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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.

VISIT HOME OF NATIONAL HOMESTEADERS DAY

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GET INVOLVED!



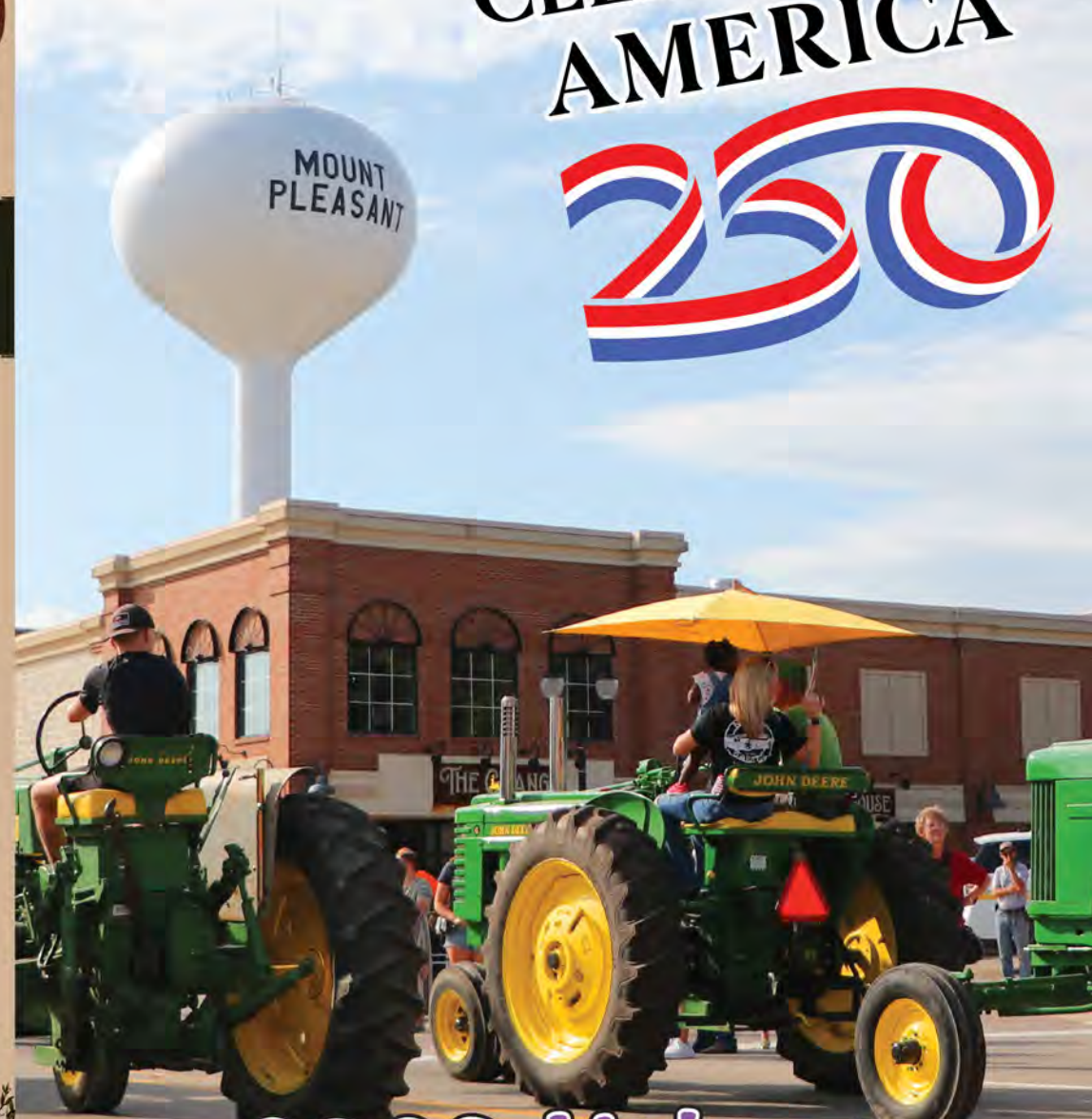
BE PART OF THE REVIVAL.

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

MONDAY
September 7 - Daily Program

CELEBRATING
AMERICA

250



2026 Midwest
Old Threshers Reunion



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- TRAIN ROUTE
- TROLLEY ROUTE
- TROLLEY STOPS
- GROUND TRAIN ROUTE
- GROUND TRAIN STOPS
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- CHANGING TABLES
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VISIT THE GREAT
FOOD OPERATIONS
AT THE 2026 MIDWEST OLD
THRESHERS REUNION

