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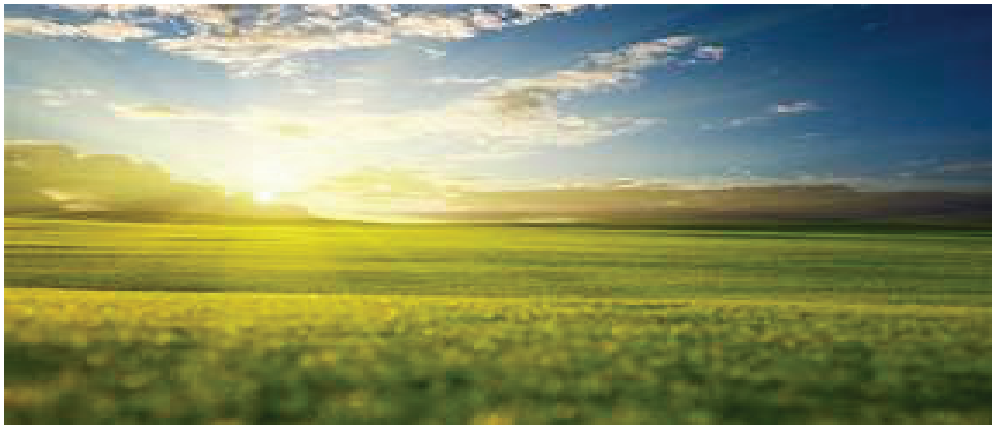
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A Warm Welcome for Spring & WCOTA Sunshine and Support in the Forecast

Once again this Spring, we are overwhelmed and grateful for the outpouring of support from our community, and the surrounding communities, who have really stepped up this Spring to send sunshine and support our way! It is with your donations that we can “keep the lights on” and continue to Show Up for our community! Whether you are sending in your annual dues, supporting us as a sponsor for annual events, or just making a donation in kind, **WE APPRECIATE YOU!** Thank YOU! for your continued support of the Warren County Old Threshers Association. We feel the Warmth!

5th Annual WCOTA Tractor Cruise Proud to Honor Longtime Supporter The Frank Stuermann Memorial Tractor Cruise

The Warren County Old Threshers Association is proud to announce the dedication of our Annual Tractor Cruise to the memory of our dear friend and supporter Frank Stuermann. Through the years, Frank was instrumental in organizing this event for us, creating a second to none scenic route through the beautiful hills and valleys of southern Warren County. He also brought the Fun by acquiring donations to support the event. We are forever grateful to such a loyal friend and supporter. Therefore, it is our honor to invite you to The Frank Stuermann Memorial Tractor Cruise to take place **Sunday, May 17, 2026**. Mark your calendar today so that you are sure to attend! Watch for further details or contact an officer for more information.



Our Mission:

As recorded in our Articles of Incorporation

The purpose for which the organization is established are historic and educational in nature: to provide the means whereby persons who are interested in the preservation and restoration of old farm machinery, can exchange ideas and information, and arrange for the exhibition of old autos, tractors, engines and other items relating to our American Agricultural Heritage. Also, to establish and maintain a permanent museum for the future enjoyment and preservation of articles of historic value relating to our American Agricultural Heritage.

2026 Schedule of Meetings

Every Third Tuesday, 7pm

The Warren County Old Threshers Association meets one evening per month at the Farm Heritage Museum grounds, just off State Hwy W, on Palmyra Road, near Warrenton, Missouri. Our group meets at 7pm, on the third Tuesday of each month, with the exception of our winter break (Dec./Jan.). We normally discuss items relating to upcoming thresher events and shows, projects at the museum grounds, collecting and restoring of farm equipment, and preparations for our Annual FARM HERITAGE DAYS tractor displays, pulling show, and various demonstrations and events.

WCOTA Membership

From the By-Laws

One becomes a voting member upon acceptance of membership by a vote of members, and payment of dues. Non-voting junior membership is open to those under eighteen years of age, if sponsored and supervised by an adult member. **Annual Membership Dues for 2026 are only \$7.00.**

To become a member of WCOTA, just contact an officer or attend our next meeting or event.



