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VCNB hosts 150th anniversary bash over July 4th weekend

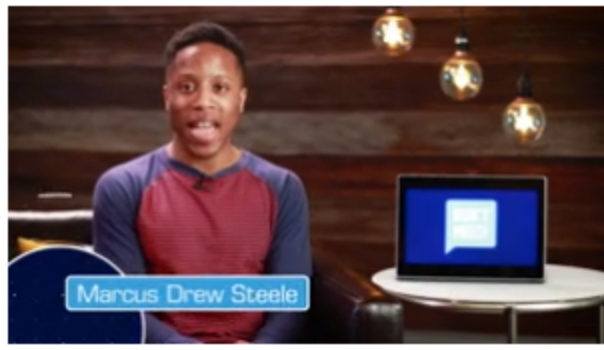
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McArthur— Vinton County National Bank hosted a big celebration over the weekend to mark the bank’s 150th year in business. The Bank had partnered with the Vinton County High School Athletic Boosters to support their 4th of July Celebration while marking this auspicious anniversary.

Events included an Open House at the Bank, a concert by Nashville recording artist Jason Michael Carroll and Vinton County National Bank Day at the festival. On that day, the bank sponsored Civil War themed activities including nineteenth century baseball played by the Ohio Village Muffins mens’ team and the Ohio Village Diamonds Womens’ team, appearances by President Abraham Lincoln and General George Armstrong Custer, a reenactor who demonstrated the life of an Ohio soldier during the Civil War, period music by Steve and Lisa Ball, old fashioned games for kids and more.

Dignitaries and community members packed into the bank following a brief ceremony that included speakers and the presentation of photo contest awards. The bank had sponsored a photo contest, asking people to submit vintage and antique pictures. Judges were provided by the Vinton County Historical and Genealogical Society which encourages everyone to take time to print, label and safely store their treasured photographs for future generations to enjoy. Winners were Clara Jane Dodrill for her picture “Centennial Jail House,” Ann Ward for her picture “Buying a Car,” and Clarence “Beanie” Ward for his pictures “Grandparents” and “Dundas Depot.” Grand Prize was awarded to Jean Ward for her picture “Courting Days,” a 1905 black and white image of her ancestor preparing to go courting. It was later colored by hand.



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Open House guests were able to view all photo contest entries, tour the new Bank History Museum, enjoy music by the Adelphi Community Band which has been performing for over 130 years, and to take home a limited edition Cat’s Meow piece that was made to commemorate the occasion.

Attendees of an opening ceremony heard from several speakers including fifth generation banker Tom Will who now serves as the President/CEO of Community Bancshares, Inc. and as Chairman of the Vinton County National Bank Board of Directors. His ancestor Daniel Will started the bank and his family has remained actively involved in the bank for 150 years. “I sometimes wonder what Uncle Dan would have thought about what has happened to his bank after 150 years. I hope he would be pleased, as the bank has grown and remained strong and profitable. Some things have changed, like computers, cards and mobile banking. But others have not, people still want loans for homes and to start a business. They want a safe place to keep their money. And we still have a safe or vault. They want to speak with a knowledgeable person with the bank if they have a financial problem. I think we have done pretty well with adapting to change over the last 150 years,” Will told the audience.

However, he noted it is important for the bank to not rest on its history and to continue adapting to changing times. “Uncle Dan started a good business 150 years ago and I look forward to seeing that it is ready for the next 150 years,” he said.

Vinton County National Bank is currently the 24th largest bank of 191 banks in Ohio. Just six banks in Ohio are older than this bank.



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