WEST PARKING
NO CAMPING

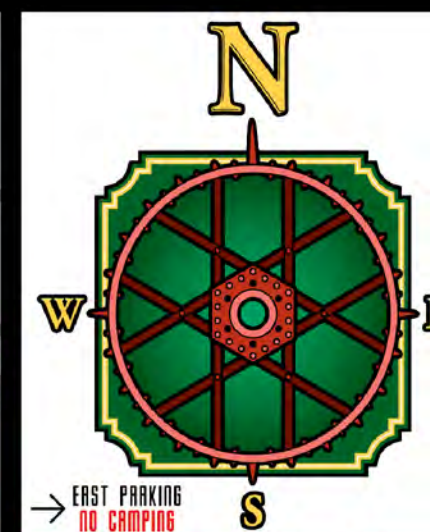
FOOD OPERATIONS

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
- 16 "The Dance Barn"
- 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
- 43 Pony Rides
- 44 Model Traction Steam
- 45 Printers' Hall
- 46 Kid Shows
- 47 Barb Heaton Pavilion
- 48 Tractors & Garden Tractors
- 49 Special Exhibits & Attractions

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MIDWEST OLD THRESHERS REUNION - MONDAY SEPTEMBER 7, 2026

6:00 AM	Shuttle Buses to Downtown & Parking Lots Start Service	10:30 AM	Kids Area – Nick’s Kids Show
7:00 AM	Midwest Electric Railway Trolleys Begin Operating – Round Trip \$3.00 – Value Ticket (10 Trips) \$20.00 – Under 6 Free		Log Village – Professor Farquar & Polecat Annie’s – “Great American Medicine Show”
	Reunion Headquarters Opens		North Village – Cowboy Poet & Chuck Wagon Cook & Sheep Herder
7:30 AM	Ground Trains Begin Operating		Steam & Tractor Demonstration Area
8:00 AM	Traction Steam Area – Full Scale Sawmill Operates		– Traction Steam Powered Threshing & Baling Straw
	Trading Post Opens		Traction Steam Area – Barb Heaton Pavilion
8:30 AM	North Village – Blacksmith Shop – Opens		– Boiler & Steam Cylinder Explanation
9:00 AM	Greeting & Devotion – Jeff McPheron, Midwest Old Threshers Chaplain		Traction Steam Area – Veneer Mill in Operation
	Antique Buildings – Open – Items for Sale	11:00 AM	Tractor Area – Belt Driven Dynamometer – Closes
	Antique Car & Truck Buildings – Open		Entertainment – Family Tent – The Wissmann Family – Gospel
	Carousel Pavilion Opens – Ride the Smile Machine – \$1.00		Entertainment – Heritage Museum A – Tim Smith – Country
	Gas Engine Area – Rock Crushing & Galloway Saw Demonstration		Log Village – History Speaks – “Mules: Hardworking and Stubborn”
	Heritage Museum A – Glenna Voyles Doll House & Museum – Opens		Log Village – Rendezvous Camp Mountain Man Skills
	Heritage Museum A – Old Threshers Foundation Room – Opens		North Village – OT Smokin’ Gunslingers – Train Holdup
	Heritage Museum A – East End – Page Dragline Diesel Starting		Steam & Tractor Demonstration Area – Tractor Powered Straw Baling
	Heritage Museum B – Northeast Corner – Threshers BINGO – Opens	11:15 AM	Gas Engine Area – Corn Crib Demonstration
	Heritage Museum B – Printers’ Hall Demonstrations – Opens	11:30 AM	Kids Area – Nick’s Kids Show
	Heritage Museums A & B / Crafters – Open		North Village – Cowboy Poet & Chuck Wagon Cook & Sheep Herder
	Horse Demonstrations Area		North Village – Golden Slipper Saloon – Singing, Dancing & Comedy
	– Husker Shredder, Horse Powered Elevator, Sheller & Grinder		Traction Steam Area – Barb Heaton Pavilion
	Iowa State Patrol & DNR Display – Opens under the Grandstand		– Boiler & Steam Cylinder Explanation
	Kids Area – Drive a Tractor – Opens	11:45 AM	Grandstand – Mt. Pleasant High School Panther Marching Band
	Kids Area – Windy Acres Pony Rides – Opens		– Micah Peck, Director
	Log Village – Opens – Continuous Living History Demonstrations	11:55 AM	Grandstand – The National Anthem
	Midwest Central Railroad Red Caboose Gift Shop – Opens		– Mt. Pleasant High School Panther Marching Band
	Midwest Central RR Trains Operate – Round Trip \$5.00 – Under 4 Free		Grandstand – Cavalcade of Power (weather permitting)
	North Village – Opens	NOON	Entertainment – Heritage Museum A – WACO FFA – Bluegrass
	Outside Heritage Museum A (East End) – Sorghum Mill		Kids Area – Drive a Tractor – Closes
	– Pressing Cane with Horses & Steam Power to Follow		North Village – OT Smokin’ Gunslingers – Train Holdup
	Special Car Tent – Opens – “Ford Horsepower”	12:30 PM	Heritage Museum B – East End – \$200 Blackout Jackpot BINGO
	Special Exhibits Area – Horseshoe Tournament		Log Village – Professor Farquar & Polecat Annie’s
	– Demonstrations & Open Pitching Until 3 PM		– “Great American Medicine Show”
	Tractor Area – Belt Driven Dynamometer – Opens		North Village – Cowboy Poet & Chuck Wagon Cook & Sheep Herder
