

Association donates '58 antique tractor

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Donation

The Oklahoma Heritage Farming Association donated a 1958 tractor to Mid-America Technology Center. Ralph Sade, Oklahoma Farm Heritage Association Vo-Ag Chair Member, second from left, presents the tractor certificate to Darrell Clagg, MATC Diesel instructor, fourth from right. Those in the diesel shop accepting the tractor were, from left, Richard Valadez, Sade, Jose Cardoza, Jesse Spradlin, Zachrey Hurley, Clagg, Rhyon Kimbriel, Shawn Morrie and Douglas McCauley.



Donating old farm equipment to vocational programs is one of an association's main goals.

The Oklahoma Farming Heritage Association of Tecumseh adopted the educational program for the benefit of high school vocational agriculture departments.

Last Thursday, they donated one of the old machines to the diesel department at Mid-America Technology Center in Wayne.

"We want them (the vo-tech students) to learn how to store and work on an old piece of farm machinery," Dennis Goldsby, association and vo-ag committee member said.

The donated tractor was a 1958 Case-O-Matic. All of the parts are reportedly with the tractor, and as far as the men knew, it was running when it was taken apart some years ago.

This is the eighth tractor of this sort given to programs around the area. The association has given tractors for restoration to Washington, Elgin, McComb, Meeker, Tecumseh, Shawnee and Carney.

Once restoration is complete, the

school can sell the restored tractor at auction with the proceeds going to the school's program.

The Oklahoma Farming Heritage Association further assists the vocational departments by securing needed parts and supplies along with providing technical advice on the project.

When the group is not donating tractors, they are preserving and showing tractors, implements, engines and other items relating to the family farming heritage in the United States and Oklahoma.

The group is an association for both individuals and families. It shares information, knowledge, education and promotes a more general appreciation of the importance of family farming heritage.

Any farming heritage enthusiast of good reputation who applies for membership and pays the required membership fees shall be eligible to join the group.

The association, formed in 2003, is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. Donations are welcome.

For more information on the group, contact Gary Perry, vice-president, at 206-4348.