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MAP OF WILBER

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

1. Bandstand & Information/Registration Booth - Corner of 3rd St. & Wilson St.

2. Czech Cultural Center - 110 W. 3rd St.

3. Wilber Czech Craft Shop - 216 W. 3rd St.

4. Saline County Extension Office (Quilt Show) - 306 W. 3rd St.

5. American Legion Downtown Building - 415 S. Main St.

6. Food Mesto (grocery store) - 319 W. 3rd St.

7. Shop Qwik (gas station/convenience store) - 324 W. 3rd St.

8. Casey's General Store (gas station/convenience store) - 521 S. Main St.

9. Farmers Cooperative (gas station) - 216 E. 3rd St.

10. 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.)

11. Handicap Parking - Indicated by Handicapped icons and located at the following locations:
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If you are wearing a Czech Costume, stop at the Information Booth for a FREE 2026 Souvenir Button

ENTERTAINMENT

Theme: Red, White, Blue & Wilber Sokol Too!
USA - 250 years & Sokol - 100 years

Pre-Festival Celebration • THURSDAY, JULY 30

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. Angie Kriz and the Polkatons, Hotel Beer Garden Beer Garden
Featuring the Wilber Czech Dancers at Hotel Wilber at 7:30 p.m.
Special appearance by WC Czech Alumni Band

FRIDAY, JULY 31

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
5:30-6:30 p.m. Sokol Hall
8 p.m. Raven Orchestra. Fox Hole
8:15 p.m. Wilber Czech Dancers. Bandstand
6:30 p.m. Community Awards. Bandstand
7 p.m. Children's Parade. Main Street
7:11 p.m. Dan Bruha Band. T.J. Sokol Hall
8:30-9:30 p.m. Wilber Czech Dancers. Outdoor Theater
8:11 p.m. Legion Bingo - All ages. 25¢ per card 3rd & Wilson
9:12 p.m. Little Tuggers Tractor Pull. Post office
8 p.m. Gold Star Martial Arts. Bandstand
8 p.m.-Close Barry Boyce Band, Omaha, NE. Hotel Wilber
9:12 p.m. Leo Lonnie Trio. Fox Hole
9:30 p.m. Tales of the Czechs, Historical Production. Outdoor Theater

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

7:30 a.m. Duck & Dumpling Run. 3rd & Wilson
8 a.m. Sand Volleyball Tournament (Saturday only). Legion Park
8:11 a.m. Breakfast. Czech Cultural Center
8:30-11:30 a.m. Pictorial Post Mark. Legion Park Building
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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Czech Heritage Demonstration, Presentation by R. Jelinek Midwest (Czech Distillery). 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. Czech Heritage Demonstration, Honey Cakes. T.J. Sokol Hall
Noon. Kris Linder & Family. Czech Cultural Center
12:15 p.m. Introductions-Czech Queens. Bandstand
1 p.m. Flag-Raising Ceremony. Post Office
2 p.m. American Legion Post No. 101 & Wilber-Clatonia H.S. Band
Sponsored by Kalkwarf & Smith Law Office LLC
3:15 p.m. Program. Outdoor Theater
Introductions by Nebraska Czechs of Wilber President Randy Kozeal;
Mayor Roger Chrans and special guests throughout the afternoon and evening.

3:30-5 p.m. Talent Contest. Outdoor Theater
4:30 p.m. Concert Milligan Brass Band. Sokol Hall
4:45 p.m. Costume / Accordion Exhibit. Kuncel Funeral Home
4:50 p.m. Czechlanders. Grand Island, NE. Hotel Wilber
4 p.m. 20th Annual Bohemian Tractor Pull. 4th & School St.
4 p.m. Stein Holding Contest. Fox Hole
5 p.m. WC Czech Alumni Band Concert. Sokol Hall
5:15-5:45 p.m. Parade. Outdoor Theater
5:8 p.m. Brad Husak Combo. Fox Hole
5:15-6:15 p.m. Wilber Czech Dancers/Beseda. Outdoor Theater

DINING & ENTERTAINMENT

1895 Hotel Wilber - 2nd & Wilson St., (402) 821-2020
The shaded beer garden is open nightly. Featuring beer, Czech beer, mixed drinks, etc.
Polka bands at Hotel Wilber during festival will be:
• Friday, July 31, 8 p.m.-12 a.m. - Barry Boyce Band, Omaha, NE
• Saturday, August 1, 4-8 p.m. - Czechlanders, Grand Island, NE
• Saturday, August 1, 8 p.m.-12 a.m. - Barry Boyce Band, Omaha, NE
• Sunday, August 2, 4-8 p.m. - Angie Kriz Band, Papillon, NE

