

MIDWEST OLD THRESHERS REUNION IS

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NATIONAL
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.

VISIT HOME OF NATIONAL HOMESTEADERS DAY

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HOMESTEADERS HUB

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LEARN MORE &
GET INVOLVED!



BE PART OF THE REVIVAL.

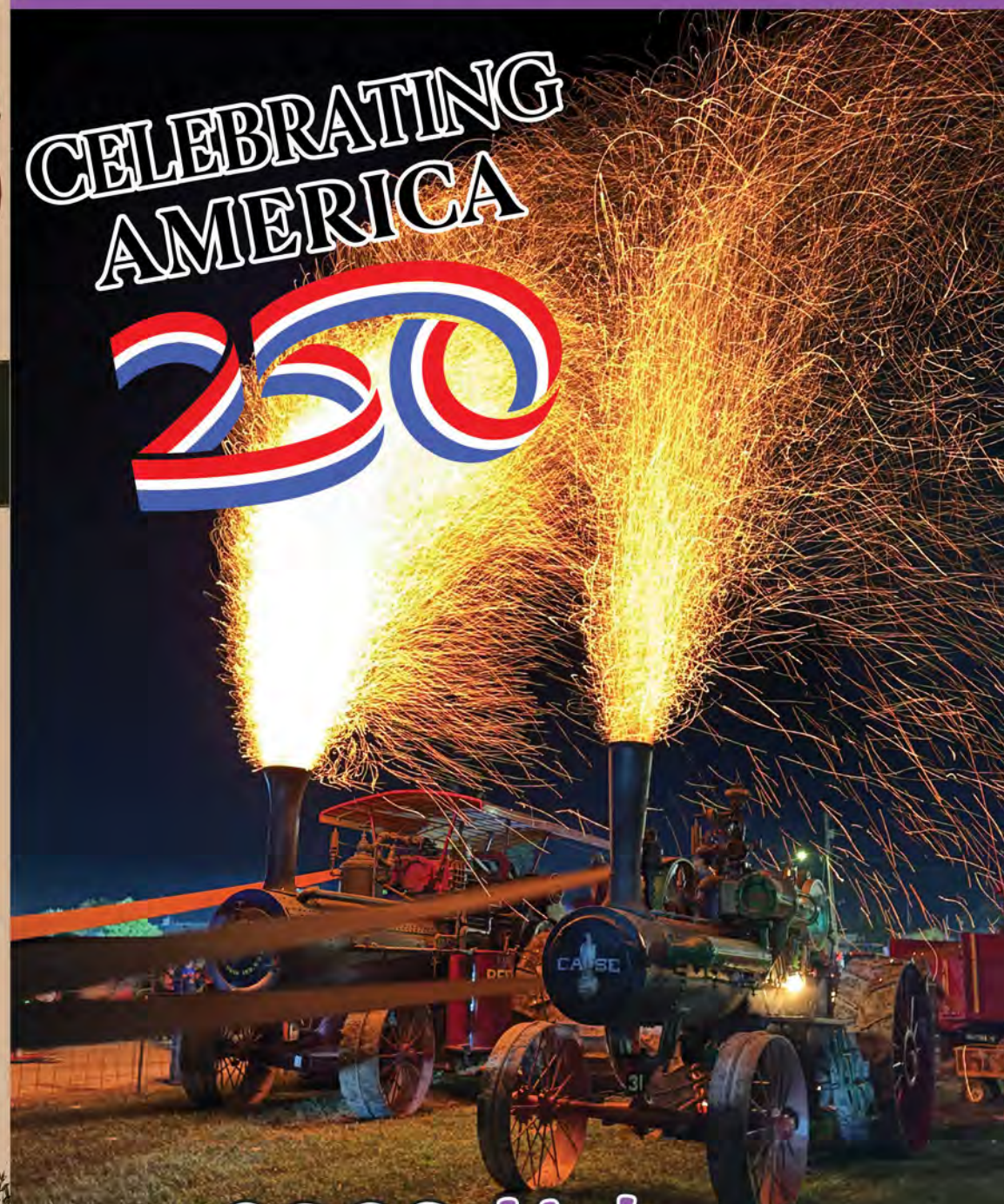
*Join us in celebrating the skills, values,
and traditions that make us strong.*