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A Look Ahead to All Things Tractor

49th Annual "Farm Heritage Days" Happening in August

That old saying "time flies" certainly holds true when it comes to the calendar, the summer, and the preparing for a show! All the more reason to begin planning now for our annual Tractor Displays, Raffles, and Pulling Events. This year's **FARM HERITAGE DAYS** will take place on the second full weekend of August, which is **Friday, Saturday and Sunday the 14, 15 and 16th, for 2026.**

Visitors can expect the same great food and fun times as in the past, with numerous area vendor crafts on display, entertaining live music, childrens games and pedal pulls, and farm heritage displays and demonstrations that do not disappoint!

Join us to see Farming Methods of the Past Come to Life once again, such as wheat threshing, bale making, corn shelling, saw milling, blacksmithing, bee keeping, and tractor pulling events!

This year, our Feature Tractor is Ford Tractors and Fairbanks Engines. So, if you're a fan, bring yours out for display. Register to be a part of the "Best of Show" small engine or tractor, and you

could win a commemorative plaque to celebrate **your** fine machinery display! Tractor Pulling events for this year will include The Central Missouri Old Tractor Association at noon on Sunday. And, on Saturday evening, we'll host an Out of Field Farm Tractor Pulling event starting at 5 pm. We encourage the community to come out and participate at your farm heritage museum grounds.

The close of our annual show always seems to arrive too soon, and before you know it, the tractors and equipment are all stored away again in the big barn until next year. But, before that happens we end our show, 3pm on Sunday, by awarding all the raffle prize winners. Watch for show flyers detailing the Schedule of Events and highlighting the Raffle prize items for this year.

Celebrate *your* farm heritage with us during WCOTA's 49th Annual **Farm Heritage Days**, August 14, 15, and 16th.



Annual Appreciation Event Scheduled for Fall 2026

Change of Venue and Format this October

Every year the Warren County Old Threshers Association sets aside an evening to extend our sincere THANK YOU to everyone who supported us as a member, sponsor, supporter or volunteer worker. It is only through your man power and donations that we can keep alive the memory of our Agricultural Heritage and the ways of our Farming Ancestors right here in Warren County.

The Annual Appreciation Dinner will take place on **Saturday, October 10th, 2026, from 3 to 7 pm.** We will be gathering in our own facility at the Farm Heritage Museum grounds, off Palmyra Road, for this event. Guests can look forward to a hot chili dinner with all the fixins' and cornbread too! - to be enjoyed near a campfire under the Autumn sky. Watch for more information regarding this event or contact an officer today.



For Information Regarding WCOTA, Please Contact:

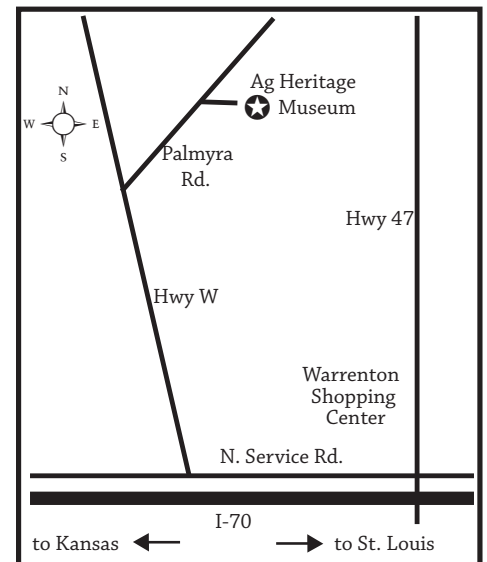
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Museum Directions:

Take I-70 To Warrenton exit 193
(Hwy 47 North) ,
Go West on the North Service Rd
(past shopping center) ,
Turn Right on Hwy W, then,
Turn Right on Palmyra Rd,
The Agricultural Heritage Museum
is directly on the Right.



WCOTA Scholarship Annual Educational Assistance

For the past several years, the Warren County Old Threshers Association has been proud to be able to assist college or tech school-bound graduates from Warren County in furthering their education. With the help of supporters, sponsors, and members, WCOTA has been able to raise and set aside funds in order to offer a \$500 scholarship to agriculturally minded youth in our community. Applications for this award become available each year through local high schools, FFA and 4H organizations during the month of February, and are due back to the Old Threshers organization usually by March or April. Eligibility requirements for this scholarship include active participation in a county FFA or 4H group, or membership in the Warren County Old Threshers Association, US citizenship, high school graduate, and enrollment in an accredited college, university or technical school. Applicants must complete the application questionnaire, submit a letter of personal reference, and compose an essay to illustrate why the mission of WCOTA is so important and relates to the applicant's own life experiences.