



**Mud And Fun On The Farm At Cross Country Chaos Osage County Fund Raiser**

No showers have been promised to wash off the mud.

But, it'll be a "fun time," and there'll be plenty to drink, eat, and visit about, while listening to live country-rock music, when it's all through.

That's the pledge from Perry Thompson, organizer of the first Cross Country Chaos.

"However, most important of all, the full day of exciting and fun activity Saturday, Aug. 17, at our farm near Osage City is that it'll benefit the Osage County Community Foundation," explained Thompson, a board member of that group and brainchild of the unique fund raising event.

"This is going to be a 5K mud run-walk with contestants competing on a course we've developed over 200 acres on our Osage County farm," Thompson detailed.

Advertised and promoted on 580 WIBW and The BIG 94.5 Country, the course includes 15 obstacles. Thompson and his daughter, Kristy, checked water depth earlier this week in "the terrible trenches" obstacle.

Getting the entire course in place has not been a single-farmer-effort, according to Thompson, who has generously provided his farm land, done much of the organizing and been persistent in footwork to get the fund-raising effort to become a reality.

"This has truly been a community project with outstanding support in developing the course, and with so many very bighearted donations," appreciated Thompson, noting that all types and kinds of sponsorships are still welcomed.

From clearing brush and piling it, to mowing grass, to constructing the "what could rightfully be described as magnificent obstacles," there have been more than a dozen people physically assisting in course development.

"I haven't totaled up the hours, or the out-of-pocket expenses. But, there are hundreds of hours of labor that have gone into this effort, and the machinery construction costs would certainly be more than \$15,000," Thompson tabulated.

"The whole idea is to benefit the Osage County Community Foundation which can be funded by donations from businesses, groups and estates with support given through grant applications to deserving organizations throughout all of Osage County," confirmed Thompson, adding that a number of Osage Country groups have already benefitted.

There will be an entry fee to run or walk the course, but only a parking fee will be charged to spectators. When it's all done, competitors will get a Cross Country Chaos t-shirt and a cool drink, but there will also be t-shirts available for sale along with a variety of food and beverages to partake during the live musical entertainment.

"Additionally, we are having a raffle for a number of very valuable prizes, which have been given by businesses, with all proceeds going directly to the Osage County Community Foundation," Thompson emphasized.

Cross Country Chaos is located at 26667 South Docking Road, Osage City. Entries are still open with details at [www.crosscountrychaos.com](http://www.crosscountrychaos.com).



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