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THURSDAY AUGUST 31 - DAILY PROGRAM



2023 MIDWEST OLD THRESHERS REUNION

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VISIT THE GREAT FOOD OPERATIONS AT THE 2023 MIDWEST OLD THRESHERS REUNION

FOOD OPERATIONS

- Wright Family Events Pavilion**
- A St. Alphonsus Food
 - B Methodist Food
 - C Faith Lutheran
 - D Paul Reeves Pizza and More
 - E Boy Scouts Pancakes
 - F Brunk's Concessions
 - G Drink Moore Coffee
 - H Eat My Bloomers
 - I Elk Meat Tent
 - J Hang Around Cafe
 - K Henry County Pork Producers Pork Sandwiches
 - 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
 - R Olds Willing Workers - Short Orders
 - S Otter's Concessions
 - T Pineapple Whip Iowa
 - U Sorghum Mill
 - V Sugar Creek Turkey Grill
 - W Sweet n Saucy BBQ



ACTIVITY CENTERS

- 1 Paul Anderson Welcome Center and Headquarters
- 2 Carousel Pavilion
- 3 Antique Dealer Exhibitors
- 4 Antique Car / Truck Buildings
- 5 Highway Patrol
- 6 North Village
- 7 Center Chapel
- 8 West Pleasant Lawn School
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- 39 Handicapped Parking
- 40 Bob & Penny Gilchrist Traction Steam Headquarters
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- 42 Richard E. Oetken Tractor Hdqrs.
- 43 Vendor Sales Area
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- 54 Barb Heaton Pavilion
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- 57 Santa House

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MIDWEST OLD THRESHERS REUNION - THURSDAY AUGUST 31, 2023

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 and coffee following
 Traction Steam Area – Full-Scale Sawmill Operates
 Trading Post – Opens
 North Village – Blacksmith Shop – Opens
8:30 AM Greeting & Devotion – Jeff McPheron, Midwest Old Threshers Chaplain
 9:00 AM Antique Buildings – Open – Items For Sale
 Antique Car & Truck Buildings – Opens
 Campground – Colfax School – Stitching Bee Join Carolyn Sidebottom for
 informal needlework, show and tell, and fellowship. Feel free to
 bring your own project to work on if you wish. NO CHARGE
 Carousel Pavilion Opens – Ride the Smile Machine - \$1.00
 Gas Engine Area – Rock Crushing & Galloway-Saw Demonstration
 Glenna Voyles Doll House & Museum – Opens
 Heritage Museum A – East End – Page Dragline Diesel Starting
 Heritage Museum A – Old Threshers Foundation Room – Opens
 – Visit the Air Conditioned Room!
 Heritage Museums A & B / Crafters – Opens
 Horse Demonstrations Area
 – Horse Powered Elevator, Sheller, & Grinder
 Iowa State Patrol and 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 Southside Opens
 Midwest Central Railroad Trains Operate – Round Trip \$4.00
 Museum B – Printers’ Hall Demonstrations Begin
 North Village Buildings – Opens
 Outside Heritage Museum B (East End) – Sorghum Mill – Opens
 Special Car Tent – Opens – “MOPAR American Performance Cars”
 Gas Engine Area – Cement Block Making Demonstration
 9:15 AM Antique Car Building – Car Talk – “The 1911 International Truck”,
 9:30 AM By Gerald Bristle
 Heritage Museum A – East End – Fairbanks Morse Diesel Generator Starting
 Horse Demonstrations Area
 – Horse Powered Tedder, Buck Rake, Hayloader & Swing Stacker
 North Village – West Pleasant Lawn School – Story Teller
 Theatre Museum – Opens
 Traction Steam Area – Barb Heaton Pavilion
 – Boiler & Steam Cylinder Explanation
 10:00 AM Tractor Area – Belt Driven Dynamometer - Opens
 Campground – Tour the Santa House – Opens
 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 “Mules: Hardworking and Stubborn”
 Midwest Central Railroad – South Station & Event Center
 – “How A Train Works,” By Paul Knowles
 Model Traction Steam Area – Sawmill Operating
 North Village – Center Chapel Church – Hymn Singing
 Special Exhibits Area – Bear Hollow Wood Carvers
 Traction Steam Area – Shingle Mill Demonstration
 Trolley Depot– “Trolleys a Historical Sketch of Electrical Railways
 in America” By Wes Bender
 10:15 AM Steam & Tractor Demonstration Area – Tractor Powered Corn Shelling
 10:30 AM Antique Car Building – Car Talk – “1924 Model T 2 door”, by Larry Haines
 Entertainment – Family Tent – The Wissmann Family – Gospel
 Heritage Museum A – East End - Stationary Steam Engines
 – Started by Request
 Horse Demonstrations Area
 – Horse Powered Sawmill, Cross Cut Saw,
 Stump Puller, & Well Driller
 Kids Area – Nick’s Kids Show

