

Native plays key role in company jump to NYSE

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Two years of behind the scenes work came to fruition mid-May for Wapakoneta native Don Fischbach, son of Alice and Don Fischbach.

Continental Resources, an independent oil company centered in Oklahoma, began public trade on the New York Stock Exchange on May 15.

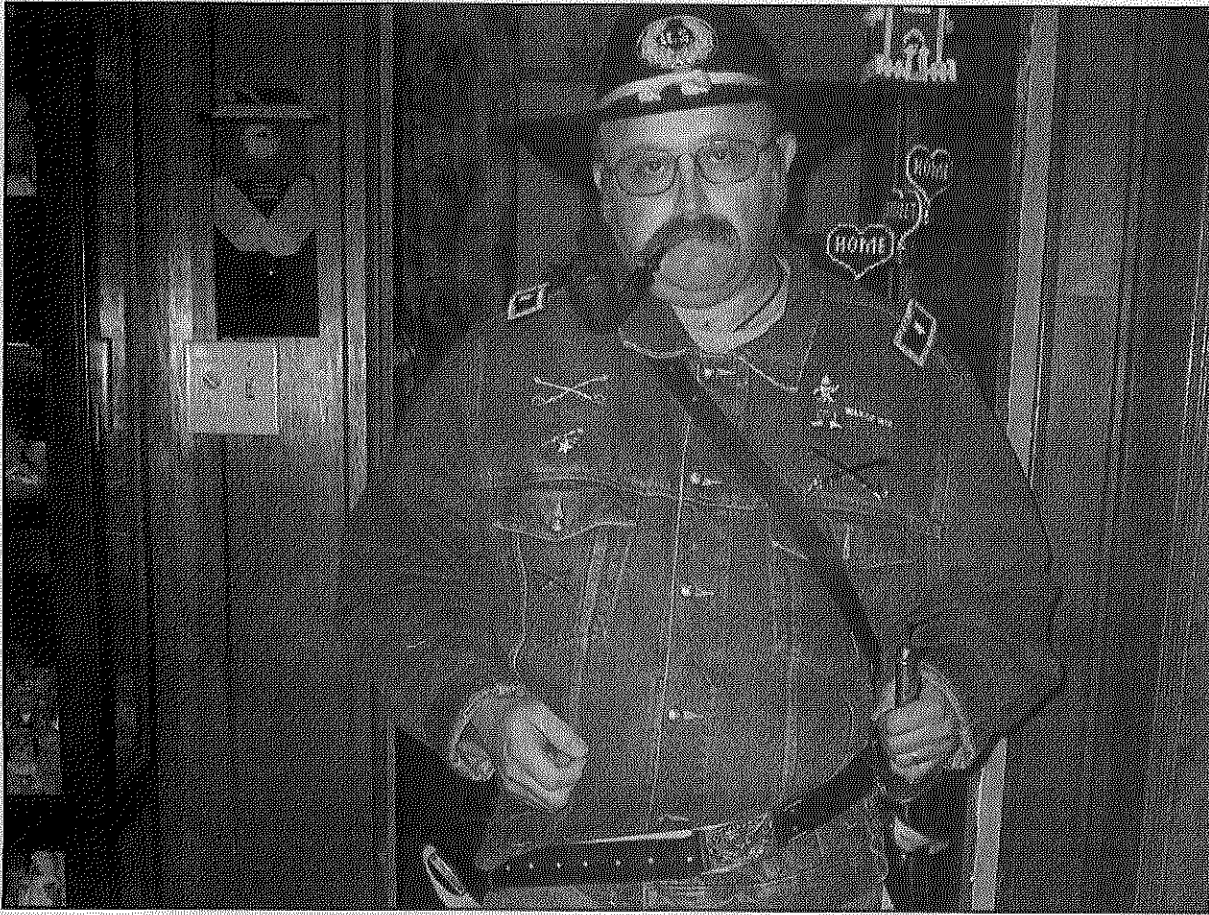
"It took over two years

to get it all worked out, mother, Alice Fischbach said.