First Evangelical Lutheran Church - 204 S. School St.
Saturday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Duck & country style pork dinners, wiener lunch plates. Dinners include kraut, dumplings, apple rings, eye bread, dessert & drink. Air conditioned, handicapped accessible.
KNEDLIK Cup Booth Downtown - Complete meal of kraut, dumplings & pork in a 20 oz cup, topped with a slice of eye bread & bottled water. Open Fri. 4:30-9 p.m., Sat. 10:30-9 p.m.; Sun. 10:30-6 p.m.
St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church - 501 N. Wilson St.
Kolače Pre-order Sales ONLY - Preorders end at 800 dozen kolače or by July 16, 2026, whichever comes first. To preorder kolače, call 402-821-2049 or 402-821-7309. Pre-ordered kolače will be freshly baked on Thursday, July 23, 2026 and available for pick up from 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. and also Friday, July 24, 2026 from 9:00 a.m.-noon at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church. Any remaining kolače will be sold on Thursday and Friday pick ups.
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.
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 desserts. Liver Dumpling Soup.
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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.
Saturday Breakfast, Legion Park Building, 8-11 a.m.
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 reservation.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. Dance: 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 - Saturday Breakfast 8-11 a.m., Legion Park Building

Welcome to Wilber & Enjoy the Celebration!

The Nebraska Czechs of Wilber organization was formed in 1962 to perpetuate the Czech heritage and culture, develop tourism and to boost the economy of Wilber. On July 17th, 1963, Wilber was proclaimed "Czech Capital of Nebraska". On July 10th, 1967, Wilber was proclaimed, "Czech Capital of the U.S.A."

If you enjoy the Czech Festival, the music, dancing, museum, costumes, refreshments, parade and all the rest, your tax deductible donation to this non-profit organization is very much appreciated. Leave your donation at the Information Booth or mail your checks to:

The Nebraska Czechs of Wilber
P.O. Box 652, Wilber, NE 68465

Celebrating 41 Years

Wilber/Clatonia Czech Alumni Band Schedule
Wednesday, July 29
7 p.m. Polkas in the Park, Legion Park
Thursday, July 30
8:30 p.m. Hotel Beer Garden
Friday, July 31
8:30 p.m. Bandstand, Downtown
Saturday, August 1
2 p.m. Parade
5 p.m. Concert, T.J. Sokol Hall
Sunday, August 2
10:15 a.m. Wilber Care Center
2 p.m. Parade

ENTERTAINMENT

6-11 p.m. Legion Bingo - All ages. 25¢ per card 3rd & Wilson
7-11 p.m. T.J. Sokol Hall
7 p.m. Miss Czech-Slovak U.S. Pageant. Outdoor Theater
8 p.m. Barry Boyce Band, Omaha, NE. Bandstand
8 p.m.-12 a.m. Legion Park Building
9 p.m. Tales of the Czechs, Historical Production. Outdoor Theater
9-12 p.m. Leo Lonnie Trio. Fox Hole

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

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. Czech Heritage Demonstration, Learn to Polka. T.J. Sokol Hall
10:30 a.m. Cassidy Kowalski-Whittington & Sr. Czech Dancers. Czech Cultural Center
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. Daryl & DeAnn Korinek. Czech Cultural Center
Lenny 'Trey' Blecha Trio. Czech Cultural Center
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4:30-4:45 p.m. Wilson Kansas Czech Dancers. Outdoor Theater
4:45-5:45 p.m. Wilber Czech Dancers/Beseda. Outdoor Theater
5 p.m. Accordion Jamboree. Bandstand
6:30 p.m. Music by Sue & Friends. Outdoor Theater
6 p.m. Wilber Chamber of Commerce Drawing. Bandstand
6:30 p.m. Legion Bingo. 3rd & Wilson
6:15-6:45 p.m. Dance Contest. Sokol Hall, Music by Maureen Halama & Friends
7-11 p.m. Jim Kucera Band. Sokol Hall
7 p.m. Live Entertainment - Ken Siebe. Outdoor Theater
9 p.m. Miss Czech-Slovak U.S. Queen Reception. T.J. Sokol Hall

Church Services

Czech Hymns Mass
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Community Service
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