



## Tall Corn, Music, Parades, Much More At 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Rossville Festival

"Who has grown the tallest corn this year?"

With irrigation, enhancing growing conditions and timely rainfall, records might be broken this year during the tallest corn stalk judging at the 84<sup>th</sup> annual Rossville Tall Corn Festival, August 9-10-11, in Rossville.

Advertised and promoted heavily on 580 WIBW and The BIG 94.5 Country, the Rossville Tall Corn Festival is much more than tall corn stalks, even more than corn-spitting, and eating corn-on-the-cob.

"In the heart of the Kaw Valley, families from across the land have been gathering for music, parades and corn on the second weekend of August since 1929, to recognize the hard work of the Rossville community during harvest," according to Jessica Aubert, secretary of the Rossville Community Development Committee, a volunteer group coordinating the annual affair.

Of course, the most-talked-about-part of the festivities is the "tall corn," so appropriately evaluating "who is the farmer with the greenest thumb?" so to speak, kicks off Friday evening, Aug. 9, 6 o'clock, at the Joe Campbell Memorial Stadium.

Also on tap Friday evening are corn spitting and corn eating contests, a petting zoo, free hot dogs, community challenge volleyball, Cub Scouts car races, a talent show and a junior high dance.

A pancake breakfast is scheduled Saturday morning, with a 5K and mile fun run at 7:30, before the co-rec softball tournament at 8 o'clock. There will be a parade, for the kids at 9:45, and the grand parade down Main Street, follows at 10 o'clock.

Scott Helmer will entertain at 11:30, with rock, pop, country and American music helping wounded soldiers. Afternoon attractions include a noon barbecue, mini-train rides, live charity auction, bingo and a 4 o'clock meal, along with a silent auction.

The Aaron Woods Band will kick off the street dance at 7:30, with the renowned Peterson Farms Brothers, Greg, Nathan and Kendal, to entertain at 9:45. The Jared Daniels Band is to come on stage at 10 o'clock, and will close out the full Saturday activities at midnight or a bit later.

There's community worship Sunday morning at 8 o'clock, with donuts and juice for breakfast. Turtle races are at 1 o'clock, with the garden lawn tractor pull beginning at the same time. The "Splash Bash at the Pool" concludes festivities. Details are available at [www.RossvilleKansas.us](http://www.RossvilleKansas.us).



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**Padre says:**

*"Corn can't wait  
for the rain. It  
has to have  
copious amounts  
when it's filling  
out the ears."*