

Native plays key role in company's 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," his 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 and hitting the stock exchange.

His parents recall the years prior to the public trade debut as a busy time with meetings between Harold Hamm,

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Earning interest in Gettysburg

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Local man participates in living history

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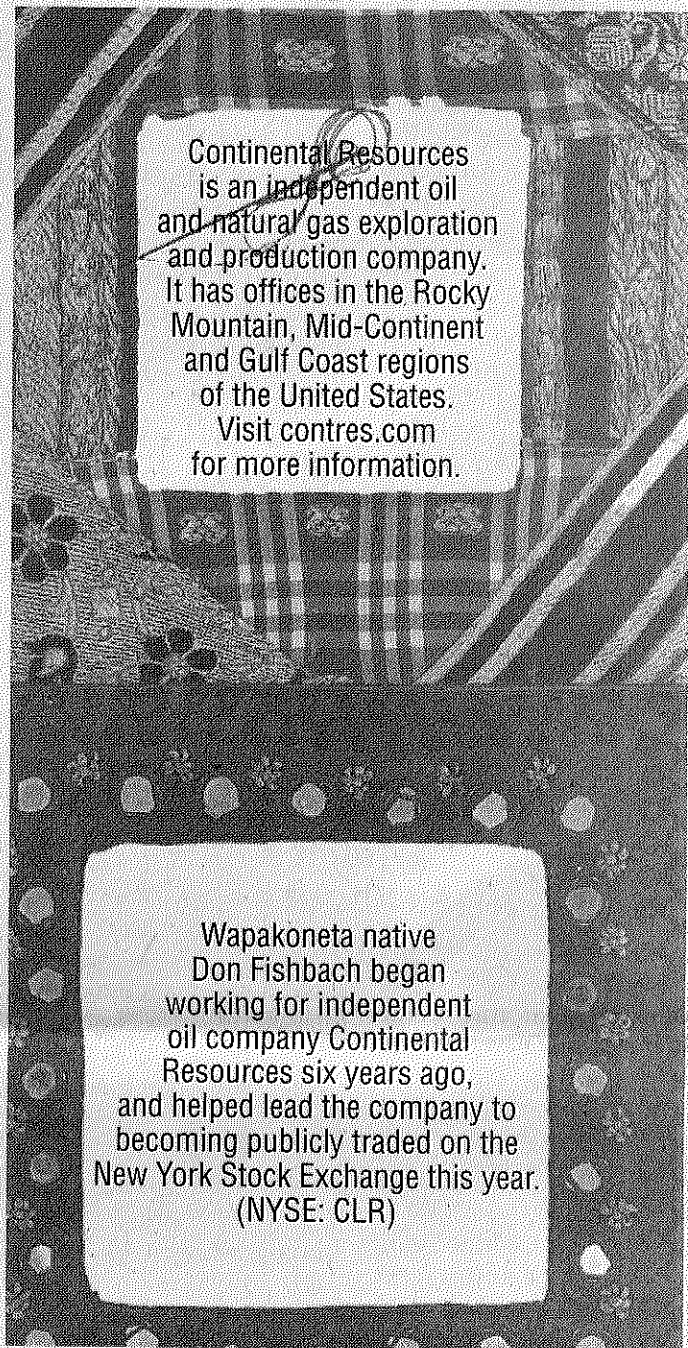
years, Volbert spent time researching the Battle of Gettysburg and worked to become a living historian.

"I portray John Buford," Volbert said.

