



WARREN COUNTY OLD THRESHER ASSOCIATION

The W.C.O.T.A. News

Sixth Edition

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Warrenton, MO 63383

Show Location: Agricultural Heritage Museum Grounds, 29550 Palmyra Rd., Warrenton, MO



Wheat binding took place in June, in preparation for wheat threshing demonstrations at our Annual Show in August

Hot Time at the Museum Grounds Tonight 49th Annual Farm Heritage Days Tractor Pull Runs Late into the Evening

The Warren County Old Threshers Association would like to thank our members and friends from all around Mid-Missouri for coming out to Farm Heritage Days once again this year, making it a big Success! The Fun started off with a bang right away, as the Mid-MO Derby Mowers tore it up down on the track Friday evening.

Saturday morning started with the smell of BBQ hot off the grill, swirling around the big barn where folks enjoyed lunch and live music. The Field was full with tractors of all colors on display and the sound of wheat threshing and corn shucking demonstrations taking place on the hill. The lower shed was poppin' with small engines on display and the Buxton saw mill was buzzing along sending the smell of cedar permeating into the warm summer breezes.

In the afternoon, kids of all ages participated in the pedal pulls and kids games. The barrel train and jumpy house were also popular attractions on a hot Saturday. Later, as the sun was setting, the Out of Field Tractor Pull was gearing up down at the track. The night may have brought some relief from the heat, but the competition was hot late into the evening.

Sunday brought some welcome rain, but turned away our tractor pullers, understandably. So, we made the best of it by enjoying lunch with live music and visiting the Raffle tables before the 3pm drawings at the close of our show. But, before that happens, brave participants entered into the watermelon eating contest to enjoy a cool and sweet slice of summertime with no hands allowed!



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.

Schedule of Monthly Meetings

Every Third Tuesday, 7pm

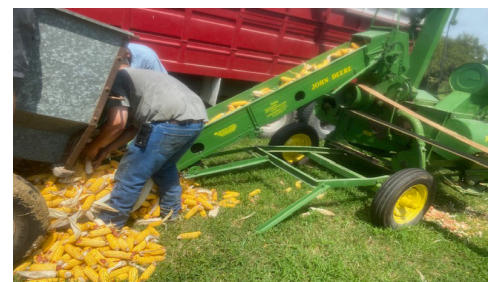
The Warren County Old Threshers Association meets one evening per month at the Farm Heritage Museum grounds, just off State Hwy W, on Palmyra Road, near Warrenton, Missouri. Our group meets at 7pm, on the third Tuesday of each month, with the exception of our winter break (Dec./Jan.). We normally discuss 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 events, and various show demonstrations.

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 are only \$10.00.**

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



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2026 “Best of Show” Awarded Contest Sposored by Machinists

It’s hard to beat a good thing!
This year’s best display tractor, by popular vote, is this shiny 1953 John Deere 60 owned and restored by Mr. Mason Parris of Warrenton. Congratulations once again to Mason! This honor was bestowed upon Mason by the President of International Association of Machinists, Local 777 out of Bridgeton, Missouri, who proudly sponsor this contest each year.



Frank Stuermann Memorial Tractor Cruise Enjoyed by Many

A Pleasant Sunday Drive in the Country

A BIG Thank You! goes out to all who participated in this year’s annual Tractor Cruise on a beautiful Sunday in May. The event was enjoyed by many who came out to see the best of rural Warren County and support WCOTA in memory of our dear friend and hero Frank Stuermann. The day was blessed with lovely weather and the path to Treloar was paved with sunshine. Lunch was enjoyed in the park next to the historic Mercantile building and Katy Trail visitor center. Participant’s enjoyed the day choosing a participation gift and trying for the raffle gun before climbing back up for the rest of the tour. Not to mention the delicious fried chicken, potato salad, and slaw! You won’t want to miss this event next year!



Annual Member Appreciation Dinner Happening in October Fall Event to Say “We Appreciate You”

Every year the WCOTA sets aside an evening to extend our sincere THANK YOU to everyone who supported us as a member, sponsor, supporter or volunteer worker. This year’s Dinner will take place on **Saturday, October 10th, 2026, from 3 to 7 pm at the Museum Grounds.** Guests can look forward to a hot chili supper with all the fixins’, including hot dogs, cornbread, and fall inspired drinks. So make plans now to come out to the grounds and celebrate the evening with us. Bring along a blanket and your boots, and we’ll provide the starry sky and straw bale!



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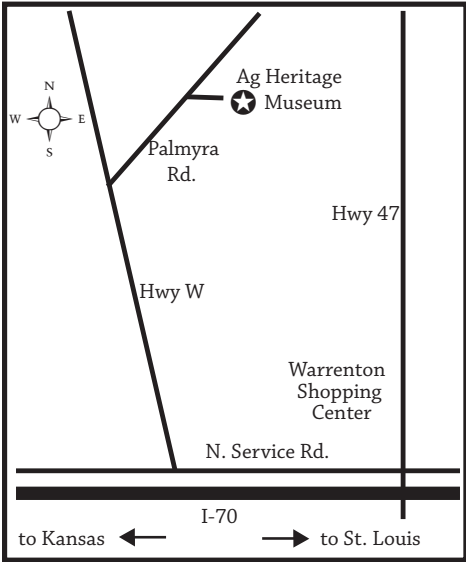
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Museum Directions:

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.



2026 Scholarship Recipient Receives College Assistance

The Warren County Old Threshers Association is proud to be able to offer assistance in the form of a \$500 Annual Scholarship to an area student each year. This year our recipient is Ms. Allison Polston of Warren County.



Allison has been actively involved in forging her own farm heritage, here in Warren County, for many years already. She has taken on active leadership roles in local FFA Chapter and participated in live stock showing at the county fair. Allison also takes the lead in her work at the family Asphalt business.

Allison feels her real calling is to work with animals. Currently, she is spending time at an area veterinary clinic to gain experience. She plans to attend ECC this Fall to study Veterinary Sciences. The Warren County Old Threshers would like to Congratulate Allison and wish her all the best on her future career.