

Come Join the Past

This is a family friendly event for everyone. Come and relive life as it was 100 years ago in the Wakarusa area. Watch as old vintage equipment comes alive through the Power from the Past organization.




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→ **Wakarusa Historical Ag Days & Tractor Show**
August 16th, 12-Dusk
August 17th, 8-4





→ Reliving our rich farming culture

This 2 day event takes us back to a simpler time in life. During this event you will learn about the power of steam and vintage gas powered equipment. Witness first hand how wheat threshers, hand balers, buzz saws, corn shellers, and cider presses were used. Watch a portable saw mill in action, eat fresh home made ice cream, & see the firing of an old Civil War cannon. See the many vintage tractors on display for the Chamber of Commerce Tractor Show. Free barrel rides for the kids, along with the release of Chinese lanterns at dusk on Friday. Friday night caps off with the spark show from a steam engine.




→ Friday 1:00-10:00

The Festivities begin at 1:00 with the firing of the Civil War cannon. At 2:00 Grandma's Haus will be introducing everyone to old spinning and yarn doll making. At 3:00 we will have our Train and Depot history presentation. At 4:00 we will have wood carving and blacksmith demonstrations. Wheat Threshing starts at 5:00 and Cindy Boener will give a harp recital from 5-7:00. At 6:00 old fashioned baling will be demonstrated along with the buzz saw demonstration. At 7:00 the cider press will be demonstrated, and a second wheat threshing will be at 8:00 along with the firing of the Civil War cannon. The kids will be releasing Chinese lanterns at 9:00 and the steam engine spark show will be around 9:30.

→ Saturday 8:00-4:00

The Tractor show registration starts at 8:00 on Saturday. At 9:00 the Train and Depot history presentation will begin and Bethel Church will be serving breakfast. Wheat threshing will begin at 10:00



followed by old fashioned baling, and buzz saw demonstrations. The corn sheller will be demonstrated at 11:00. Wood carving and blacksmith demonstrations will be at 12:00 and the Civil War cannon will be fired. At 1:00 the cider press will be making cider for everyone to sample and enjoy. Grandma's Haus will have another history lesson on spinning and yarn doll making. Our final wheat threshing will be at 2:00 followed by baling at 3:00. Finally, our parade will be at 4:00 and we will be going to Miller's Merry Manor again this year.

→ Other items of interest at the Museum

All of the buildings and rail cars will be open during this event. There will also be barrel train rides for the kids and steam tractor demonstrations for anyone curious. Bethel Missionary Church will be providing food both Friday and Saturday, and Forte coffee will be providing coffee. Museum items will be for sale at the Firehouse, along with a donation can to help raise money for our roof project,