SATURDAY

September 5 - Daily Program

CELEBRATING
AMERICA

250



2026 Midwest
Old Threshers Reunion

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We Help People Who Help People

- TRAIN ROUTE
- TROLLEY ROUTE
- TROLLEY STOPS
- GROUND TRAIN ROUTE
- GROUND TRAIN STOPS
- RESTROOMS
- CHANGING TABLES
- FIRST AID
- ATMs
- MOBILITY RENTAL SERVICE
- INFORMATION BOOTH
- OFFICIAL SOUVENIRS

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 - SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 5, 2026

6:00 AM	Shuttle Buses to Downtown & Parking Lots Start Service	10:15 AM
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
	Reunion Headquarters – Opens Ground Trains Begin Operating	
7:30 AM	Campground – Prairie Gem Church – Old Fashioned Service – Hymn Singing & Gospel Preaching – Donuts & Coffee Following	
8:00 AM	Traction Steam Area – Full Scale Sawmill Operates Trading Post – Opens	
8:30 AM	North Village – Blacksmith Shop – Opens	
9:00 AM	Greeting & Devotion – Jeff McPheron, Midwest Old Threshers Chaplain Grandstand – Antique Tractor & Steam Engine Pull Antique Buildings – Open Antique Car & Truck Buildings – Open Campground – Colfax School – Stitching Bee with Carolyn Sidebottom – Informal Needlework, Show & Tell, and Fellowship – Feel Free to Bring Your Own Project Carousel Pavilion – Opens – “Ride the Smile Machine” – \$1.00 Gas Engine Area – Rock Crushing & Galloway Saw Demonstration	11:00 AM
	Heritage Museum A – Glenna Voyles Doll House & Museum – Opens Heritage Museum A – East End – Page Dragline Diesel Starting Heritage Museum A – Old Threshers Foundation Room – Opens Heritage Museum B – Printers’ Hall Demonstrations – Open Heritage Museums A & B / Crafters – Open Horse Demonstrations Area – Husker Shredder, Horse Powered Elevator, Sheller & Grinder	
	Iowa State Patrol & DNR Display – Opens (Under the Grandstand)	11:15 AM
	Kids Area – Drive a Tractor – Opens	11:30 AM
	Kids Area – Windy Acres Pony Rides – Opens	
	Log Village – Opens – Continuous Living History Demonstrations Midwest Central Railroad Red Caboose Gift Shop – Opens Midwest Central Railroad Trains Operate – Round Trip \$5.00 – Under 4 Free North Village Buildings – Open	
	Outside Heritage Museum A (East End) – Sorghum Mill – Pressing Cane with Horses & Steam Power to Follow	11:55 AM
	Special Car Tent – Opens – “Ford Horsepower”	NOON
	Special Exhibits Area – Horseshoe Tournament – Demonstrations, Teaching & Open Pitching Tractor Area – Belt-Driven Dynamometer – Opens	
9:15 AM	The National Anthem	
9:30 AM	Antique Car Building – Car Talk – “1924 Model T” Heritage Museum A – East End – Fairbanks Morse Diesel Generator Starting Horse Demonstrations Area – Horse Powered Tedder, Buck Rake, Hay Loader & Swing Stacker	12:30 PM
	North Village – West Pleasant Lawn School – Recess Games Theatre Museum – Opens Traction Steam Area – Barb Heaton Pavilion – Boiler & Steam Cylinder Explanation	1:00 PM
10:00 AM	Campground – Tour the Santa House – Opens Entertainment – Family Tent – The Wissmann Family – Gospel Entertainment – Heritage Museum A – The Kenastons – Bluegrass Entertainment – The Barn – Tim Smith – Country Gas Engine Area – Starting a Large Gas Engine Heritage Museum A – East End – Corliss Engine Lecture & Demonstration Heritage Museum B – Marvin Mill Demonstration Horse Demonstrations Area – Horse Powered Case Threshers, Tread Mill Thresher, Baler	
	Log Village – History Speaks – “History of the Log Village and Its Buildings” Midwest Central Railroad – Shop Tour (Starts at Engine House Door #3) Model Traction Steam Area – Scale Model Sawmill Operating	1:30 PM
	North Village – Center Chapel Church – Hymn Singing North Village – OT Smokin’ Gunslingers – Bank Robbery 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”	

