

MR. BLAKE / MR. BREEDING / MR. ASSALONE / MR. OLDFIELD

(Reiterating a long held plan/dream for a fighting event at the local festival.)

I mentioned last week at the meeting of the Big Cherry Heritage Festival Planning Committee this notion I had for an income generating enterprise. Originally I had thought we would use it only temporarily for the festival, just a makeshift tent, much in the tradition of an attraction you might find at the state fair. Like a freak show! Oh I used to love the freaks. I remember this one man they advertised as the Missing Link. In reality, he was just this sad little man with misshapen feet dressed in a loin cloth, sitting in a cardboard box. I never laughed so hard! I think now that Lincoln Smackdown might become a permanent fixture of the park. Essentially, Lincoln Smackdown is an opportunity for anyone to fight Honest Abe in a steel cage. We take a trained mixed martial arts fighter and dress him up as Abraham Lincoln. Shenandoah, black suit, stove pipe hat. I love Abraham Lincoln. And violence. I think we should just add one dollar to every Lincoln Smackdown ticket and that's a way to pay for the new fountain. If there's one lesson the Civil War taught us, it's that Lincoln was aware of all of America. He was the Father of Our Country! Mr. Mayor, I'd like to draw up two proposals, one for the temporary version of the attraction, to be used only during the Big Cherry Heritage Festival, and the other to be a permanent attraction, housed in its own purpose-built steel cage, somewhere in the vicinity of the park.