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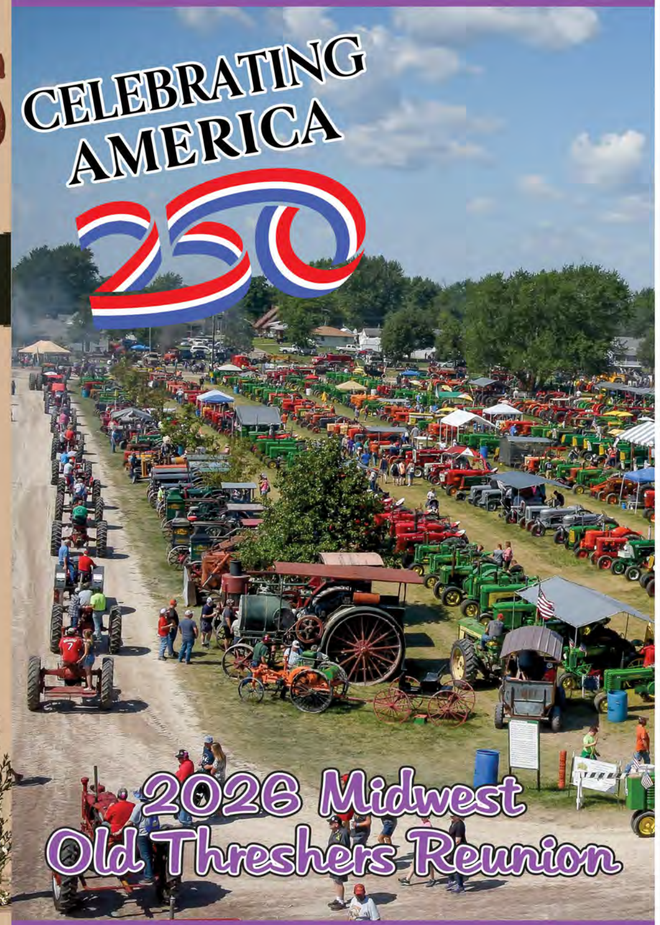
Join us in celebrating the skills, values, and traditions that make us strong.

LEARN MORE & GET INVOLVED!

SUNDAY

September 6 - Daily Program



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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

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EAST PARKING NO CAMPING

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 - SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

6:00 AM Shuttle Buses to Downtown & Parking Lots Start Service
7:00 AM Midwest Electric Railway Trolleys Begin Operating
– Round Trip $3.00 – Value Ticket (10 Trips) $20.00 – Under 6 Free
Reunion Headquarters – Opens
7:30 AM Ground Trains Begin Operating
8:00 AM Campground – Prairie Gem Church – Old Fashioned Service
– Hymn Singing & Gospel Preaching – Donuts & Coffee Following
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 – Items for Sale
Antique Car & Truck Buildings – Open
Carousel Pavilion – Opens – "Ride the Smile Machine" – $1.00
Family Tent – Catholic Mass
Gas Engine Area – Rock Crushing & Galloway Saw Demonstration
Heritage Museum A – Glenna Voyles Doll House & Museum – Opens
Heritage Museum A – Old Threshers Foundation Room – Opens
Heritage Museum A – East End – Page Dragline Diesel Starting
Heritage Museum B – Printers' Hall Demonstrations – Open
Heritage Museums A & B / Crafters – Open
Iowa State Patrol & DNR Display – Opens (Under the Grandstand)
Kids Area – Drive a Tractor – Opens
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 – Opens
Outside Heritage Museum A (East End) – Sorghum Mill
– Pressing Cane with Horses & Steam Power to Follow
Special Car Tent – Opens – "Ford Horsepower"
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 – "High Wheelers"
Campground – Colfax School
– 24th Annual Midwest Old Threshers Button Collectors' Forum
Heritage Museum A – East End – Fairbanks Morse Diesel Generator Starting
North Village – West Pleasant Lawn School – Recess Games
Theatre Museum – Opens
Traction Steam Area – Barb Heaton Pavilion
– Boiler & Steam Cylinder Explanation
10:00 AM Campground – Tour the Santa House – Opens
Family Tent – Sunday Morning Worship with Old Threshers Choir & Speaker Roger Pross
Gas Engine Area – Starting a Large Gas Engine
Heritage Museum A – East End – Corliss Engine Lecture & Demonstration
Heritage Museum B – Marvin Mill Demonstration
Log Village – History Speaks – "Where Now? The Underground Railroad"
Midwest Central Railroad – Shop Tour (Starts at Engine House Door #3)
Model Traction Steam Area – Scale Model Sawmill Operating
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"
10:15 AM Steam & Tractor Demonstration Area – Tractor Powered Corn Shelling
North Village – West Pleasant Lawn School – Story Time
10:30 AM Antique Car Building – Car Talk
– "So You Want to Buy a New Car? It's 1912"
Gas Engine Area – Woodshop Demonstration

