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## Big Blue River Days Barbecue Contest, Car Show This Weekend At Marysville

There'll be fun for everyone at Marysville this weekend.

It's the Big Blue River Days, Friday and Saturday, June 2-3, in Downtown Marysville.

"The festival features the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Big Blue BBQ Competition and the 27<sup>th</sup> annual Auto Fest Car Show," according to Michelle Whitesell of Marysville Main Street, sponsor of Big Blue River Days.

"Thirty-six teams, many nationally ranked, will square off in the two-day Kansas City Barbeque Society (KCBS) competition, the most teams to ever participate in the event," Whitesell said.

The Big Blue BBQ was recently named one of the "Top 25 Food Festivals in the Country" by TripAdvisor.Com.



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"More than \$10,000 in cash prizes are awarded for overall grand champion and champions in the categories for chicken, beef, ribs, and pork," Whitesell said.

Big Blue River Days attractions have been advertised and promoted on Country Legends 106.9, WibwNewsNow.com and the Kansas Agriculture Network.

Weekend festivities get underway full force Friday evening, June 2, with a downtown cruise, poker run at 5:30, and "Beer at the Bin" at 7<sup>th</sup> & Broadway.

Music lineup features Marysville's own Bryton Stoll Band, beginning at 6 o'clock, followed by Tim Strathman & Blacktop Road and Nashville recording artist David Oakleaf & The Open Road.

"The Friday night Beer Mile, at 8 o'clock, hosted by the Blue River Runners, consists of consuming four beers while running four laps for a total distance of one mile," Whitesell said. Participants may sign up as an individual or as a team of four.

The Blue River Runners will also host the annual Rib Run 5k/10k race Saturday morning, June 3, at 7:30.

"More than 300 cars from throughout the Midwest are expected for Saturday's Auto Fest Car Show," Whitesell announced.

Registration is from 8 o'clock to noon, with all makes and models invited to participate. Trophies will be given to the Top 100, with specialty trophies also presented.



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"A vintage tractor show will feature tractors 30 years and older, with cash prizes given for winners," Whitesell pointed out

Saturday also features the People's Choice BBQ Competition at 2 o'clock. "Visitors with purchased wristbands can sample the award-winning barbeque from all 35 teams," Whitesell said.

Saturday evening will highlight a "Night of Rock," with the band Rewind starting at 5 o'clock, followed by the Monkey Business Band.

"Additional weekend activities include a Kids Zone with face painting, bounce house, obstacle course and pony rides, as well as food and novelty vendors," Whitesell welcomed.

Additional information including wristband purchase locations can be found at [www.bigbluebbqmarysville.com](http://www.bigbluebbqmarysville.com) and on Facebook.

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