

MIDWEST OLD THRESHERS REUNION IS

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HOMESTEADERS
DAY

HONORING THE PAST. BUILDING THE FUTURE.

Preserving Heritage. Inspiring Generations.

THE SEVEN
HERITAGE SKILLS



RECLAIM ONE LOST SKILL.

LOST SKILLS REVIVAL

National Homesteaders Day celebrates
the timeless skills that built our nation and
the families who keep them alive today.

Learn it. Live it. Pass it on.

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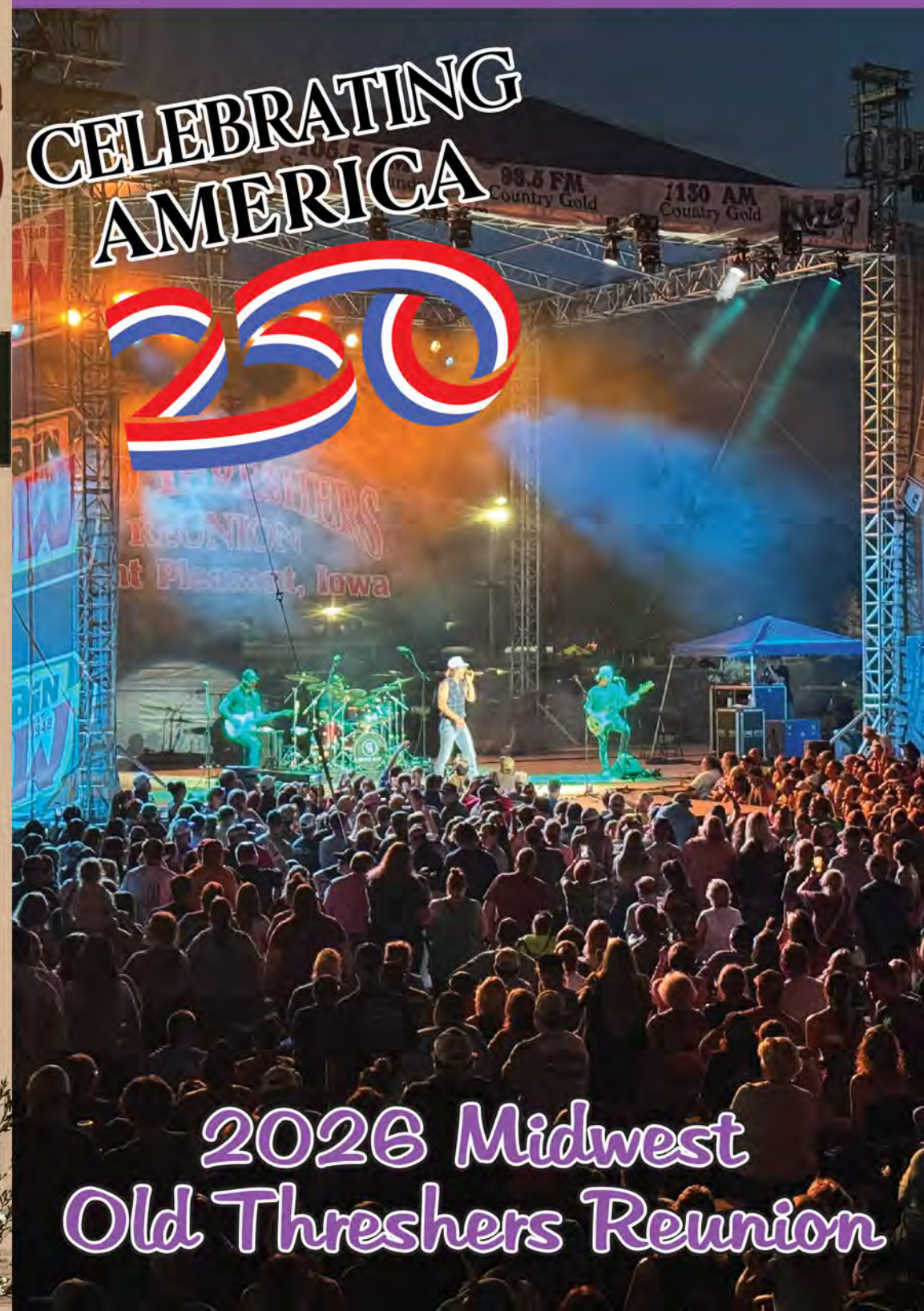
BE PART OF THE REVIVAL.