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10:30 AM Log Village – Professor Farquar & Polecat Annie’s
 – “Great American Medicine Show”
 North Village – Golden Slipper Saloon – Trent Prewitt
 – Classic Country Music / CCB Nashville Recording Artist
 North Village – West Pleasant Lawn School – Games for Kids
 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
 11:00 AM Entertainment – Heritage Museum A – Happy Memories – Senior Singers
 Entertainment – The Barn – The Kenastons – Bluegrass
 Log Village – History Speaks
 – “Gardens, Orchards and Other Winter Food Sources”
 Steam & Tractor Demonstration Area – Tractor Powered Straw Baling
 Gas Engine Area – Corn Crib Demonstration
 11:15 AM **Grandstand Official Reunion Opening**
 * **By Chief Executive Officer Terry McWilliams**
 * **Mount Pleasant Welcome By Mayor Steve Brimhall**
 Kids Area – Chris Short’s Puppet Show
 Traction Steam Area – Barb Heaton Pavilion
 – Boiler & Steam Cylinder Explanation
 11:45 AM **Grandstand – Mt. Pleasant Military Color Guard**
 – **Mt. Pleasant High School Panther Marching Band**
 Gas Engine Area – Hand Made Paper with a Gas Engine Demonstration
 11:55 AM **Grandstand – The National Anthem**
 – **By Mt. Pleasant High School Panther Marching Band**
 – **Bradley Cook, Director**
Grandstand – Cavalcade of Power (weather permitting)
 Entertainment – Family Tent – Jason Brown – Country
 Entertainment – Heritage Museum A – The Punches – Bluegrass
 Kids Area – Drive A Tractor Closes for Cavalcade of Power
 North Village – OT Smokin’ Gunslingers American West Show
 North Village – Cowboy Poet & Chuck Wagon Cook & Sheep Herder
 North Village – Golden Slipper Saloon – Singing, Dancing & Comedy
 Campground – Colfax School – Stitching Bee Join Carolyn Sidebottom for
 informal needlework, show and tell, and fellowship. Feel free to
 bring your own project to work on if you wish. NO CHARGE
 Entertainment – Heritage Museum A – Lena Adams – Variety
 Entertainment – The Barn– Troublesome Creek – Country
 Gas Engine Area – Rock Crushing & Galloway-Saw Demonstration
 Heritage Museum B – Northeast Corner – Threshers BINGO – Opens
 Horse Area – Barn Tours – Learn about the Different Breeds of Horses
 Log Village – History Speaks “Iowa’s Underground Railroad”
 North Village – OT Smokin’ Gunslingers American West Show
 North Village – West Pleasant Lawn School – Family Sing-A-Long
 Special Exhibits Area – Bear Hollow Wood Carvers
 1:30 PM Antique Car Building – Car Talk – “1955 Chevy Pickup”, By Dean Soenksen
 Gas Engine Area – Cement Block Making Demonstration
 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
 North Village – West Pleasant Lawn School – Games for Kids
 Entertainment – Family Tent – Steve Hargis – Country
 2:00 PM Entertainment – Heritage Museum A – The Punches – Bluegrass
 Heritage Museum A – East End – Stationary Steam Powerhouse Tour
 Heritage Museum B – Marvin Mill Demonstration
 Horse Demonstrations Area
 – Horse Powered Elevator, Sheller, & Grinder
 Kids Area – Drive A Tractor Re-Opens
 Log Village – History Speaks “Unmentionables: Ladies Clothing”
 North Village – Center Chapel Church – Hymn Singing
 North Village – OT Smokin’ Gunslingers American West Show
 Traction Steam Area – Barb Heaton Pavilion
 – Boiler & Steam Cylinder Explanation