Fischbach has worked for the company for six years and proved a key player in the process of Continental Resources going public, hitting the stock exchange.

His parents received their public trade debut as a time with meeting between Harold

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Ron Volbert portrays Civil War General John Buford in re-enactments of the Civil War.

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Garnering interest in Gettysburg

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Local man participates in living history

With the help of the Bounty Hunter, his metal detector, Ron Volbert has unearthed a new appreciation for this country's history.

During the past few

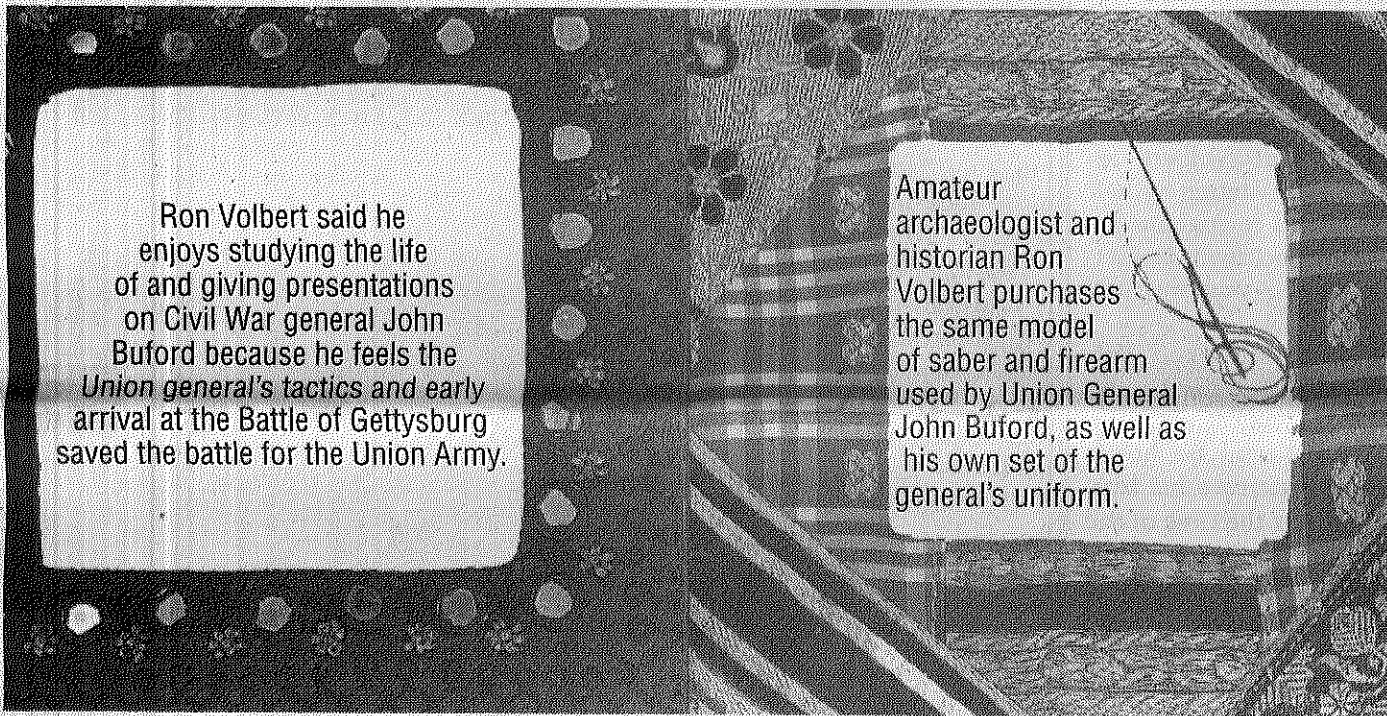
years, Volbert spent time researching the Battle of Gettysburg and worked to become a living historian.

"I portray John Buford," Volbert said.