*Join us in celebrating the skills, values,
and traditions that make us strong.*

FRIDAY

September 4 - Daily Program

CELEBRATING
AMERICA



2026 Midwest
Old Threshers Reunion

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- TRAIN ROUTE
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VISIT THE GREAT
FOOD OPERATIONS
AT THE 2026 MIDWEST OLD
THRESHERS REUNION

WEST PARKING
NO CAMPING

FOOD OPERATIONS

Wright Family Events Pavilion

- A St. Alphonsus Food
- B Methodist Food
- C Faith Lutheran
- D Paul Revere's Pizza and More
- E Boy Scouts Pancakes

- F Brunk's Concessions
- G Roasted Bin
- H Eat My Bloomers
- I Elk Meat Tent
- J Hang Around Cafe
- K OT Pork Shop
- L Camper Grocery - Hy-Vee
- M L & M Booster Club - Lemonade
- N BPW Caramel Corn & Popcorn
- O Mount Union Booster Club Country Store
- P New Beginnings - Short Orders
- Q Olds Willing Workers - Popcorn, Caramel Apples & Ice Cream
- R Olds Willing Workers - Short Orders
- S Otte's Concessions
- T Pineapple Whip Iowa
- U Sorghum Mill
- V Sugar Creek Turkey Grill
- W Sweet 'N Saucy BBQ
- X Sweet 16 LOTUS Drinks
- Y Partners - Pepsi Products



ACTIVITY CENTERS

- 1 Paul Anderson Welcome Center & Reunion Headquarters
- 2 Carousel Pavilion
- 3 Antiques - Items For Sale
- 4 Antique Car & Truck Buildings
- 5 Iowa State Patrol & DNR
- 6 North Village
- 7 Center Chapel
- 8 West Pleasant Lawn School
- 9 Midwest Central North Depot
- 10 "The Family Tent"
- 11 Gas Engine Area
- 12 Richard E. Oetken Gas Engine Hdqrs.
- 13 GRANDSTAND
- 14 Ticket Booth for Grandstand
- 15 Horse Operations - Barns
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- 17 Horse Demonstrations
- 18 Steam & Tractor Demonstrations
- 19 Heritage Museum A / Crafts
- 20 Heritage Museum B / Crafts
- 21 Midwest Central Shops
- 22 Midwest Central Railroad South Station & Event Center
- 23 Midwest Electric Trolley Depot
- 24 Theatre Museum - It's Air Condition!
- 25 Prairie Gem Church
- 26 Colfax School
- 27 Camper Hospitality
- 28 Midwest Electric Trolley Barn
- 29 Log Village
- 30 Santa House
- 31 Campground Headquarters
- 32 Accessible Parking
- 33 Bob & Penny Gilchrist Traction Steam Headquarters
- 34 Sawmill / Veneer Mill
- 35 Richard E. Oetken Tractor Hdqrs.
- 36 Vendor Sales Area
- 37 Trading Post
- 38 Steam Powerhouse
- 39 Young's Live Steam Railroad
- 40 KILJ Stage
- 41 Foundation & Memorial Room
- 42 Drive-A-Tractor
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- 45 Printers' Hall
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MIDWEST OLD THRESHERS REUNION - FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 4, 2026

