

# Hawthorn Tigers



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And then there was the clown Tim Tegge seen here with Joseph Bauer, Circus Maximus producer. Tegge turned two gags into real laugh-out-loud clown features. One gag was “you can’t play with balloons in here” while the other might be called “don’t let a clown take your picture”. Seeing these gags work with seven different audiences and several different audience volunteers, just proves that it is timing and presentation that pay off.

Announcing the show was Richard (Rico) Curtis, seen here with Elizabeth Bauer. He had just recently completed a gig as the ringmaster for the Circus World Museum Circus at the Wisconsin State Fair. He did an impressive job during the show and helped Mrs. Bauer manage the show during the absence of Joe Bauer, who was presenting another Circus Maximus at the Alabama State Fair, which almost day-and-dated the Mississippi State Fair.



Elizabeth Nock Bauer is the Nock sister who performed with the original Nerveless Nocks sway pole act and as one half of the Rixos ladder-balancing-on-a-trapeze act. Mrs. Bauer was quite impressed that this writer remembered seeing these acts under the RBB&B big top on these same Mississippi State Fairgrounds 51 years ago. I was indelibly impressed with those daring performances! They are still two of my favorite circus acts. 📌

# Holiday Greetings

to our many circus friends and fellow CFA members



*Cheryl and Rich Deptula  
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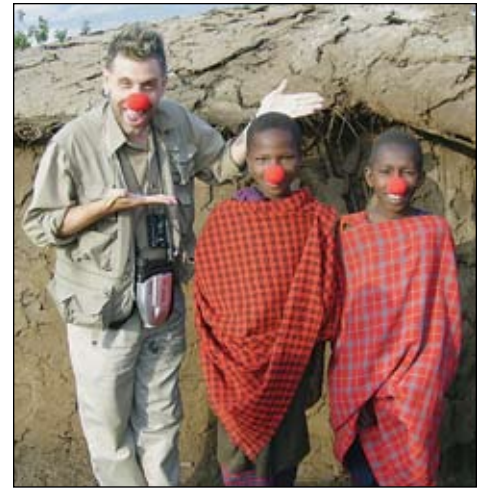
sion several weeks ago. What I saw was amazing. I noted one thing that especially impressed me which clearly defines his circus background. Another young skater who was gliding across the ice next to Calen, lost his balance and began to fall. Calen instinctively reached out and caught him before he fell to the ice. This is what is taught in circus acrobatics, to watch out for each other.

I look forward to watching more of Calen's skating as he progresses toward his dream. *White Tops* wishes him the best of luck...but next time I'll remember to bring a winter jacket. It's cold in there! ❄️

*Calen listens intently as Coach Douglas DeBoy gives him some pointers.*



At the top, White Tops co-editor Mardi Wells (left) interviews Jimbo the Clown (5 year old son of ringmaster James Earhart) and his mother Yolanda Pages Earhart on Circus Pages. Jimmy (as he signed his autograph) takes a bow in the lower picture



International clown Ron "Toto" Johnson shares a laugh with some Masai children while visiting their village in the Ngorongoro Crater, Tanzania, on September 20, 2006. "Toto" was traveling on an 11 day photo safari in Tanzania on vacation but just could not seem to leave "work" at home!

photo from Ron Johnson

after his act with his dad. These pictures were taken in April of 2006 when Circus Pages was in Marysville, OH. Jimmy is the cousin of Vicenta Pages, the new "Tiger Lady" on Ringling Blue. She was doing her 6 white tiger act on this day's show. JcW photo

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