Volbert said that due to trouble with his legs, he

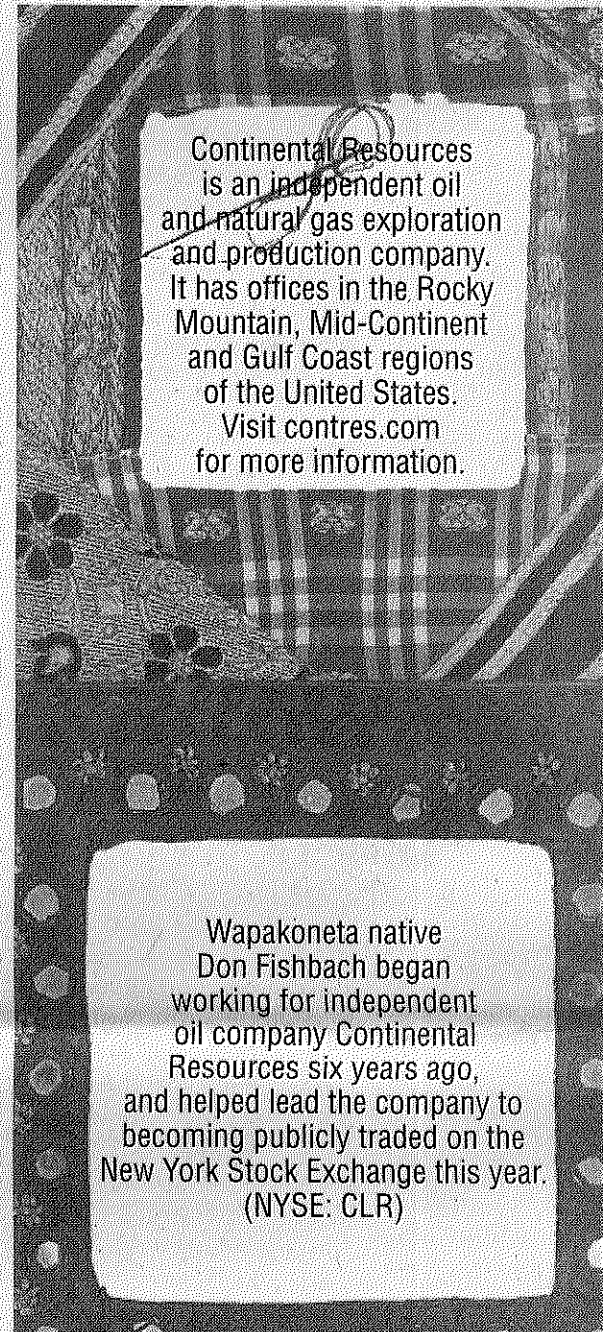
will not participate in the battle. Each year, Civil War re-enactors travel to Gettysburg, to re-enact the battles that took place during the three days of battle in the small Pennsylvania town south of the state capital of

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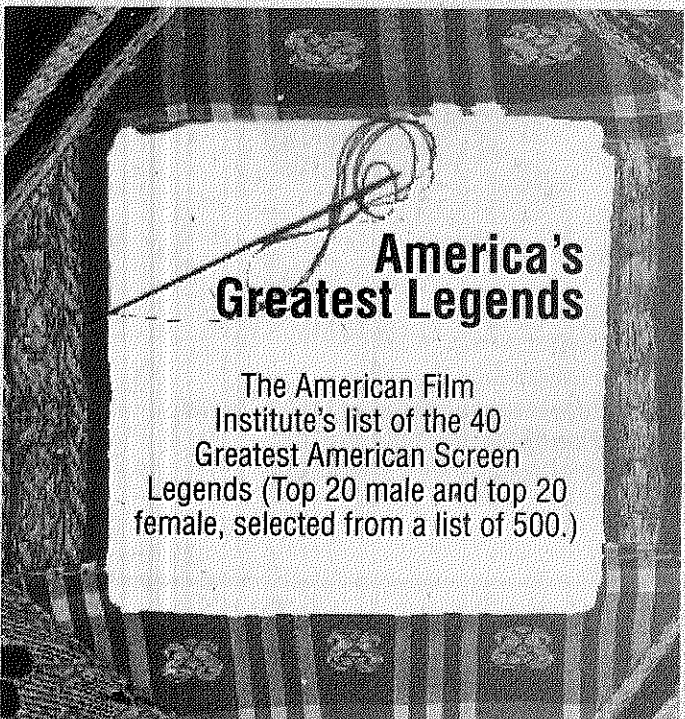
Ron Volbert said he enjoys studying the life of and giving presentations on Civil War general John Buford because he feels the Union general's tactics and early arrival at the Battle of Gettysburg saved the battle for the Union Army.