Volbert said that due to trouble with his legs, he

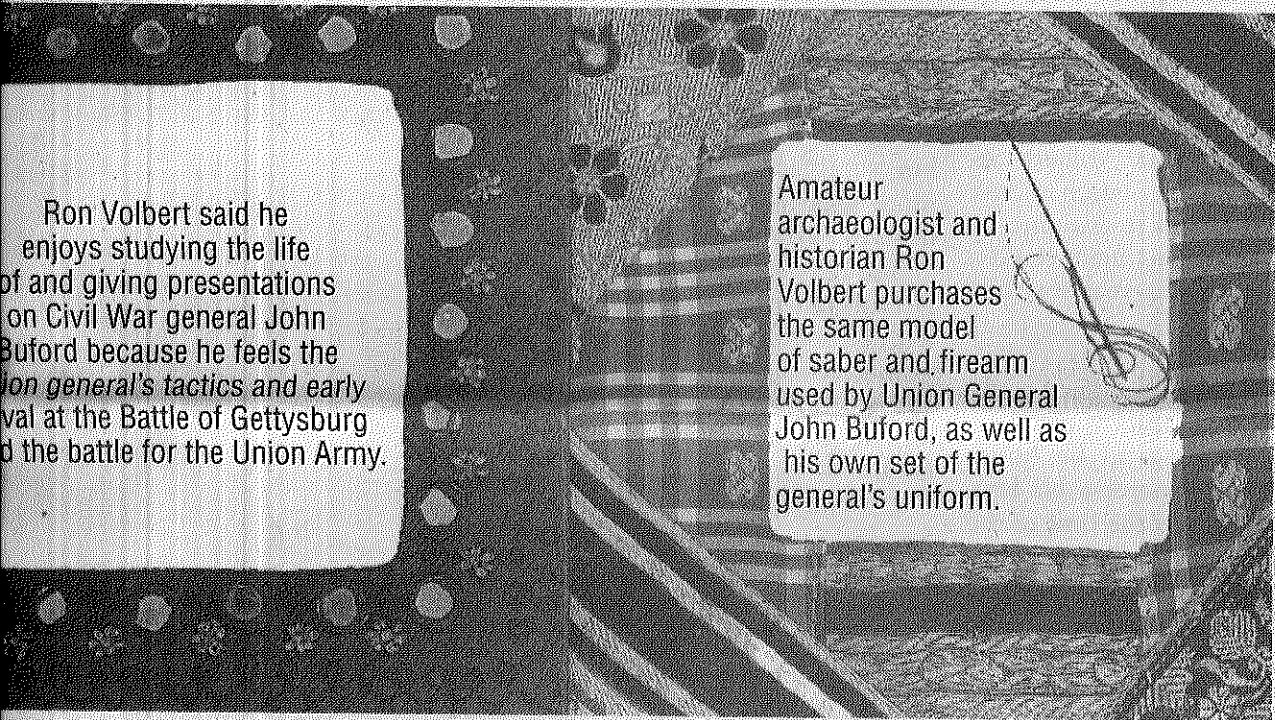
will not participate in the battle. Each year, Civil War re-enactors travel to Gettysburg, to re-enact the battles that took place during the three days of battle in the small Pennsylvania town south of the state capital of

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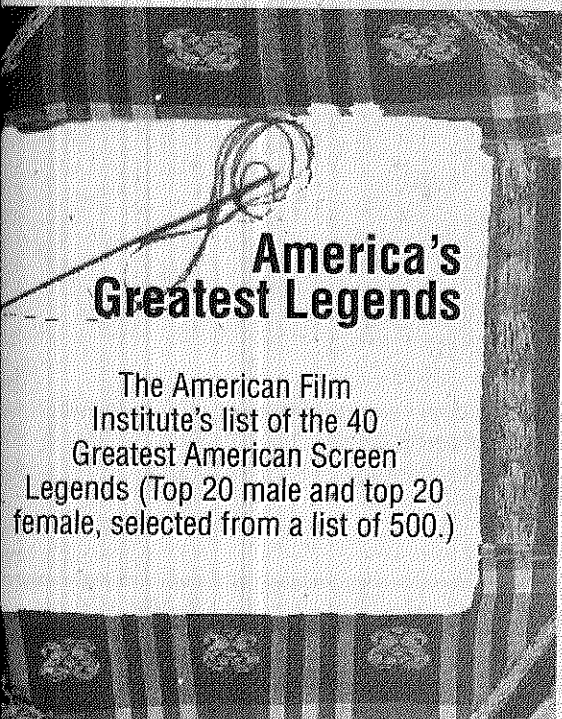
Continental Resources is an independent oil and natural gas exploration and production company. It has offices in the Rocky Mountain, Mid-Continent and Gulf Coast regions of the United States. Visit contres.com for more information.

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)



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



America's Greatest Legends

The American Film Institute's list of the 40 Greatest American Screen Legends (Top 20 male and top 20 female, selected from a list of 500.)

