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TEXAS FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL: NAME THAT CULTURE

Trivia game delights people of all ages



(San Antonio)— Now in its 34th year, the Texas Folklife Festival celebrates the diverse and colorful cultures of the Lone Star State Thursday, June 9 through Sunday, June 12. Held at the Institute of Texan Cultures (ITC) in downtown San Antonio, Texas Folklife Festival visitors can savor the flavors of more than 150 foods prepared by 40 ethnic groups. Visitors will find music and traditional dance on 10 entertainment stages, artisan demonstrations, activities, carnival rides and fun for the whole family.

Can you guess what ethnic group is featured in this photo?

Here are some hints:

- This culture does not have a country, but has a unique language, customs and traditions.
- Traditional brides wore black on their wedding day as a reminder of the hardships accepted as part of marriage.
- Use your *noodle* to answer this question!

Answer: The Wendish. The Wends, believing to be descendants of Noah, immigrated from eastern Germany to Texas in 1853 and eventually settled in Lee County. The community experienced a revival of their culture in the 1970s, and, as part of this movement, established the Texas Wendish Heritage Society.

In the photo, Dave Goeke, a member of the Texas Wendish Heritage Society, is serving Wendish noodles. Visitors can meet Goeke and other members of the Texas Wendish Heritage Society and taste their famous Wendish noodles at the 34th annual Texas Folklife Festival, June 9-12, in downtown San Antonio. To purchase tickets online, or for more information about the festival, visit www.texasfolklifestival.org or call (210) 458-2390.

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Editor's note: For more festival photos, visit the Texas Folklife Festival Web site, www.texasfolklifestival.org.