	Steam & Tractor Demonstration Area – Tractor Powered Corn Shelling North Village – West Pleasant Lawn School – Story Time Antique Car Building – Car Talk – “1925 Chrysler” Gas Engine Area – Woodshop Demonstration Heritage Museum A – East End – Stationary Steam Engines (Started by Request) Horse Demonstrations Area – Horse Powered Sawmill, Crosscut Saw, Stump Puller & Well Driller	2:00 PM
	Kids Area – Nick’s Kids Show Log Village – Professor Farquar & Polecat Annie’s – “Great American Medicine Show” North Village – Cowboy Poet, Chuck Wagon Cook & Sheep Herder Steam & Tractor Demonstration Area – Traction Steam Powered Threshing & Baling Straw Traction Steam Area – Veneer Mill in Operation Traction Steam Area – Barb Heaton Pavilion – Boiler & Steam Cylinder Explanation	2:15 PM 2:30 PM
	Tractor Area – Belt-Driven Dynamometer – Closes Entertainment – Family Tent – The Many More Band – Bluegrass & Comedy Entertainment – Heritage Museum A – Steve Hargis – Country Entertainment – The Barn – Linc and The Drifters – Country Log Village – History Speaks – “Where Now? The Underground Railroad” Log Village – Rendezvous Camp – Mountain Man Skills North Village – OT Smokin’ Gunslingers – Train Holdup Special Exhibits Area – Horseshoe Tournament – Down & Back 4-Shoe Challenge	
	Theatre Museum – Shorten Toby Show – <i>Toby and the Senator</i> Gas Engine Area – Corn Crib Demonstration Kids Area – Chris Short’s Puppet Show North Village – Cowboy Poet, Chuck Wagon Cook & Sheep Herder North Village – Golden Slipper Saloon – Singing, Dancing & Comedy Traction Steam Area – Barb Heaton Pavilion – Boiler & Steam Cylinder Explanation	3:00 PM
	Grandstand – The National Anthem – Performed by Naomi English, First Runner Up of Miss Sweet Sixteen. Grandstand – Memorial Service & Cavalcade of Power (Weather Permitting) Entertainment – Family Tent – Junior Talley – Elvis Impersonator Entertainment – Heritage Museum A – The Punches – Bluegrass Entertainment – The Barn – Tim Smith – Country Kids Area – Drive a Tractor – Closes for Cavalcade of Power North Village – OT Smokin’ Gunslingers – Train Holdup Special Exhibits Area – Horseshoe Tournaments Begin until 5 PM Log Village – Professor Farquar & Polecat Annie’s – “Great American Medicine Show”	
	North Village – Cowboy Poet, Chuck Wagon Cook & Sheep Herder North Village – Golden Slipper Saloon – Singing, Dancing & Comedy Antique Car Building – Car Scavenger Hunt – Opens Campground – Colfax School – Stitching Bee with Carolyn Sidebottom – Informal Needlework, Show & Tell, and Fellowship – Feel Free to Bring Your Own Project Entertainment – Heritage Museum A – The Lewis Girls – Bluegrass Entertainment – The Barn – Lena Adams – Variety Gas Engine Area – Rock Crushing & Galloway Saw Demonstration Gas Engine Area – Starting a Large Gas Engine	
	Heritage Museum B – NE Corner – Threshers BINGO – Opens Horse Area – Tour Barns – Learn About Different Breeds of Horses Log Village – History Speaks – “Bees & Frolics: How to Work & Have Fun!” North Village – OT Smokin’ Gunslingers – Bank Robbery North Village – West Pleasant Lawn School – Family Sing-A-Long Special Exhibits Area – Bear Hollow Wood Carvers Antique Car Building – Car Talk – “Teardown of a Model T” by SIACC Heritage Museum A – Glenna Voyles Doll House & Museum – Presentation on Antique Dolls Kids Area – Nick’s Kids Show North Village – Cowboy Poet, Chuck Wagon Cook & Sheep Herder North Village – Golden Slipper Saloon – Singing, Dancing & Comedy North Village – West Pleasant Lawn School – Recess Games	4:00 PM
		4:15 PM