9:15 AM	The National Anthem		North Village – Golden Slipper Saloon – Singing, Dancing & Comedy
	Family Tent – Crowning of Miss Sweet Sixteen		North Village – West Pleasant Lawn School – Games for Kids
9:30 AM	Antique Car Building – Car Talk – “1918 Model T Touring”	1:00 PM	Entertainment – Heritage Museum A – Junior Talley – Elvis Impersonator
	Heritage Museum A – East End – Fairbanks Morse Diesel Generator Starting		Heritage Museum B – Northeast Corner – Threshers BINGO – Closes
	Horse Demonstrations Area		Horse Demonstrations Area – Horse & Operator Contest & Games
	– Horse Powered Tedder, Buck Rake, Hay Loader & Swing Stacker		Iowa State Patrol & DNR Display – Closes
	Kids Area – Nick’s Kids Show		Log Village – History Speaks – “Ice Harvesting”
	North Village – West Pleasant Lawn School		North Village – OT Smokin’ Gunslingers – Train Holdup
	– Reunion for All One-Room School Attendees		Special Exhibits Area – Bear Hollow Wood Carvers
	Theatre Museum – Opens		Trading Post – Closes
	Traction Steam Area – Barb Heaton Pavilion	1:30 PM	Antique Car Building – Car Talk – “1940 Chevy”
	– Boiler & Steam Cylinder Explanation		North Village – Cowboy Poet & Chuck Wagon Cook & Sheep Herder
10:00 AM	Entertainment – Heritage Museum A – Junior Talley – Elvis Impersonator		North Village – Golden Slipper Saloon – Singing, Dancing & Comedy
	Gas Engine Area – Starting a Large Gas Engine		North Village – West Pleasant Lawn School
	Heritage Museum A – East End – Corliss Engine Lecture & Demonstration		– Spelling Bee Grades 1-3 followed by Grades 4-6
	Heritage Museum B – Marvin Mill Demonstration	2:00 PM	Heritage Museum A – East End – Page Dragline Diesel Starting,
	Horse Demonstrations Area		Engines Started by Request & Powerhouse Tour
	– Horse Powered Case Threshers, Tread Mill Thresher Baler		Log Village – Professor Farquar & Polecat Annie’s
	Log Village – History Speaks – “Bread – The Staff of Life”		– “Great American Medicine Show”
	Midwest Central Railroad – “How a Train Works”		Model Traction Steam Area – Scale Model Sawmill Operating
	(Inside South Station & Event Center)		North Village – OT Smokin’ Gunslingers – Train Holdup
	Model Traction Steam Area – Scale Model Sawmill Operating		North Village – West Pleasant Lawn School
	North Village – Center Chapel Church – Hymn Singing		– Spelling Bee Grades 7-9 followed by High School and Adult
	Special Exhibits Area – Bear Hollow Wood Carvers		Steam & Tractor Demonstration Area – Traction Steam Powered Baker Fan,
	Traction Steam Area – Shingle Mill Demonstration		Threshing & Baling Straw
	Steam & Tractor Demonstration Area – Tractor Powered Corn Shelling		Traction Steam Area – Barb Heaton Pavilion
10:15 AM	Antique Car Building – Car Talk – “1918 Chevrolet”		– Boiler & Steam Cylinder Explanation
10:30 AM	Gas Engine Area – Woodshop Demonstration		Traction Steam Area – Shingle Mill Demonstration
	Heritage Museum A – East End – Stationary Steam Engines Started by		Traction Steam Area – Veneer Mill in Operation
	Request & Powerhouse Tour	2:30 PM	Heritage Museum A – East End – Fairbanks Morse Diesel Generator Starting
	Horse Demonstrations Area		North Village – Cowboy Poet & Chuck Wagon Cook & Sheep Herder
	– Horse Powered Sawmill, Crosscut Saw, Stump Puller & Well Driller		North Village – Golden Slipper Saloon – Singing, Dancing & Comedy
			Steam & Tractor Demonstration Area – Tractor Powered Straw Baling

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3:00 PM *Thank You for Being Part of the 2026 Midwest Old Threshers Reunion!*
We are grateful to everyone who joined us for another year of tradition, steam, and family fun. Your support helps keep the spirit of Old Threshers alive for generations to come.
We look forward to seeing you again next year, September 2-6, 2027!

4:00 PM Shuttle Buses to Downtown & Parking Lots End Service

COME BACK
THIS FALL
AND WINTER