6:00 AM	Shuttle Buses to Downtown & Parking Lots Start Service	10:15 AM	Steam & Tractor Demonstration Area – Tractor Powered Corn Shelling	1:30 PM	North Village – Cowboy Poet, Chuck Wagon Cook & Sheep Herder	4:00 PM	Special Exhibits Area – Bear Hollow Wood Carvers
7:00 AM	Midwest Electric Railway Trolleys Begin Operating – Round Trip \$3.00 – Value Ticket (10 Trips) \$20.00 – Under 6 Free	10:30 AM	North Village – West Pleasant Lawn School – Story Time Antique Car Building – Car Talk – “1909 Stanley Steamer”		North Village – Golden Slipper Saloon – Singing, Dancing & Comedy North Village – West Pleasant Lawn School – Recess Games		Steam & Tractor Demonstration Area – Tractor Powered Corn Shelling & Straw Baling
	Reunion Headquarters – Opens		Gas Engine Area – Woodshop Demonstration	2:00 PM	Entertainment – Heritage Museum A – Lena Adams – Variety	4:15 PM	Heritage Museum A – East End – Stationary Steam Powerhouse Tour
7:30 AM	Ground Trains Begin Operating		Heritage Museum A – East End – Stationary Steam Engines (Started by Request)		Entertainment – The Barn – The Punches – Bluegrass	4:30 PM	Kids Area – Chris Short’s Puppet Show
8:00 AM	Campground – Prairie Gem Church – Old Fashioned Service – Hymn Singing & Gospel Preaching – Donuts & Coffee Following		Horse Demonstrations Area – Horse Powered Sawmill, Crosscut Saw, Stump Puller & Well Driller		Heritage Museum A – East End – Stationary Steam Powerhouse Tour		North Village – Cowboy Poet, Chuck Wagon Cook & Sheep Herder
	Traction Steam Area – Full Scale Sawmill Operates		Kids Area – Chris Short’s Puppet Show		Heritage Museum B – Marvin Mill Demonstration		North Village – Golden Slipper Saloon – Singing, Dancing & Comedy
	Trading Post – Opens		Log Village – Professor Farquar & Polecat Annie’s – “Great American Medicine Show”		Horse Demonstrations Area – Husker Shredder, Horse Powered Elevator, Sheller & Grinder	5:00 PM	Theatre Museum – Closes
8:30 AM	North Village – Blacksmith Shop – Opens		Steam & Tractor Demonstration Area – Traction Steam Powered Threshing & Baling Straw		Kids Area – Drive a Tractor – Re-Opens		Entertainment – Heritage Museum A – Junior Talley – Elvis Impersonator
9:00 AM	Greeting & Devotion – Jeff McPheron, Midwest Old Threshers Chaplain		Traction Steam Area – Barb Heaton Pavilion – Boiler & Steam Cylinder Explanation		Log Village – History Speaks – “Getting Fleeced”		Entertainment – The Barn – The Punches – Bluegrass
	Grandstand – Antique Tractor & Steam Engine Pull		Traction Steam Area – Veneer Mill in Operation		North Village – Center Chapel Church – Hymn Singing		Heritage Museum B – NE Corner – Last Game – \$500 Jackpot BINGO
	Antique Buildings – Open – Items for Sale		Tractor Area – Belt-Driven Dynamometer – Closes		North Village – OT Smokin’ Gunslingers – Town Show		Log Village – Professor Farquar & Polecat Annie’s – “Great American Medicine Show”
	Antique Car & Truck Buildings – Open		Entertainment – Heritage Museum A – The Many More Band – Bluegrass & Comedy	2:15 PM	Traction Steam Area – Barb Heaton Pavilion – Boiler & Steam Cylinder Explanation		North Village – Center Chapel – Old Threshers Choir Practice
	Campground – Colfax School – Stitching Bee with Carolyn Sidebottom – Informal Needlework, Show & Tell, and Fellowship – Feel Free to Bring Your Own Project	11:00 AM	Log Village – History Speaks – “Ice Harvesting”	2:30 PM	Trolley Depot – “Trolleys: A Historical Sketch of Electrical Railways in America”		North Village – OT Smokin’ Gunslingers – Train Holdup
	Carousel Pavilion – Opens – “Ride the Smile Machine” – \$1.00		North Village – OT Smokin’ Gunslingers – Train Holdup		Gas Engine Area – Corn Crib Demonstration		North Village – West Pleasant Lawn School – Closes
	Gas Engine Area – Rock Crushing & Galloway Saw Demonstration		Steam & Tractor Demonstration Area – Tractor Powered Straw Baling		Antique Car Building – Car Talk – “1925 Model T”		Outside Heritage Museum A (East End) – Sorghum Mill – Closes
	Heritage Museum A – Glenna Voyles Doll House & Museum – Opens		Special Exhibits Area – Horseshoe Tournament – Down & Back 4-Shoe Challenge		Heritage Museum B – East End – \$200 Blackout Jackpot BINGO	5:30 PM	Special Exhibits Area – Horseshoe Tournament – Closes