Amateur archaeologist and historian Ron Volbert purchases the same model of saber and firearm used by Union General John Buford, as well as his own set of the general's uniform.



Continental Resources is an independent oil and natural gas exploration and production company. It has offices in the Rocky Mountain, Mid-Continent and Gulf Coast regions of the United States. Visit contres.com for more information.

Wapakoneta native Don Fishbach began working for independent oil company Continental Resources six years ago, and helped lead the company to becoming publicly traded on the New York Stock Exchange this year. (NYSE: CLR)

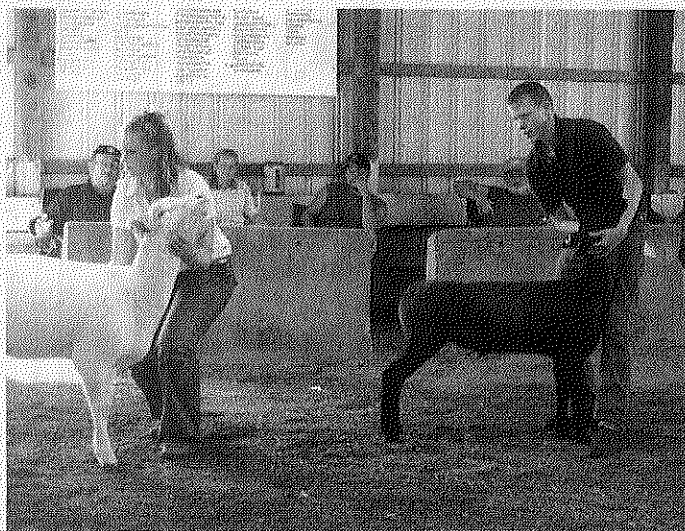


America's Greatest Legends

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Krystle Turner and Kaleb Vondenhuebel participate in sheep showmanship during this year's Auglaize County Fair.

Lovin' the Fair

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While still maintaining a stone and masonry business, Fred Piehl has watched the Auglaize County Fair grounds grow around him.



Piehl the past 14 years, Piehl, the Auglaize County Fairgrounds manager and the Auglaize County Agricultural Society secretary, managed the county fair, and he said he enjoys watching residents from throughout Auglaize County come together at one time.

Calls begin in January, requesting dates for the fair typically held the last few days of July and the first week of August. Many families plan their vacations around the event and spend the entire week at one more than 300 camp sites located on the grounds.

Members of the Agricultural Society, or fair board, plan to increase the number again for the 2008 fair.

"That's what it's all about — family," Piehl said.

In 1983, Piehl was elected to the Auglaize County Fair Board and the following year he was elected president by his fellow board members.

Piehl continued to hold this position until 1993, when he stepped down in

order to spend more time with his children.

"My kids were involved in 4-H quite a bit," Piehl said.

Piehl planned to help them with their projects more and encourage their participation. He, himself, became involved in the county fair at a young age, showing livestock before he was old enough to join 4-H.

"My fair involvement started when I was eight years old," Piehl said.

Piehl's involvement did not decrease as he expected when he ceased serving as a member of Fair Board.

Jim Dearbaugh, the Fair secretary and fairgrounds manager at that time, became ill and Piehl was contacted to fill in and see the county through fair week.

"A few days turned into the whole week," Piehl said.

Fourteen years later, Piehl still holds the position of fairgrounds manager. When he accepted the part-time position after the 1993 fair, he only expected to stay for 10 years.

Now Piehl said he still enjoys the position and has goals that he and the board are constantly working toward.

His hard work has been recognized by the state and received the "2006 Fair Manager of the Year"

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Harrisburg.

He dresses in full costume and give presentations on General Buford.

"I took an interest in Buford ... and chose to portray him," Volbert said.

