show ..... Czech Cultural Center

Costume / Accordion Exhibit ..... Kuncel Funeral Home

Czech Sing-a-long ..... Czech Cultural Center

Memories of Christine Janda by June Kucera ..... Czech Cultural Center

Accordion Jamboree ..... Outdoor Theater

Red Raven Orchestra ..... Fox Hole

Gary Moore Amusements ..... 3rd & Harris Street

Wilber Alumni Dancers ..... Bandstand

Community Awards ..... Bandstand

Children's Parade ..... Main Street

Dan Bruha Band ..... T.J. Sokol Hall

Wilber Czech Dancers ..... Outdoor Theater

Little Tuggers Tractor Pull ..... Post Office

Registration at 7:45 p.m., 8:15 pull time

Legion Bingo - All ages. 25¢ per card ..... 3rd & Wilson

Gold Star Martial Arts ..... Bandstand

Custom 20 Band ..... Beer Garden, Wil-Bol Lanes

Barry Boyce Band, Omaha, NE ..... Hotel Wilber

Leo Lonnie Trio ..... Fox Hole

Tales of the Czechs, Historical Production ..... Outdoor Theater

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

7:30 a.m. Duck & Dumpling Run ..... 3rd & Wilson

8 a.m. Sand Volleyball Tournament (Saturday only) ..... Legion Park

9 a.m.-9 p.m. Art Show ..... Czech Cultural Center

9-1 p.m. Costume / Accordion Exhibit ..... Kuncel Funeral Home

9:30-12:30 p.m. Czech Festival Show & Shine ..... In Front of Dvoracek Library

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10 a.m. Czech Heritage Demonstration, Czech Travelogue, Virginia Fay ..... Czech Cultural Center

10-11:30 a.m. Accordion Jamboree ..... T.J. Sokol

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Quilt Show ..... Extension Office

11:15 a.m. Wilber Czech Dancers ..... Bandstand

11:30 a.m. Czechland Trio ..... T.J. Sokol Hall

Noon-11 p.m. Gary Moore Amusements ..... 3rd & Harris Street

Noon Czech Heritage Demonstration, Czech Spice Cookies, Kris Linder ..... Czech Cultural Center

12:15 p.m. Introductions-Czech Queens ..... Bandstand

1 p.m. Flag-Raising Ceremony ..... Post Office

American Legion Post No. 101 & Wilber-Clatonia H.S. Band

## ENTERTAINMENT

2 p.m. PARADE ..... Celebrating 150 Years of Czech Heritage

3:15 p.m. Program ..... Outdoor Theater

Introductions by Nebraska Czechs of Wilber President Teri Shestak; Mayor Roger Chrans and special guests throughout the afternoon and evening.

3:30-5 p.m. Talent Contest ..... Outdoor Theater

4-5 p.m. Concert Milligan Brass Band ..... Sokol Hall

4-7 p.m. Costume / Accordion Exhibit ..... Kuncel Funeral Home

4-8 p.m. Malek's Fishermen Band, Garner, IA ..... Hotel Wilber

4 p.m. 17th Annual Bohemian Tractor Pull ..... 3rd & School St.

4 p.m. Stein Holding Contest ..... Fox Hole

5 p.m. W-C Alumni Band Concert ..... Sokol Hall

5-5:15 p.m. Talent by Wilber Czech Queen, Prince & Princess ..... Outdoor Theater

5-8 p.m. Brad Husak Combo ..... Fox Hole

5:15-6:15 p.m. Wilber Sr. & Jr. Czech Dancers/Beseda ..... Outdoor Theater

6-11 p.m. Legion Bingo - All ages. 25¢ per card ..... 3rd & Wilson

7-11 p.m. Band: Mark Vyhldal ..... T.J. Sokol Hall

7 p.m. Miss Czech-Slovak U.S. Pageant ..... Outdoor Theater

7-11 p.m. Teen Dance - by Curb ..... Food Mesto Lot, 3rd & School

8 p.m.-Close Barry Boyce Band, Omaha, NE ..... Hotel Wilber

8 p.m.-12 a.m. Live Entertainment - Ken Siebe ..... Legion Park Building

8 p.m.-12 a.m. City Limit Band ..... Beer Garden, Wil-Bol Lanes

9 p.m. Tales of the Czechs, Historical Production ..... Outdoor Theater

9-12 p.m. Leo Lonnie Trio ..... Fox Hole

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

7:15-11:15 a.m. Breakfast ..... Catholic Church

8:15 a.m. Community Worship ..... Outdoor Theater

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Costume / Accordion Exhibit ..... Kuncel Funeral Home

9 a.m.-5 p.m. Art Show ..... Czech Cultural Center

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Motorcycle Show ..... Food Mesto

10-11:30 a.m. Accordion Jamboree ..... T.J. Sokol

10 a.m. Czech Heritage Demonstration, Chlebič-Czech Open Faced Sandwiches, Rachel and Carolyn Taylor ..... Czech Cultural Center

10 a.m. Quilt Show ..... Extension Office

11:15 a.m. Wilber Czech Dancers ..... Bandstand

11:30 a.m. Czechland Trio ..... T.J. Sokol Hall

Noon Czech Heritage Demonstration, Accordion Basics, Pat Carpenter ..... Czech Cultural Center

Noon-3 p.m. Lenny "Trey" Blecha Trio ..... Fox Hole

12:15 p.m. Introductions-Czech Queens ..... Bandstand

Noon-5 p.m. Gary Moore Amusements ..... 3rd & Harris Street

1 p.m. Flag-Raising Ceremony ..... Post Office

American Legion Post No. 101 & Wilber-Clatonia H.S. Band

2 p.m. PARADE ..... Celebrating 150 Years of Czech Heritage

4-5 p.m. Concert: Milligan Brass Band ..... Sokol Hall

4-6 p.m. Barry Boyce Band ..... Fox Hole

4-6 p.m. Costume / Accordion Exhibit ..... Kuncel Funeral Home

4-8 p.m. Angie Kriz Band, Papillion ..... Hotel Wilber



## ENTERTAINMENT

4:30 p.m. Program ..... Outdoor Theater

Introductions by Nebraska Czechs of Wilber President Teri Shestak; Mayor Roger Chrans and special guests throughout the afternoon and evening.

4:45-5:45 p.m. Wilber Jr. & Sr. Czech Dancers/Beseda ..... Outdoor Theater

5 p.m. Kolače Eating Contest ..... Bandstand

5:45-6:15 p.m. Music by Sue & Friends ..... Outdoor Theater

6 p.m. Wilber Chamber of Commerce Drawing ..... Bandstand

6-8 p.m. Legion Bingo ..... 3rd & Wilson

6:30-7 p.m. Dance Contest ..... Outdoor Theater, Music by Maureen Halama & Friends

7-11 p.m. Kenny Shuda Band ..... T.J. Sokol

7 p.m. Miss Czech-Slovak U.S. Pageant ..... Outdoor Theater

9 p.m. Miss Czech-Slovak U.S. - Queen Reception ..... T.J. Sokol

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- THURSDAY, AUG. 3 - 8:30 p.m. Hotel Beer Garden

- FRIDAY, AUG. 4 - 8:30 p.m. Bandstand ..... Downtown

- SATURDAY, AUG. 5 - 2 p.m. Parade

5 p.m. Concert ..... T.J. Sokol Hall

- SUNDAY, AUG. 6 - 10:15 a.m. Wilber Care Center

2 p.m. Parade

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