

# Villa Grove Ag Days is Back & Better Than Ever

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After a one-year hiatus due to the pandemic, the Villa Grove Ag Days is back and better than ever. There will be something for everyone's taste over the two days of the event.

Events kick off on Friday, with Andrea Hall singing the national anthem and the vendors and concessions plying their wares at 5 pm.

Also, at 5 pm, the Villa Grove Fire Department will have their static display, along with interactive fun with the kids at the corner of Main and Monroe streets.

At 6 pm, the Little Miss and Little Mr. Ag Days winners will be announced at the Villa Grove State Bank Stage.

7:00 pm finds the VG Scho-

lastic Bowl hosting the annual Wheel of Fortune game, and at 8:00 pm. The dynamic band Allnighter will bring their unique mix of Country, Rock, and everything else to the Plaza stage to cap off the evening.

Saturday kicks off an entire day of entertainment, eating and food, as the VFW Women's auxiliary starts the day by serving breakfast from 6-10 am.

Tuscola MOPS will be set up with a diaper changing station. They will have a changing pads, diapers, and wipes. Chat with some wonderful ladies while you are there.

Ag Days will officially come to life at 9:00 am on Saturday with local celebrity Rebekah Hopkins singing the national

anthem.

9 A.M. also sees the start of sign ups for the 3 on 3 basketball tournament. Gavin Gunter will be overseeing a stellar lineup of hoops stars.

Also, beginning at 9 A.M. Konnie Crist will take the State Bank stage with his band to entertain the crowd with his Classic Country sounds.

The Sand Volleyball tournament kicks off at 9:00 am, so get your trio together and come and challenge for net supremacy, all proceeds from the volleyball tournament will benefit the VG JH Volleyball program.

The Villa Grove Golf Team will be having a Cart Wash Fundraiser at Tri Country Golf Club from 9am until noon.

10:00 AM sees the beginning



Whiskey River gets ready for their Ag days show.

of the AG days parade. The parade is a celebration of all things Villa Grove, and it's a great time to see and be seen.

12:00 noon sees the kickoff of the "cornhole" tournament, on the Plaza at the south end of main street.

The demolition derby gates also open at noon, and folks should be sure to sample the wares at the JFL concessions trailer. It's great food supporting a great cause. The kiddie straw pile is also set to kick off at noon, and the carnival rides will also fire up at this time.

At 1:30 pm, the VGHS FAA sweet corn eating contest will

take place. Do you have what it takes to show off your sweet corn eating prowess? It's oh so good, but difficult to win the coveted title.

Trisa's Quilting Corner & More in VillaGrove will be Raffling off a Quilt. All proceeds will be going to the Villa Grove Fire Department to help them purchase new radios.

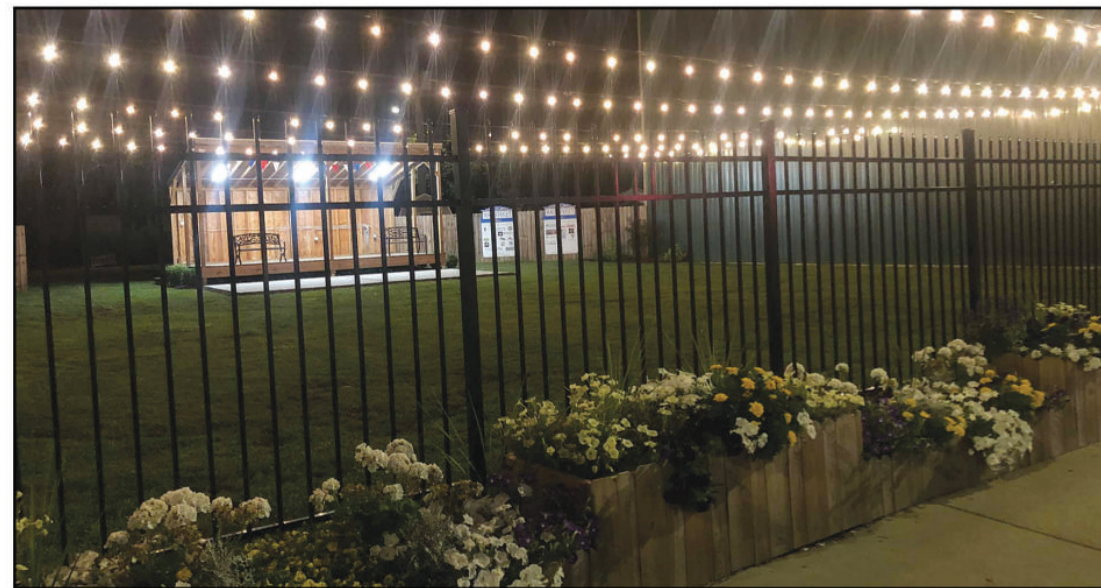
Tickets are on sell now through August 7th at 2:00 pm when the drawing for the winner will be. Stop in at Trisa's during Ag Days for more information.

The Ag days celebration

will reach it's Zenith on Saturday afternoon, with the Demo Derby firing up at 3:00 pm. Just Country will keep the entertainment flowing at the VGSB stage from 4-6 PM, when the always popular kiddie tractor pull will kick off at the VGSB stage.

From 4-6:45 pm, registration for the annual AG days 5k will begin, with the race set to kick off at 7.

The day's events will culminate with Whiskey River bringing their fun mix of country and classic rock to the Plaza stage for a night of dancing and fun.



The Plaza on Main Street has a few new improvements for Ag Days thanks to Volunteers and donated funds that helped make this possible.

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