	Heritage Museum A – East End – Page Dragline Diesel Starting		Theatre Museum – Shorten Toby Show – Toby and the Senator		Horse Demonstrations Area – Horse Powered Tedder, Buck Rake, Hay Loader & Swing Stacker	6:00 PM	Traction Steam Area – Full Scale Sawmill – Closes
	Heritage Museum A – Old Threshers Foundation Room – Opens		Family Tent – Midwest Old Threshers Volunteer Awards Ceremony		Kids Area – Nick’s Kids Show		Kids Area – Nick’s Kids Show
	Heritage Museum B – Printers’ Hall Demonstrations Begin		Presented by CEO Terry McWilliams & PR Grant Davidson		Log Village – Professor Farquar & Polecat Annie’s – “Great American Medicine Show”		North Village – Golden Slipper Saloon – Singing, Dancing & Comedy
	Heritage Museums A & B / Crafters – Open	11:15 AM	Gas Engine Area – Corn Crib Demonstration		North Village – Cowboy Poet, Chuck Wagon Cook & Sheep Herder		Campground – Prairie Gem Church – Old Fashioned Service
	Horse Demonstrations Area – Husker Shredder, Horse Powered Elevator, Sheller & Grinder		Kids Area – Nick’s Kids Show		North Village – Golden Slipper Saloon – Singing, Dancing & Comedy		– Hymn Singing & Gospel Preaching
	Iowa State Patrol & DNR Display – Opens (Under the Grandstand)		Traction Steam Area – Barb Heaton Pavilion – Boiler & Steam Cylinder Explanation	3:00 PM	North Village – West Pleasant Lawn School – Spelling Bee Grades 1–3 Followed by 4–6		– Coffee, Lemonade & Cookies Following
	Kids Area – Drive a Tractor – Opens	11:30 AM	Family Tent – Old Threshers Foundation – Golden Wheat Award		Entertainment – Family Tent – The Many More Band – Bluegrass & Comedy		Entertainment – Family Tent – Lena Adams – Variety
	Kids Area – Windy Acres Pony Rides – Opens		Grandstand – New London High School Marching Band		Entertainment – Heritage Museum A – Steve Hargis – Country		Entertainment – The Barn – The Lewis Girls – Bluegrass
	Log Village – Opens – Continuous Living History Demonstrations		Grandstand – The National Anthem		Entertainment – The Barn – The Kenastons – Bluegrass		Heritage Museum B – Marvin Mill Demonstration
	Midwest Central Railroad Red Caboose Gift Shop – Opens	11:35 AM	– Performed by New London High School Marching Band		Gas Engine Area – Rock Crushing & Galloway Saw Demonstration	7:00 PM	Iowa State Patrol & DNR Display – Closes
	Midwest Central RR Trains Operate – Round Trip \$5.00 – Under 4 Free	11:45 AM	Grandstand – Cavalcade of Power (Weather Permitting)		Heritage Museum A – East End – Corliss Engine Lecture, Page Dragline Diesel Starting & Stationary Engines (by Request)		Kids Area – Drive a Tractor – Closes
	North Village Buildings – Open	11:55 AM	Entertainment – Family Tent – Junior Talley – Elvis Impersonator		Horse Demonstrations Area – Horse Powered Case Threshers, Tread Mill Thresher, Baler		North Village – OT Smokin’ Gunslingers – Water Tank
	Outside Heritage Museum A (East End) – Sorghum Mill		Entertainment – Heritage Museum A – The Kenastons – Bluegrass		Log Village – History Speaks – “Butchering & Preserving Meats; Smokehouse Construction”		Special Exhibits Area – Bear Hollow Wood Carvers
	– Pressing Cane with Horses & Steam Power to Follow	NOON	Entertainment – The Barn – Linc and the Drifters – Country		Model Traction Steam Area – Sawmill Operating		Trading Post – Closes
	Special Car Tent – Opens – “Ford Horsepower”		Kids Area – Drive a Tractor – Closes for Cavalcade of Power		North Village – OT Smokin’ Gunslingers – Train Holdup		Antique Buildings – Close
	Special Exhibits Area – Horseshoe Tournament		Special Exhibits Area – Horseshoe Tournaments Begin until 5 PM		North Village – West Pleasant Lawn School – Spelling Bee Grades 7–9 Followed by High School & Adult		Antique Car & Truck Buildings & Special Car Tent – Close
	– Demonstrations, Teaching & Open Pitching		Log Village – Professor Farquar & Polecat Annie’s – “Great American Medicine Show”		Steam & Tractor Demonstration Area – Traction Steam Powered Prony Brake, Power Eater, Corn Shelling & Baker Fan		Carousel Pavilion – Close
	Tractor Area – Belt-Driven Dynamometer – Opens		North Village – Cowboy Poet, Chuck Wagon Cook & Sheep Herder		Theatre Museum – Shorten Toby Show – Toby and the Senator	9:00 PM	Entertainment – Family Tent – Linc and The Drifters – Country