	Entertainment – Family Tent – The Wissmann Family – Gospel Entertainment – Heritage Museum A – Steve Hargis – Country Entertainment – The Barn – Barry Ward – Western Gospel Heritage Museum A – East End – Stationary Steam Powerhouse Tour Heritage Museum B – Marvin Mill Demonstration Horse Demonstrations Area – Husker Shredder, Horse Powered Elevator, Sheller & Grinder	4:30 PM
	Kids Area – Drive a Tractor – Re-Opens Log Village – History Speaks – “Getting Fleeced” North Village – Center Chapel Church – Hymn Singing North Village – OT Smokin’ Gunslingers – Town Show Traction Steam Area – Barb Heaton Pavilion – Boiler & Steam Cylinder Explanation Traction Steam Area – Veneer Mill in Operation Trolley Depot – “Trolleys: A Historical Sketch of Electrical Railways in America” Gas Engine Area – Corn Crib Demonstration Antique Car Building – Car Talk – “So You Want to Buy a New Car? It’s 1912” Horse Demonstrations Area – Horse Powered Tedder, Buck Rake, Hay Loader & Swing Stacker	5:00 PM 5:30 PM
	Kids Area – Chris Short’s Puppet Show Heritage Museum B – East End – \$200 Blackout Jackpot BINGO Log Village – Professor Farquar & Polecat Annie’s – “Great American Medicine Show” North Village – Cowboy Poet, Chuck Wagon Cook & Sheep Herder North Village – Golden Slipper Saloon – Singing, Dancing & Comedy North Village – West Pleasant Lawn School – Spelling Bee Grades 1–3 Followed by 4–6 Entertainment – Family Tent – The Many More Band – Bluegrass & Comedy Entertainment – The Barn – The Punches – Bluegrass Gas Engine Area – Rock Crushing & Galloway Saw Demonstration Heritage Museum A – East End – Corliss Engine Lecture, Page Dragline Diesel Starting & Stationary Steam Engines (by Request) Horse Demonstrations Area – Horse Powered Case Threshers, Tread Mill Thresher, Baler	6:00 PM
	Log Village – History Speaks – “Unmentionables: Ladies Clothing” Model Traction Steam Area – Scale Model Sawmill Operating North Village – OT Smokin’ Gunslingers – Train Holdup North Village – West Pleasant Lawn School – Spelling Bee Grades 7–9 Followed by High School & Adult Steam & Tractor Demonstration Area – Traction Steam Powered Prony Brake, Power Eater & Baker Fan	7:00 PM
	Theatre Museum – Shorten Toby Show – <i>Toby and the Senator</i> Traction Steam Area – Barb Heaton Pavilion – Boiler & Steam Cylinder Explanation Traction Steam Area – Shingle Mill Demonstration Antique Car Building – Car Talk – “Jeep” Heritage Museum A – East End – Fairbanks Morse Diesel Generator Starting Horse Demonstrations Area – Horse Powered Sawmill, Crosscut Saw, Stump Puller & Well Driller	7:30 PM 8:00 PM
	Midwest Central Railroad – “Midwest Central RR History” (Inside South Station & Event Center) North Village – Cowboy Poet, Chuck Wagon Cook & Sheep Herder North Village – Golden Slipper Saloon – Singing, Dancing & Comedy Steam & Tractor Demonstration Area – Traction Steam Powered Threshing & Baling Straw Tractor Headquarters – Kiddie Tractor Pull	9:00 PM
	Antique Car Building – Car Scavenger Hunt – Closes Campground – Tour the Santa House – Closes Entertainment – Heritage Museum A – Lena Adams – Country Entertainment – The Barn – The Lewis Girls – Bluegrass Family Tent – Catholic Mass Log Village – History Speaks – “Learning, Libraries & Books” North Village – OT Smokin’ Gunslingers – Bank Robbery Special Exhibits Area – Bear Hollow Wood Carvers Steam & Tractor Demonstration Area – Tractor Powered Corn Shelling & Straw Baling Heritage Museum A – East End – Stationary Steam Powerhouse Tour	10:00 PM 11:30 PM