Volbert said he feels Buford's stall tactics and early arrival saves the battle for the North.

"If you controlled Gettysburg, you controlled the war," Volbert said.

He believes that if the south were victorious here, they would have turned to the road leading to Washington, D.C.

Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee and several of his generals battled Union Gen. George Meade on the fields and hills surrounding the town of Gettysburg.

Battles included Cemetery Hill and Cemetery Ridge as well as Culp's Hill, Devil's Den, Little Round Top and Wheatfield and Peach Orchard.

On Volbert's last trip to Gettysburg, he was fitted for the general's costume. He also purchased the saber and gun worn with the General's garb. Volbert feels the pieces allow him to fully slip into character during reenactments and educational programs.

The amateur historian and archeologist is a member of the Civil War Heritage Organization.

This year Volbert received an invitation to their parade and re-enactments. The re-enactment at Gettysburg this year was July 4-6.

"I have arthritis..." Volbert said, "I've been walking 3-1/2 miles a day."

Volbert said he hopes this will increase his legs' strength by the time of the parade.

Volbert was interested in history as a student. His first metal detector was a gift from his father.

"I used it to find change around parking meters," Volbert said.

He returned to this hobby years later when he purchased a flag on e-Bay. The seller suggested a bed and breakfast in the historical town and Volbert took the suggestion.

For the last two years, he has been searching the property for the proprietor.

"The first year was more successful," Volbert said,



but admitted he has had more luck in the field in front of Fort Amanda.

Though people originally told him not to bother with searching the area, Volbert said he has found some of his favorite findings at the edges of the field.

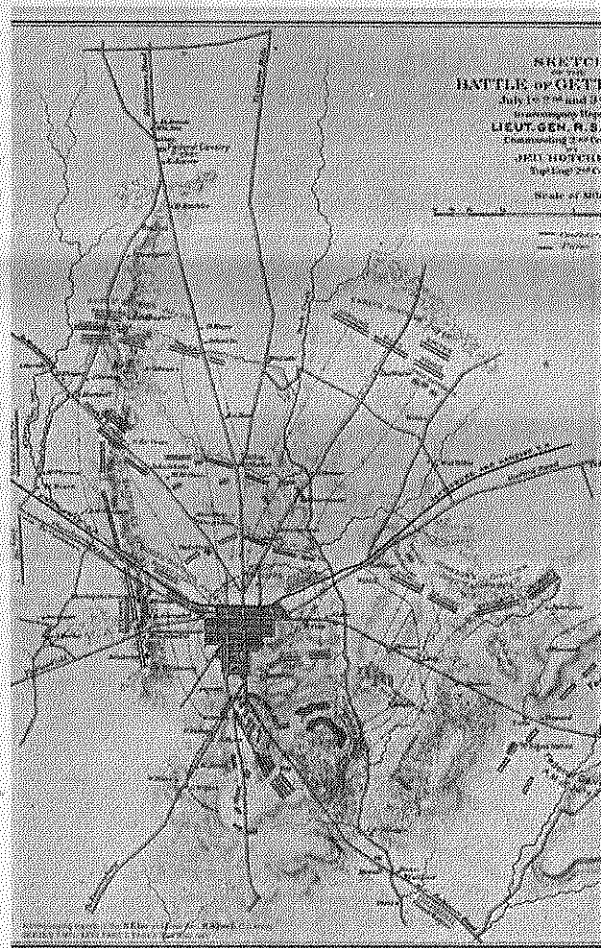
"I walked in about two feet and found it," Volbert said of his most complete musket ball.

Also found are horse shoes, which he says are always an interesting find for him, a fork dated to the civil war and coins including what he believes to be one of the first nickels made.

"It would be a dream come true to find a cannon ball," Volbert said.

Each piece he unearths is a treasure to Volbert. While others sell their findings, he keeps them for his private collection, Volbert said.

"I keep everything," Volbert said. "I cherish all of them."



Photographed from top, a statue of Union Army General Buford stands on the field at Gettysburg; a photo of the battle shows bodies littering the field; and a map of Gettysburg.

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