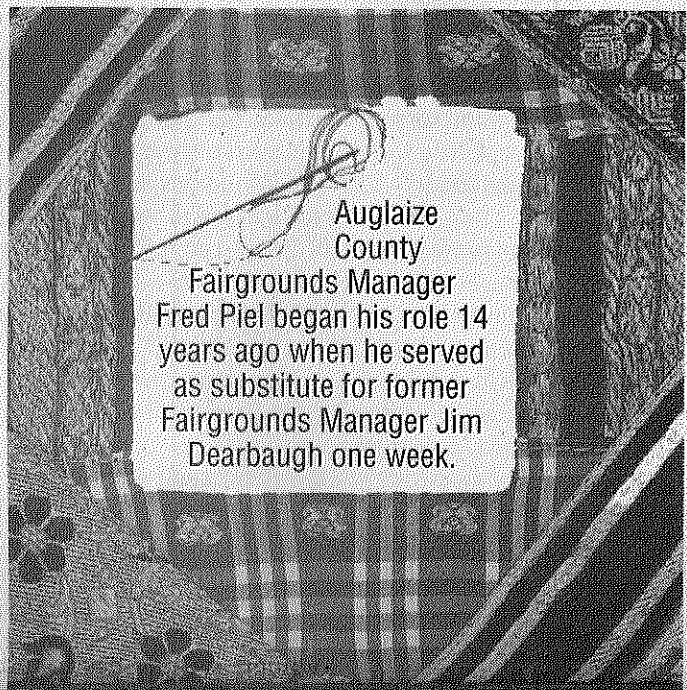
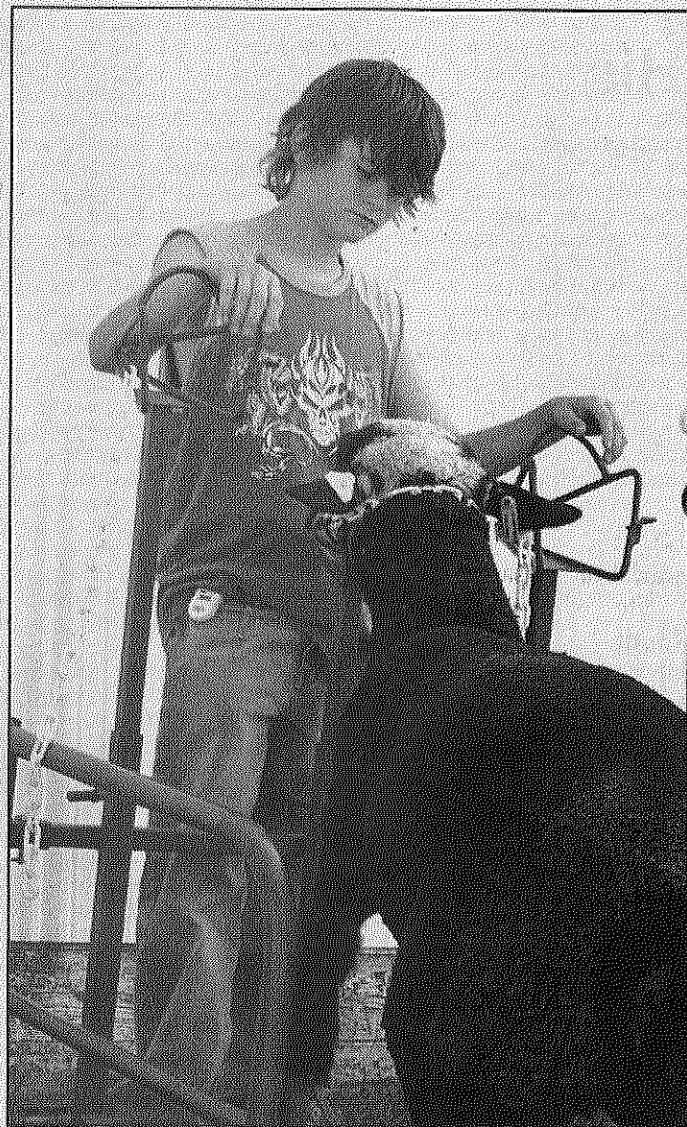
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at the various activities that took place during this Auglaize County Fair.



Auglaize County
Fairgrounds Manager
Fred Piel began his role 14 years ago when he served as substitute for former Fairgrounds Manager Jim Dearbaugh one week.

Fred Piel was awarded the 2006 "Fair Manager of the Year" award.



Piel

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Continental's chief executive officer, and other board members.

"Don being their number one attorney, Hamm discussed it with him," Fischbach's mother said.

He also helped the company obtain SEC approval.

Continental's initial public offering (IPO) was uncommonly proportioned, with Hamm selling 20.6 million shares and Continental selling only 8.85 million.

After sales, Hamm still held close to 123 million shares in the company.

The company's stocks closed their first day with a market value of \$14.10. Continental runs on the NYSE under the ticker symbol CLR.

The company was founded in 1962 and operates as a technology solutions provider.

Continental is divided into five divisions that specialize in the renting, servicing and selling of software and networks.

Continental was not the first Fischbach's first employer in the crude oil field.

He began his career in Oklahoma after receiving an invitation from his brother-in-law.

Fischbach obtained his

law degree from Oklahoma City Community College and worked with Mustang Oil.

"He was on his own," his parents said.

Both said they were confident in his ability to succeed and were happy when he was offered an interview at Continental.

"They were impressed with him," his father, Don Fischbach, said of the interview.

Fischbach met his wife, Tanya, in Oklahoma.

Shortly after his interview with Continental, Fischbach and his wife moved with their two children to Enid, the company's

headquarters.

His mother said the company is "doing fabulous."

Continental opened July at over \$15 per share.

Fischbach is also active in his community, having served as the President of the Oklahoma City Rotary.

Don Nickles, senator of Oklahoma until 2005, honored Fischbach by flying the flag in his honor.

A plaque commemorating the day hangs in his parents' living room.

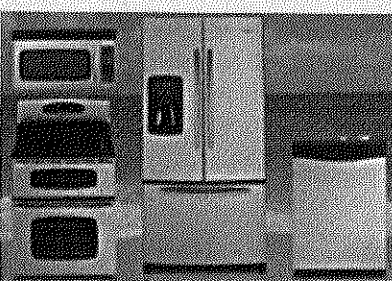
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— Alice and Don Fischbach of their son who is affiliated with an oil company that recently became publicly traded

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