9:15 AM	The National Anthem		North Village – Golden Slipper Saloon – Singing, Dancing & Comedy		Traction Steam Area – Barb Heaton Pavilion – Boiler & Steam Cylinder Explanation	10:00 PM	Heritage Museums A & B / Crafters – Close
9:30 AM	Antique Car Building – Car Talk – “1923 Hudson Essex”		Antique Car Building – Car Scavenger Hunt – Opens		Traction Steam Area – Shingle Mill Demonstration		North Village – OT Smokin’ Gunslingers – Train Holdup
	Heritage Museum A – East End – Fairbanks Morse Diesel Generator Starting	12:30 PM	Campground – Colfax School – Stitching Bee with Carolyn Sidebottom – Informal Needlework, Show & Tell, and Fellowship – Feel Free to Bring Your Own Project		Antique Car Building – Car Talk – “Ford Horsepower” (Featured Tent)		Reunion Headquarters – Closes
	Horse Demonstrations Area – Horse Powered Tedder, Buck Rake, Hay Loader & Swing Stacker		Entertainment – Family Tent – The Wissmanns – Gospel		Heritage Museum A – East End – Fairbanks Morse Diesel Generator Starting		The Barn – Square Dance Lessons
	North Village – West Pleasant Lawn School – Recess Games		Entertainment – Heritage Museum A – Barry Ward – Western Gospel	3:30 PM	Horse Demonstrations Area – Horse Powered Sawmill, Crosscut Saw, Stump Puller & Well Driller	7:30 PM	Entertainment – The Barn – The Punches – Dance Music
	Theatre Museum – Opens	1:00 PM	Entertainment – The Barn – The Lewis Girls – Bluegrass		Midwest Central Railroad – Shop Tour (Starts at Engine House Door #3)	8:00 PM	Grandstand – Cooper Alan
	Traction Steam Area – Barb Heaton Pavilion – Boiler & Steam Cylinder Explanation		Gas Engine Area – Rock Crushing & Galloway Saw Demonstration		North Village – Cowboy Poet, Chuck Wagon Cook & Sheep Herder		All Other Buildings – Close
	Campground – Tour the Santa House – Opens		Gas Engine Area – Starting a Large Gas Engine		North Village – Golden Slipper Saloon – Singing, Dancing & Comedy		Kids Area – Windy Acres Pony Rides – Closes
	Entertainment – Heritage Museum A – Steve Hargis – Country		Heritage Museum B – NE Corner – Threshers BINGO – Opens		Steam & Tractor Demonstration Area – Traction Steam Powered Threshing & Baling Straw		Midwest Central Railroad Train Operations & Red Caboose Gift Shop – Close
	Gas Engine Area – Starting a Large Gas Engine		Horse Area – Barn Tours – Learn About Different Breeds of Horses		Antique Car Building – Car Scavenger Hunt – Closes	9:00 PM	North Village – OT Smokin’ Gunslingers – Bank Robbery
	Heritage Museum A – East End – Corliss Engine Lecture & Demonstration		Log Village – History Speaks – “Circuit Riding Preachers”		Campground – Tour the Santa House – Closes	10:00 PM	Steam & Tractor Demonstration Area – Traction Steam Spark Shows
	Heritage Museum B – Marvin Mill Demonstration		North Village – OT Smokin’ Gunslingers – Bank Robbery		Entertainment – Family Tent – The Wissmann Family – Gospel		Midwest Electric Railway Trolleys & Ground Trains
	Horse Demonstrations Area – Horse Powered Case Threshers, Tread Mill Thresher, Baler		North Village – West Pleasant Lawn School – Family Sing-A-Long		Entertainment – Heritage Museum A – Barry Ward – Western Gospel		– Close After Grandstand Show
	Log Village – History Speaks – “The Undertaker”		Special Exhibits Area – Bear Hollow Wood Carvers	4:00 PM	Log Village – History Speaks – “Mules: Hardworking & Stubborn”		Shuttle Buses to Downtown & Parking Lots – End Service
	Log Village – Rendezvous Camp – Mountain Man Skills		Antique Car Building – Car Talk – “Cars with Fins”		North Village – OT Smokin’ Gunslingers – Bank Robbery		
	Midwest Central Railroad – “How a Train Works” (Inside South Station & Event Center)		Heritage Museum A – Glenna Voyles Doll House & Museum – Presentation on Antique Dolls				
	Model Traction Steam Area – Scale Model Sawmill Operating		Kids Area – Chris Short’s Puppet Show				
	North Village – Center Chapel Church – Hymn Singing	1:30 PM	Log Village – Rendezvous Camp – Mountain Man Skills				
	Special Exhibits Area – Bear Hollow Wood Carvers						
	Traction Steam Area – Shingle Mill Demonstration						
	Traction Steam Area – Steamroller Printing (East End of Heritage Museum B)						
	Trolley Depot – “Trolleys: A Historical Sketch of Electrical Railways in America”	Continued....					



GRANDSTAND ENTERTAINMENT

TONIGHT 8:00 PM

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GRANDSTAND OPENS AT 6:30 PM