

PRESS RELEASE

TRADITIONAL CZECH AND AMERICAN CHRISTMAS PLANNED IN WILBER

By Lorine Mares

The Wilber Area Chamber of Commerce is again partnering with the Czechs of Wilber to cosponsor the Hometown Holidays '08 Christmas celebration in Wilber. It will be celebrated as a "Czech and American Traditional Christmas" weekend at the Sokol Hall on Saturday, December 6 and Sunday, December 7.

There will be door prizes to win by visiting the local businesses earlier that participate with the "Secret Santa" punch cards, entertainment, vendors, and lots of good Czech food. Beautiful Czech costumes (called Kroj) will be displayed with narration. New and exciting plans are underway for this year's event.

There will be the Christmas Tree Contest and Display with monetary prizes, Santa's visit with the children on Saturday morning, special Christmas programs throughout the weekend, Christmas Bingo and Czech Bingo games, and many interesting insights into the real Czech traditions for the Christmas holidays. Downtown businesses will be decorating their windows in Czech and American traditions. Look for some interesting surprises this year!

Again, there will be local vendors selling items for gift-giving that celebrate Czech and American traditions, and anyone interested in being a vendor should call soon to reserve a table. And, the "Christmas Ball" free dance will be Saturday night amid the trees!

Businesses and organizations as well as individuals from any community may enter the Tree contest, to vie for the monetary prizes or for promotional or advertising purposes, with an interesting, unique and beautiful display of decorated trees for all to enjoy. Any sized artificial tree may be borrowed to decorate by contacting Lorine Mares at 402-821-2304. Call soon to reserve a tree or a spot for a tree at the Sokol Hall.

Admission to the two-day Christmas celebration is free. In the spirit of Christmas giving, a donation of a can of food for the Saline County Eldercare or a free will offering will be appreciated.