



## Drake Well Museum and Park

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#### “Drake Well Museum to Host 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Drake Day Circus”

On Saturday, August 27, Drake Well Museum and the Friends of Drake Well, Inc. will host the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Drake Day Circus from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This annual Drake Day 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 last year’s 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 a tightrope walking act to our main 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, tightrope walking, 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 Drake Day Circus will also feature Jungle Terry’s exotic animals, nineteenth century style games and music, an antique photography booth and blacksmith and coopering demonstrations. In addition, visitors will enjoy hands-on activities in the Discovery Zone, 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.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Drake Day Circus is sponsored by John Nesbit Rees & Sarah Henne Rees Charitable Foundation, XTO Energy Inc., BPOE Elks Lodge #264, American Legion Cleo J. Ross Post #368, Farmers National Bank, Moose Family Center #84, Polish National Alliance #2031, Steptoe & Johnson, VFW 5958 Bruce Shorts Post, HomerWood, Jim Bourbeau Land Service, Inc., Minard Run Oil Company, Horn Textile, Huntington Bank and SLT Production.

Located off Route 8 south of Titusville, Drake Well Museum and Park is open year round. Summer/Fall hours 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](http://www.PATrailsofHistory.com)).



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For more information about the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Drake Day Circus or other museum programs, please call (814) 827-2797 or find us on Facebook at Drake Well Museum.

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