

WEST, TEXAS

Hlavní město Čechů ve státě TEXAS je město nazývané WEST

Proč se tak nazývá?

V období mezi léty 1850 a 1860 angloameičtí setleři vytvořili v Texasu malou farmářskou komunitu, kterou nazvali BOLD SPRINGS.

Hlavním faktorem při zformování této entity byla výstavba železnice Missouri - Kansas - Texas v roce 1880.

Významný obchodník na tomto místě Thomas M. West vlastnil bezpečnou oblast v tu dobu a přesvědčil i své sousedy, aby si tyto perspektivní pozemky drželi. Měl vynikající pověst a s tím související respekt. Město se pojmenovalo po něm. Zprvu jako "WEST STATION", později "WEST".

Za růstem města stála další železnice mezi městy WACO a DALLAS v roce 1913 včetně napojení na důležitá centra SAN ANTONIO a AUSTIN směrem na FORT WORTH a DALLAS.

Obchodní klub byl založen v roce 1922 a pak Obchodní komora v roce 1926. Novému byznysu nic nestálo v cestě.

Od roku 1976 se konají ve městě West slavnosti WESTFEST. Město je proslaveno vynikajícími koláči (kolaches). Do dneška lze měste narazit na česká příjmení - Polansky, Krizan, Nemecek a na další s českým původem. Do angličtiny v této oblasti se dostala i jména z češtiny - kolache (s), krojs a další.

WEST

Bakeries

- 1 Little Czech Bakery
- 2 Kaskas
- 3 Village Bakery

Meat Markets

- 1 Nemcek Brothers
- 2 Kaskas

go about 4 miles East, turn right to Cottonwood Hall

North
East
West
South

Highway 22

Interstate 35

Where To Eat

- 40 Czech American
- 41 Czech Stop Deli
- 42 Kaskas
- 43 Subway Deli
- 44 West Auction Barn Restaurant
- 45 West Station Cafe & Spilltoon Saloon

Halls

- 10 SPJST No. 6 Cottonwood Hall
- 21 Lone Star Hall

Organizations

- 21 Sokol Gymnastics

Insurance

- 10 SPJST Lodge No. 6 Cottonwood Hall
- 11 SPJST Insurance, John M. Johnson

Shopping-Gifts, Specialties & Antiques, Fashion Clothing, Sewing, etc.

- 25 Czech Point Antiques & Collectibles
- 26 Flowers N' Things
- 27 Maggie's Fabric Patch
- 28 Olde Czech Corner
- 29 Sierra's Gifts & Antiques
- 16 Tex-Czech Crafts and Cutting
- 17 Up-In-Smoke Candles N' Things
- 18 The Village Shoppe
- 22 West Station Cafe and Spilltoon Saloon Gifts

Services

- 23 SC Business Consultants
- 24 SC Wedding Consultants
- 25 H & R Carpet Sales
- 26 Mach-1 Systems
- 27 Polansky Body Shop
- 28 Sykora Family Ford
- 29 West Auction, Inc.
- 30 West Bank & Trust
- 31 Westex Welding

Around Town

- 32 City Hall
- 33 City Park
- 34 Community Center
- 35 West Library
- 36 Football Field
- 37 Softball Fields
- 38 Trade Days
- 39 West Longhorn Association Rodeo Grounds

Churches

- 40 Bold Springs Baptist Church
- 41 Church of Christ
- 42 First Assembly of God
- 43 First Baptist Church
- 44 First United Church
- 45 First United Methodist
- 46 St. Mary's Catholic Church of the Assumption
- 47 West Brethren Church

WESTFEST

CULTURE • FUN • FOOD • DANCE & MORE

Since 1976, people from everywhere have come to town for the annual Westfest celebration held Labor Day Weekend. As many as 35,000 folks converge on this small town to enjoy a unique family blend of food, culture, dance and just plain fun with a Czech flair.

Friday night before Westfest features the only country music you'll hear this weekend and the crowning of Miss Westfest. Two bands, JDC and The Monticorns, will be the featured performers at the Preview Party Friday night. Many of the concessions and booths will be open. One of the most unusual parades you've ever seen kicks off the weekend at 10:00 Saturday morning.

Other events to check out include a Polka Mass, the Kolache Baking Contest, the Kolache 5000+ Race, Volleyball Tournament, Horseshoe Pitching and Tackety Tournament. The Arts and Crafts area features over 90 artists and crafts people. There is plenty of fun in store for the kids at Westfest. Performing clowns, games, carnival rides and special "hands-on" exhibits in the cultural area

Westfest

Saturday and Sunday Labor Day Weekend

Band Schedule

Saturday		Sunday	
East Tent	West Tent	East Tent	West Tent
Jodie Milne Orchestra 12:00-4pm	The Polka Brothers 12:00-4pm	Czech & Trian Guitars 12:00-4pm	The Spokeshirts 12:00-4pm
Vladislav Polka Band 4pm-8pm	Brave Combo 4pm-8pm	Cooper Band 4pm-8pm	The Harpists 4pm-8pm
The Vasek Czech Band 8pm-12 Midnite	Cooper Band 8pm-12:15 am	Brave Combo 8pm-12 Midnite	Charles Nemcek Band 8pm-12 Midnite

COME BE OUR GUEST!

Westfest is a celebration of culture. Come join us and learn our traditions, our foods and our fun. Our festival is a family experience. There is truly something for young and old!

Saturday & Sunday August 31 & September 1, 2002

On the West Fair & Rodeo Grounds
One mile south on Main Street
Parking \$2 per car at festival grounds
Sitting adjacent to grounds
No pets or cockers

Separate admission charge each day. Admission good for all dances, entertainment & exhibits within the festival.

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will keep them busy. Also in the Cultural Demonstration area, local heritage volunteers show you how our ancestors made sausage, baked kolaches, and performed various jobs unique to Czech culture and the early settlers of West.

Down the food aisles you can find sausage served in every way possible. Seuerkraut potato pancakes, and of course kolaches are only a few of the treats available.

The new Cultural Amphitheater features a big selection of ethnic entertainment. Enjoy watching the many dance groups perform in their beautiful costumes. Sokol Gymnastics is also presented in this area.

Visit the dance tents where polka bands play continuously and you can dance to your heart's content. There are two large dance areas with plenty of tables and chairs for your comfort.

For more information or brochures, contact WESTFEST, INC., P.O. Box 65, West, Texas 76691, (254) 826-5058, www.westfest.com

The Czech Folk Dancers of West, Inc.

Please call for bookings and schedules. Updates are available at www.westfest.com

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