

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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LEARN MORE &
GET INVOLVED!



BE PART OF THE REVIVAL.

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

THURSDAY

September 3 - Daily Program

CELEBRATING
AMERICA



2026 Midwest
Old Threshers Reunion



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- TRAIN ROUTE
- TROLLEY ROUTE
- TROLLEY STOPS
- GROUND 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
- 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 - THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

6:00 AM	Shuttle Buses to Downtown & Parking Lots Start Service	10:30 AM	Antique Car Building – Car Talk – “1955 Chevy Pickup”	2:00 PM	Horse Demonstrations Area	5:00 PM	Log Village – Professor Farquar & Polecat Annie’s
7:00 AM	Midwest Electric Railway Trolleys Begin Operating		Entertainment – Family Tent – The Wissmann Family – Gospel		– Husker Shredder, Horse Powered Elevator, Sheller & Grinder		– “Great American Medicine Show”
	– Round Trip \$3.00 – Value Ticket (10 Trips) \$20.00 – Under 6 Free		Gas Engine Area – Woodshop Demonstration		Kids Area – Drive a Tractor – Re-Opens		North Village – OT Smokin’ Gunslingers – Train Holdup
	Reunion Headquarters – Opens		Heritage Museum A – East End – Stationary Steam Engines (Started by Request)		Log Village – History Speaks – “Unmentionables: Ladies Clothing”		North Village – West Pleasant Lawn School – Closes
7:30 AM	Ground Trains Begin Operating		Horse Demonstrations Area		North Village – Center Chapel Church – Hymn Singing		Outside Heritage Museum A – Sorghum Mill – Closes
8:00 AM	Campground – Prairie Gem Church – Old Fashioned Service		– Horse Powered Sawmill, Crosscut Saw, Stump Puller & Well Driller		North Village – OT Smokin’ Gunslingers – Town Show		Special Exhibits Area – Horseshoe Tournament – Closes
	– Hymn Singing & Gospel Preaching – Donuts & Coffee Following		Kids Area – Nick’s Kids Show		Traction Steam Area – Barb Heaton Pavilion		Traction Steam Area – Full Scale Sawmill – Closes
	Traction Steam Area – Full Scale Sawmill Operates		Log Village – Professor Farquar & Polecat Annie’s		– Boiler & Steam Cylinder Explanation	5:30 PM	Kids Area – Chris Short’s Puppet Show
	Trading Post – Opens		– “Great American Medicine Show”		Traction Steam Area – Veneer Mill in Operation		North Village – Golden Slipper Saloon – Singing, Dancing & Comedy
8:30 AM	North Village – Blacksmith Shop – Opens		Steam & Tractor Demonstration Area		Trolley Depot	6:00 PM	Campground – Prairie Gem Church – Old Fashioned Service
9:00 AM	Greeting & Devotion – Jeff McPheron, Midwest Old Threshers Chaplain		– Traction Steam Powered Threshing & Baling Straw		– “Trolleys: A Historical Sketch of Electrical Railways in America”		– Hymn Singing & Gospel Preaching
	Antique Buildings – Open – Items for Sale		Traction Steam Area – Barb Heaton Pavilion	2:15 PM	Gas Engine Area – Corn Crib Demonstration		– Coffee, Lemonade & Cookies Following
	Antique Car & Truck Buildings – Open		– Boiler & Steam Cylinder Explanation	2:30 PM	Antique Car Building – Car Talk – “1925 Model T”		Entertainment – Family Tent – Junior Talley – Elvis Impersonator
	Campground – Colfax School – Stitching Bee with Carolyn Sidebottom		Traction Steam Area – Veneer Mill in Operation		Heritage Museum B – East End – \$200 Blackout Jackpot BINGO		Entertainment – Heritage Museum A – Lena Adams – Variety
	– Informal Needlework, Show & Tell, and Fellowship		Tractor Area – Belt Driven Dynamometer – Closes		Horse Demonstrations Area		Heritage Museum B – Marvin Mill Demonstration
	– Feel Free to Bring Your Own Project	11:00 AM	Entertainment – Heritage Museum A – Happy Memories – Senior Singers		– Horse Powered Tedder, Buck Rake, Hay Loader & Swing Stacker		Iowa State Patrol & DNR Display – Closes
	Carousel Pavilion – Opens – “Ride the Smile Machine” – \$1.00		Entertainment – The Barn – The Kenastons – Bluegrass		Kids Area – Chris Short’s Puppet Show		Kids Area – Drive a Tractor – Closes
	Gas Engine Area – Rock Crushing & Galloway Saw Demonstration		Log Village – History Speaks – “Women Who Settled the Prairie”		Log Village – Professor Farquar & Polecat Annie’s		North Village – OT Smokin’ Gunslingers – Water Tank