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10:30 AM Heritage Museum A – East End
– Stationary Steam Engines (Started by Request)
Kids Area – Chris Short's Puppet 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 – Barb Heaton Pavilion
– Boiler & Steam Cylinder Explanation
Traction Steam Area – Veneer Mill in Operation
Tractor Area – Belt-Driven Dynamometer – Closes
Entertainment – Heritage Museum A – The Punches – Bluegrass
Entertainment – The Barn – The Kenastons – Bluegrass
Log Village – History Speaks – "Unmentionables: Ladies Clothing"
North Village – OT Smokin' Gunslingers – Train Holdup
Special Exhibits Area – Horseshoe Tournament
– Down & Back 4-Shoe Challenge
Steam & Tractor Demonstration Area – Tractor Powered Straw Baling
11:00 AM Gas Engine Area – Corn Crib Demonstration
Kids Area – Nick's Kids Show
Traction Steam Area – Barb Heaton Pavilion
– Boiler & Steam Cylinder Explanation
11:15 AM **Grandstand – The National Anthem**
– Performed by Micah Peck Family
11:30 AM **Grandstand – Cavalcade of Power (Weather Permitting)**
Entertainment – Family Tent – Linc and The Drifters – Country
Entertainment – Heritage Museum A – The Lewis Girls – Bluegrass
Entertainment – The Barn – Barry Ward – Western Gospel
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
NOON Kids Area – Chris Short's Puppet Show
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
Entertainment – Family Tent – The Wissmann Family – Gospel
Entertainment – The Barn – Heidi Lynne – Country
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 – "Ice Harvesting"
North Village – OT Smokin' Gunslingers – Bank Robbery
North Village – West Pleasant Lawn School – Family Sing-A-Long
Special Exhibits Area – Bear Hollow Wood Carvers
12:30 PM Antique Car Building – Car Talk – "1945 GMC Duck"
Heritage Museum A – Glenna Voyles Doll House & Museum
– Presentation on Antique Dolls
Log Village – Rendezvous Camp – Mountain Man Skills
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
Entertainment – Heritage Museum A – Lena Adams – Variety
Entertainment – The Barn – The Punches – Bluegrass
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
Kids Area – Drive a Tractor – Re-Opens
Log Village – History Speaks – "Prairie Wedding"
North Village – Center Chapel Church – Hymn Singing
North Village – OT Smokin' Gunslingers – Town Show