	Antique Car Building – Car Talk – “Ford Horsepower” (Featured Tent) Kids Area – Nick’s Kids Show Log Village – Rendezvous Camp – Mountain Man Skills North Village – Cowboy Poet, Chuck Wagon Cook & Sheep Herder North Village – Golden Slipper Saloon – Singing, Dancing & Comedy Theatre Museum – Closes Traction Steam Area – Steam Engine Games Entertainment – Family Tent – Linc and The Drifters – Country Entertainment – Heritage Museum A – Barry Ward – Western Gospel Entertainment – The Barn – The Kenastons – Bluegrass Heritage Museum B – NE Corner – Last Game – \$500 Jackpot BINGO Log Village – Professor Farquar & Polecat Annie’s – “Great American Medicine Show” North Village – Center Chapel – Old Threshers Choir Practice North Village – OT Smokin’ Gunslingers – Train Holdup North Village – West Pleasant Lawn School – Closes Outside Heritage Museum A – Sorghum Mill – Closes Special Exhibits Area – Horseshoe Tournament – Closes Traction Steam Area – Full Scale Sawmill – Closes Kids Area – Chris Short’s Puppet Show North Village – Golden Slipper Saloon – Singing, Dancing & Comedy Campground – Prairie Gem Church – Old Fashioned Service – Hymn Singing & Gospel Preaching – Coffee, Lemonade & Cookies Following Entertainment – Heritage Museum A – Junior Talley – Elvis Impersonator Heritage Museum B – Marvin Mill Demonstration Iowa State Patrol & DNR Display – Closes Kids Area – Drive a Tractor – Closes Log Village – Barn – Draft Horse Parade of Breeds North Village – OT Smokin’ Gunslingers – Water Tank Special Exhibits Area – Bear Hollow Wood Carvers Trading Post – Closes Antique Buildings – Close Antique Car & Truck Buildings & Special Car Tent – Close Carousel Pavilion – Close Entertainment – Family Tent – The Punches – Bluegrass Heritage Museums A & B / Crafters – Close North Village – OT Smokin’ Gunslingers – Bank Robbery Reunion Headquarters – Closes The Barn – Square Dance Lessons Entertainment – The Barn – Lyle Beaver Trio – Dance Music Grandstand – Tyler Farr All Other Buildings – Close Entertainment – Family Tent – Jam Session Kids Area – Windy Acres Pony Rides – Closes North Village – OT Smokin’ Gunslingers – Train Holdup Steam & Tractor Demonstration Area – Traction Steam Spark Shows Midwest Central RR Train Operations & Red Caboose Gift Shop – Closes Midwest Electric Railway Trolleys & Ground Trains – Close After Grandstand Show Shuttle Buses to Downtown & Parking Lots – End Service
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GRANDSTAND ENTERTAINMENT

TONIGHT 8:00 PM

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GRANDSTAND OPENS AT 6:30 PM

