

## **Drake Well Museum and Park**

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"Drake Well Museum to Host Wildcatter Day at Pithole"

On Saturday, June 3, Drake Well Museum and Park and Friends of Drake Well, Inc. will host Wildcatter Day at Pithole, featuring vintage baseball. The event will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Historic Pithole City located at 14118 Pithole Road just off Route 227 near Plumer, PA. Admission is \$8.00 for adults (18+ years), \$5.00 for youth (5-17 years) and free for children 4 years and younger. Groups can take advantage of the event's Special Group Admission Rate. Purchase two adult tickets for \$20.00 and receive three free youth tickets.

Wildcatter Day marks the opening of the summer visitation season at Historic Pithole City and is the perfect opportunity for folks to experience Pennsylvania's legendary oil boomtown. From 10:00 a.m. until noon, visitors can take a guided tour of the Pithole grounds and enjoy a live performance by The Good For Nuthin' String Band. Featuring the mountain dulcimer, guitar, mandolin, cello, upright bass, and hammered dulcimer, the band plays a diverse blend of traditional American music.

The highlight of the afternoon will be an 1860s-rules baseball game between the Somerset Frosty Sons of Thunder and the Addison Mountain Stars. The first pitch will be tossed at Noon. Following the first game, the vintage baseball clubs will challenge a "hometown" team consisting of Titusville firefighters, Titusville Police and other local citizens. Visitors are encouraged to bring chairs and blankets for lawn seating.

The event will also feature plenty of baseball food, including hotdogs, brauts, popcorn, chips and lemonade.

According to Museum Site Administrator Melissa Mann, "Vintage baseball at Pithole is a unique opportunity for folks to experience the early days of our national pastime in a place where baseball was enjoyed by our regions' early oil pioneers."

Wildcatter Day will also include interior petroleum history exhibits, blacksmith demonstrations and the annual sale of Pithole leases. Visitors will have the opportunity to purchase a one-year lease of an historic Pithole property. All lease sale proceeds benefit Historic Pithole City.

Wildcatter Day at Pithole is sponsored by Zehner Medical Associates and Fraternal Order of Eagles Post #283.

Located off Route 8 south of Titusville, Drake Well Museum and Park is open year round. Summer hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5:00 p.m. Historic Pithole City is open Saturdays and Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in June, July and August. These historic sites are administered by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission in



partnership with Friends of Drake Well, Inc. and are part of the Pennsylvania Trails of History® (www.PATrailsofHistory.com).

Additional information about museum programs and special events is available by calling (814) 827-2797, visiting <u>www.drakewell.org</u> or find us on Facebook at Drake Well Museum.

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