	Heritage Museum A – Glenna Voyles Doll House & Museum – Opens		Special Exhibits Area – Horseshoe Tournament		– “Great American Medicine Show”		Special Exhibits Area – Bear Hollow Wood Carvers
	Heritage Museum A – East End – Page Dragline Diesel Starting		– Down & Back 4-Shoe Challenge		North Village – Cowboy Poet, Chuck Wagon Cook & Sheep Herder		Trading Post – Closes
	Heritage Museum A – Old Threshers Foundation Room – Opens		Steam & Tractor Demonstration Area – Tractor Powered Straw Baling		North Village – Golden Slipper Saloon – Singing, Dancing & Comedy	7:00 PM	Antique Buildings – Close
	Heritage Museums A & B / Crafters – Open	11:15 AM	Gas Engine Area – Corn Crib Demonstration		North Village – West Pleasant Lawn School –		Antique Car & Truck Buildings & Special Car Tent – Close
	Heritage Museum B – Printers’ Hall Demonstrations Begin	11:30 AM	Grandstand Official Reunion Opening		– Spelling Bee Grades 1–3 followed by 4–6		Carousel Pavilion – Close
	Horse Demonstrations Area		By Chief Executive Officer Terry McWilliams	3:00 PM	Entertainment – Heritage Museum A – Junior Talley – Elvis Impersonator		Heritage Museums A & B / Crafters – Close
	– Husker Shredder, Horse Powered Elevator, Sheller & Grinder		& Mount Pleasant Mayor Steve Brimhall		Entertainment – The Barn – Barry Ward – Western Gospel		North Village – OT Smokin’ Gunslingers – Train Holdup
	Iowa State Patrol and DNR Display – Opens (Under Grandstand)		Kids Area – Chris Short’s Puppet Show		Gas Engine Area – Rock Crushing & Galloway Saw Demonstration		Reunion Headquarters – Closes
	Kids Area – Drive a Tractor – Opens		Traction Steam Area – Barb Heaton Pavilion		Heritage Museum A – East End –		The Barn – Square Dance Lessons
	Kids Area – Windy Acres Pony Rides – Opens	11:45 AM	– Boiler & Steam Cylinder Explanation		– Corliss Engine Lecture, Page Dragline Diesel Starting	7:30 PM	Entertainment – The Barn – The Punches – Dance Music
	Log Village – Opens – Continuous Living History Demonstrations		Grandstand – Mt. Pleasant High School Panther Marching Band		& Stationary Engines by Request	8:00 PM	Grandstand – Jimmy Fortune
	Midwest Central Railroad Red Caboose Gift Shop – Opens		– Micah Peck, Director		Horse Demonstrations Area		All Other Buildings – Close
	Midwest Central RR Trains Operate – Round Trip \$5.00 – Under 4 Free	11:55 AM	Grandstand – The National Anthem – By Mt. Pleasant High School Panther		– Horse Powered Case Threshers, Tread Mill Thresher, Baler	9:00 PM	Entertainment – Family Tent – Jam Session
	North Village Buildings – Open		Marching Band & Mt. Pleasant Military Color Guard		Log Village – History Speaks – “Diary of a Van Buren County Woman”		Kids Area – Windy Acres Pony Rides – Close
	Outside Heritage Museum A (East End) – Sorghum Mill	NOON	Grandstand – Cavalcade of Power (Weather Permitting)		Model Traction Steam Area – Scale Model Sawmill Operating		Midwest Central RR Train Operations & Red Caboose Gift Shop – Close
	– Pressing Cane with Horses & Steam Power to Follow		Entertainment – Family Tent – The Punches – Country		North Village – OT Smokin’ Gunslingers – Train Holdup		Steam & Tractor Demonstration Area – Traction Steam Spark Shows
	Special Car Tent – Opens – “Ford Horsepower”		Entertainment – Heritage Museum A – Barry Ward – Western Gospel		North Village – Pleasant Lawn School –	10:00 PM	Midwest Electric Railway Trolleys & Ground Trains
	Special Exhibits Area – Horseshoe Tournament		Entertainment – The Barn – Lena Adams – Variety		– Spelling Bee Grades 7–9 followed by High School & Adult		– Close After Grandstand Show
	– Demonstrations, Teaching & Open Pitching		Kids Area – Drive a Tractor – Closes for Cavalcade of Power		Steam & Tractor Demonstration Area –	11:30 PM	Shuttle Buses to Downtown & Parking Lots – End Service
	Tractor Area – Belt Driven Dynamometer – Opens		North Village – OT Smokin’ Gunslingers – Train Holdup		– Traction Steam Powered Prony Brake, Power Eater & Baker Fan		
9:15 AM	The National Anthem		Special Exhibits Area – Horseshoe Tournaments Begin until 5 PM		Traction Steam Area – Barb Heaton Pavilion		
