

Drake Well Museum and Park

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"Drake Well Museum and Park to Host Drake Day Circus"

On Saturday, August 25, Drake Well Museum and Park and the Friends of Drake Well, Inc. will host the biennial Drake Day Circus from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This event is modeled on circuses that traveled to Titusville, Pithole and other locations throughout Pennsylvania's oil region during the 1860s. Admission is \$12.00 for adults, \$9.00 for seniors (65+ years) and \$5.00 for youth (3-11 years). Groups can take advantage of the event's Special Group Admission Rate. Purchase 2 adult tickets for \$25.00 and receive 3 free youth tickets.

According to Museum Site Administrator Melissa Mann, visitor feedback for the 2016 Drake Day Circus was overwhelmingly positive, and this year's event will build on that success. "Every year we work to expand on the previous years' successes, creating new and exciting experiences for our visitors. This year's circus will see the addition of an exotic animal program to our stage shows," said Mann.

A professional circus troupe from Bacchanal Promotions (Detroit, MI) will headline the museum's Drake Day event, performing acts of juggling, fire eating, magic, contortion, fortune telling and more. Signature circus performances will take place at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. with various strolling performances occurring throughout the day. Visitors are encouraged to bring chairs and blankets for lawn seating around the main performance stage.

The 2018 Drake Day Circus will also feature Wild World of Animals (Eighty Four, PA), nineteenth century style games and music, an antique photography booth and blacksmith and coopering demonstrations. In addition, visitors will enjoy hands-on activities, a vintage band organ provided by DeBence Antique Music World, food booths operated by the Friends of Drake Well, Inc. and all of Drake Well Museum's interior and exterior petroleum history exhibits.

Located off Route 8 south of Titusville, Drake Well Museum and Park is open year round. Hours of operation are Tuesday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5:00 p.m. Drake Well Museum and Park is administered by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission in partnership with Friends of Drake Well, Inc. and is part of the Pennsylvania Trails of History® (www.PATrailsofHistory.com).

For more information about the Drake Day Circus or other museum programs, please visit www.drakewell.org, call (814) 827-2797 or find us on Facebook at Drake Well Museum.

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