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2:00 PM Traction Steam Area – Veneer Mill in Operation
 Trolley Depot – “Trolleys a Historical Sketch of Electrical Railways
 in America” By Wes Bender
 2:15 AM Gas Engine Area – Corn Crib Demonstration
 2:30 PM Antique Car Building – Car Talk
 – “A Talk from the Feature Tent
 – MOPAR AMERICAN PERFORMANCE CARS”
 Heritage Museum B – East End - \$200 Blackout Jackpot BINGO
 Horse Demonstrations Area
 – Horse Powered Tedder, Buck Rake, Hayloader & Swing Stacker
 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
 North Village – West Pleasant Lawn School
 – Spelling Bee Grades 1 – 3 followed by 4 – 6
 3:00 PM Entertainment – Family Tent – Jason Brown
 Entertainment – Heritage Museum A – Junior Talley – Elvis Impersonator
 Gas Engine Area – Rock Crushing & Galloway-Saw Demonstration
 Heritage Museum A – East End – Corliss Engine Lecture & Demonstration
 Heritage Museum A – East End – Page Dragline Diesel Starting
 Heritage Museum A – East End – Stationary Steam Engines Started 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 American West Show
 North Village – Pleasant Lawn School
 – Spelling Bee Grades 7-9 followed by High School and Adult
 Steam & Tractor Demonstration Area
 – Traction Steam Powered Prony Brake, Power Eater & Baker Fan
 Traction Steam Area – Barb Heaton Pavilion
 – Boiler & Steam Cylinder Explanation
 Traction Steam Area – Shingle Mill in Operation
 Tractor Area – Belt Driven Dynamometer – Opens
 Gas Engine Area – Cement Block Making Demonstration
 3:15 AM Heritage Museum A – East End – Fairbanks Morse Diesel Generator Starting
 3:30 PM Horse Demonstrations Area
 – Horse Powered Sawmill, Cross Cut Saw,
 Stump Puller, & Well Driller
 Midwest Central Railroad – South Station & Event Center
 – “Midwest Central RR History” By Paul Knowles
 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
 Campground – Tour the Santa House – Closes
 4:00 PM Entertainment – Family Tent – The Wissmann Family – Gospel
 Entertainment – The Barn – The Kenastons – Bluegrass
 Log Village – History Speaks “The Undertaker”
 North Village – OT Smokin’ Gunslingers American West Show
 Special Exhibits Area – Bear Hollow Wood Carvers
 Steam & Tractor Demonstration Area
 – Tractor Powered Corn Shelling & Straw Baling
 Tractor Area – Belt Driven Dynamometer - Closes
 Heritage Museum A – East End – Stationary Steam Powerhouse Tour
 Horse Area – Horse Shoeing Demonstration
 Kids Area – Nick’s Kids Show
 North Village – Cowboy Poet & Chuck Wagon Cook & Sheep Herder
 North Village – Golden Slipper Saloon – Singing, Dancing & Comedy
 Theatre Museum – Closes
 Entertainment – Heritage Museum A – Lena Adams – Variety
 Entertainment – The Barn – Steve Hargis – Country
 Heritage Museum B – Northeast Corner – Last Game – \$500 Jackpot Bingo
 Log Village – Professor Farquar & Polecat Annie’s
 – “Great American Medicine Show”
 North Village – OT Smokin’ Gunslingers American West Show
 North Village – West Pleasant Lawn School Closes

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5:00 PM Outside Heritage Museum A (East End) – Sorghum Mill Closes
 Traction Steam Area – Full-Scale Sawmill Closes
 5:30 PM Kids Area – Chris Short’s Puppet Show
 North Village – Golden Slipper Saloon – Singing, Dancing & Comedy
Theatre Museum – Neil & Caroline Shaffner Play
“JITTERING SPOOKS”
 6:00 PM Campground – Prairie Gem Church
 – Old Fashioned Service Hymn Singing & Gospel Preaching
 – Coffee, lemonade, & cookies following
 Entertainment – Family Tent – Junior Talley – Elvis Impersonator
 Entertainment – Heritage Museum A – Troublesome Creek – Country
 Iowa State Patrol and DNR Display Closes
 Kids Area – Drive A Tractor Closes
 North Village – OT Smokin’ Gunslingers American West Show
 Special Exhibits Area – Bear Hollow Wood Carvers
 Trading Post Closes
 Heritage Museum B – Marvin Mill Demonstration
 Midwest Central Railroad Red Caboose Gift shop – Southside Closes
 North Village – OT Smokin’ Gunslingers American West Show
 The Barn – Square Dance Lessons
 7:00 PM Entertainment – The Barn – The Punches – Dance Music
 7:30 PM **Grandstand – Crystal Gayle**
 8:00 PM Antique Buildings – Close
 Antique Car & Truck Buildings – Close
 Carousel Pavilion – Closes
 Entertainment – Family Tent – Jam Session
 Heritage Museum A & B – Closes
 Kids Area – Windy Acres Pony Rides Closes
 Midwest Central Railroad Train Operation Closes
 North Village – OT Smokin’ Gunslingers American West Show
 North Village Buildings – Close
 Reunion Headquarters Closes
 Special Car Tent – Closes
 Steam & Tractor Demonstration Area – Traction Steam Spark Shows
 9:00 PM Ground Trains Close After Country Music Show
 10:00 PM Midwest Electric Railway Trolleys Close After Country Music Show
 11:30 PM Shuttle Buses to Downtown & Parking Lots End Service

GRANDSTAND ENTERTAINMENT



TONIGHT

8:00 PM



GRANDSTAND OPENS AT 6:30 PM