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1:00 PM 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"
1:30 PM Gas Engine Area – Corn Crib Demonstration
2:00 PM Antique Car Building – Car Talk – "1923 REO Firetruck"
Heritage Museum B – East End – $200 Blackout Jackpot BINGO
Horse Demonstrations Area
– Horse Powered Tedder, Buck Rake, Hay Loader & Swing Stacker
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
North Village – Golden Slipper Saloon – Singing, Dancing & Comedy
North Village – West Pleasant Lawn School
– Spelling Bee Grades 1–3 Followed by 4–6
2:15 PM Entertainment – Family Tent – Monmouth College Pipers – Bagpipes
Entertainment – The Barn – The Lewis Girls – Bluegrass
Gas Engine Area – Rock Crushing & Galloway Saw Demonstration
2:30 PM Heritage Museum A – East End – Corliss Engine Lecture, Page Dragline Diesel Starting & Stationary Engines (by Request)
Horse Demonstrations Area
– Horse Powered Case Threshers, Tread Mill Thresher, Baler
Log Village – History Speaks – "Women Who Settled the Prairie"
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, Corn Shelling & Baker Fan
Traction Steam Area – Barb Heaton Pavilion
– Boiler & Steam Cylinder Explanation
Traction Steam Area – Shingle Mill Demonstration
3:00 PM Antique Car Building – Car Talk – "Teardown of a Model T" by SIACC
Heritage Museum A – East End – Fairbanks Morse Diesel Generator Starting
Horse Demonstrations Area
– Horse Powered Sawmill, Crosscut Saw, Stump Puller & Well Driller
Kids Area – Chris Short's Puppet Show
Midwest Central Railroad – Shop Tour (Starts at Engine House Door #3)
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
3:30 PM **Antique Car Building – Car Scavenger Hunt – Closes**
Campground – Tour the Santa House – Closes
Entertainment – Family Tent – Barry Ward – Western Gospel
Entertainment – Heritage Museum A – Heidi Lynne – Country
Heritage Museum A – East End – Stationary Steam Powerhouse Tour
North Village – OT Smokin' Gunslingers – Bank Robbery
Special Exhibits Area – Bear Hollow Wood Carvers
Steam & Tractor Demonstration Area – Tractor Powered Corn Shelling & Straw Baling
4:00 PM Antique Car Building – Car Talk
– "A Walking Tour Through the Car Building"
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
4:30 PM Entertainment – Heritage Museum A – Lena Adams – Variety
Heritage Museum B – NE Corner – Last Game – $500 Jackpot BINGO
Log Village – Professor Farquar & Polecat Annie's
– "Great American Medicine Show"
North Village – OT Smokin' Gunslingers – Train Holdup

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5:00 PM **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
5:30 PM Kids Area – Nick's Kids Show
North Village – Golden Slipper Saloon – Singing, Dancing & Comedy
6:00 PM **Campground – Prairie Gem Church – Old Fashioned Service**
– Hymn Singing & Gospel Preaching
– Coffee, Lemonade & Cookies Following
– Last Service for the 2026 Midwest Old Threshers Reunion
Entertainment – Family Tent – Linc and The Drifters – Country
Heritage Museum B – Marvin Mill Demonstration
Iowa State Patrol & DNR Display – Closes
Kids Area – Drive a Tractor – Closes
North Village – OT Smokin' Gunslingers – Water Tank
Special Exhibits Area – Bear Hollow Wood Carvers
Trading Post – Closes
7:00 PM **Antique Buildings – Close**
Antique Car & Truck Buildings & Special Car Tent – Close
Carousel Pavilion – Close
Heritage Museums A & B / Crafters – Close
North Village – OT Smokin' Gunslingers – Bank Robbery
Reunion Headquarters – Closes
Special Exhibits Area – Bear Hollow Wood Carvers
– Select Wood Carvings for Auction
The Barn – Square Dance Lessons
7:30 PM Entertainment – The Barn – Lyle Beaver – Dance Music
8:00 PM **Grandstand – Dylan Scott**
All Other Buildings – Close
Kids Area – Windy Acres Pony Rides – Closes
North Village – OT Smokin' Gunslingers – Train Holdup
9:00 PM Steam & Tractor Demonstration Area – Traction Steam Spark Shows
Midwest Central RR Train Operations & Red Caboose Gift Shop – Closes
10:00 PM **Midwest Electric Railway Trolleys & Ground Trains**
– Close After Grandstand Show
11:30 PM **Shuttle Buses to Downtown & Parking Lots – End Service**

GRANDSTAND ENTERTAINMENT
TONIGHT 8:00 PM

GRANDSTAND OPENS AT 6:30 PM