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One more chance to see Frankentoby

Last showing will be this weekend under the tent

What a great weekend they had in the tent! About 400 of your friends and neighbors were there to see the hilarious Toby Show, "Frankentoby." The audiences have loved the show, and the actors are hearing that most everyone thinks this year's Toby Show is the best yet. All the kids, from 4 to 84, are raving about it.

This past weekend they were honored and humbled to have Toby royalty with them. Mark Peper, who was a trouser with The Schaffner Players drove down from Columbia, Missouri to see the show for the second year in a row. Roberta Wilkes, from Bonner Springs, Kansas, a trouser with the Schaffner Players, Sun Players, and many more, was there for

the second year in a row as well, and she tickled the ivories for the audience, playing her own original ragtime songs on the piano. Mickey Lacey, from Vilonia, Arkansas, came to the show for the fourth year! Mickey trouped with lots of companies for 20 years, notably with the Bisbee Players who used to visit Parsons every year.

Then they had Toby Dick Ellis, from Quincy, Illinois, come down to the show for the first time. This man's bio is too long for this week's edition of The News Leader, but he trouped with the Bisbees for a few years and hosted the Possum Holler Opry television show as Toby for ten years. Shane Bridges has been doing Toby shows for over 15

years, and says he has heard so many good things about Toby Dick Ellis and his hilarious stuttering, stammering Toby during that time that he thought they had to be lies!

"This was my first opportunity to see him perform, and he more that lived up to the billing," declared Bridges. "I've never laughed so hard in my life, as I did watching Toby Dick Ellis and Mickey Lacey perform on Friday and Saturday night."

If you missed it last weekend, never fear, there's still time to see FrankenToby this weekend. Tent opens at 6:30 and the curtain opens at 7:30, Friday and Saturday night. The most expensive ticket is \$7, and kids under 13 get in for only \$2. See you in the tent located between the Parsons Municipal Building and the car wash.



Mickey Lacey, left, and Toby, Dick Ellis, perform Saturday night during the Toby Show.