9:30 AM	Antique Car Building – Car Talk – “Cars with Fins”	12:30 PM	North Village – Cowboy Poet, Chuck Wagon Cook & Sheep Herder		– Boiler & Steam Cylinder Explanation		
	Heritage Museum A – East End – Fairbanks Morse Diesel Generator Starting		North Village – Golden Slipper Saloon – Singing, Dancing & Comedy		Traction Steam Area – Shingle Mill in Operation		
	Horse Demonstrations Area	1:00 PM	Campground – Colfax School – Stitching Bee with Carolyn Sidebottom	3:30 PM	Heritage Museum A – East End – Fairbanks Morse Diesel Generator Starting		
	– Horse Powered Tedder, Buck Rake, Hay Loader & Swing Stacker		– Informal Needlework, Show & Tell, and Fellowship		Horse Demonstrations Area		
	North Village – West Pleasant Lawn School – Recess Games		– Feel Free to Bring Your Own Project		– Horse Powered Sawmill, Crosscut Saw, Stump Puller & Well Driller		
	Theatre Museum – Opens		Entertainment – Family Tent – The Lewis Girls – Bluegrass		Midwest Central Railroad		
	Traction Steam Area – Barb Heaton Pavilion		Entertainment – The Barn – WACO FFA – Bluegrass		– “Midwest Central RR History” (Inside South Station & Event Center)		
	– Boiler & Steam Cylinder Explanation		Gas Engine Area – Rock Crushing & Galloway Saw Demonstration		North Village – Cowboy Poet, Chuck Wagon Cook & Sheep Herder		
10:00 AM	Campground – Tour the Santa House – Opens		Gas Engine Area – Starting a Large Gas Engine		North Village – Golden Slipper Saloon – Singing, Dancing & Comedy		
	Gas Engine Area – Starting a Large Gas Engine		Heritage Museum B – NE Corner – Threshers BINGO – Opens		Steam & Tractor Demonstration Area –		
	Heritage Museum A – East End – Corliss Engine Lecture & Demonstration		Horse Area – Barn Tours – Learn About Horse Breeds		– Traction Steam Powered Threshing & Baling Straw		
	Heritage Museum B – Marvin Mill Demonstration		Log Village – History Speaks – “Iowa’s Underground Railroad”	4:00 PM	Campground – Tour the Santa House – Closes		
	Horse Demonstrations Area		North Village – OT Smokin’ Gunslingers – Bank Robbery		Entertainment – Family Tent – The Wissmann Family – Gospel		
	– Horse Powered Case Threshers, Tread Mill Thresher, Baler		North Village – West Pleasant Lawn School – Family Sing-A-Long		Entertainment – The Barn – The Lewis Girls – Bluegrass		
	Log Village – History Speaks – “Mules: Hardworking and Stubborn”		Special Exhibits Area – Bear Hollow Wood Carvers		Log Village – History Speaks – “The Undertaker”		
	Midwest Central Railroad	1:30 PM	Antique Car Building – Car Talk – “1919 REO Speedwagon”		North Village – OT Smokin’ Gunslingers – Bank Robbery		
	– “How a Train Works” (Inside South Station & Event Center)		Kids Area – Nick’s Kids Show		Special Exhibits Area – Bear Hollow Wood Carvers		
	Model Traction Steam Area – Scale Model Sawmill Operating		Log Village – Rendezvous Camp – Mountain Man Skills		Steam & Tractor Demonstration Area – Corn Shelling & Straw Baling		
	North Village – Center Chapel Church – Hymn Singing		North Village – Cowboy Poet, Chuck Wagon Cook & Sheep Herder	4:15 PM	Heritage Museum A – East End – Stationary Steam Powerhouse Tour		
	Special Exhibits Area – Bear Hollow Wood Carvers		North Village – Golden Slipper Saloon – Singing, Dancing & Comedy	4:30 PM	Kids Area – Nick’s Kids Show		
	Traction Steam Area – Shingle Mill Demonstration		North Village – West Pleasant Lawn School – Recess Games		North Village – Cowboy Poet, Chuck Wagon Cook & Sheep Herder		
	Trolley Depot	2:00 PM	Entertainment – Family Tent – Steve Hargis – Country		North Village – Golden Slipper Saloon – Singing, Dancing & Comedy		
	– “Trolleys: A Historical Sketch of Electrical Railways in America”		Entertainment – Heritage Museum A – The Kenastons – Bluegrass		Theatre Museum – Closes		
10:15 AM	North Village – West Pleasant Lawn School – Story Time		Heritage Museum A – East End – Stationary Steam Powerhouse Tour	5:00 PM	Entertainment – Heritage Museum A – Steve Hargis – Country		
	Steam & Tractor Demonstration Area – Tractor Powered Corn Shelling		Heritage Museum B – Marvin Mill Demonstration		Entertainment – The Barn – The Punches – Bluegrass		
		Continued.....			Heritage Museum B – NE Corner – Last Game – \$500 Jackpot BINGO		

GRANDSTAND ENTERTAINMENT

TONIGHT

8:00 PM

★ JIMMY ★

FORTUNE

GRANDSTAND OPENS AT 6:30 PM

