

Saturday's Weather Forecast



Sunrise: 7:08 a.m.

Sunset: 7:00 p.m.

Precipitation: 10%

High/Low: 81 F /57 F

Reminder!

Remember to call and invite the subjects in the stories you've worked on to attend the exhibition on Saturday.

The Rangefinder

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Lanahan's brother and sister, Larry Forck Jr. and Cheryl Wood, who are still in Chillicothe and helped her locate Thomas's phone number.

Richard Thomas remembers the day his photograph was taken. The "friendly death trap," as Lafferty refers to it, was one of many created by the kids of the neighborhood.

"These kids had it in their blood to build death traps, just like all kids," Lafferty said.

An out of town photographer in this neighborhood was an anomaly in 1963, according to Lafferty.

"All the kids were really proud that the photographer wanted to take their picture," Lafferty said.

Thomas and his friends later went to the MPW 15 exhibition at the armory to see their neighborhood's likeness on paper.

Thomas has a newspaper clipping from last year bearing his picture, but until now, only had that clipping to remember his transient fame by. The workshop gave Thomas a large print of the picture Thursday afternoon when he stopped by.

"I think it was really great that we gave him that picture," Lafferty said.

She said that the idea for the project of finding Thomas originally came up in a brainstorming session with fellow multimedia crew members and MPW Multimedia Coordinator, Larry Dailey.

"I immediately gravitated towards the project," she said.

The project gave her the chance to explore Chillicothe and give something back to the subjects of MPW 15, she said.

Saturday's Workshop Schedule

10-2 p.m.	Photo Exhibition- Chillicothe Public Library
6 p.m.	Picnic (location TBA)
7:30 p.m.	Closing Ceremonies
10ish-5 a.m.	Party Party Party

Thanks for all the fun!

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Richard Thomas, 54, of Bogard, Mo., examines a print of a photograph taken of him at MPW 15 in 1963, the last time the workshop was in Chillicothe.

Photo By Alex Sutherland



MPW 15

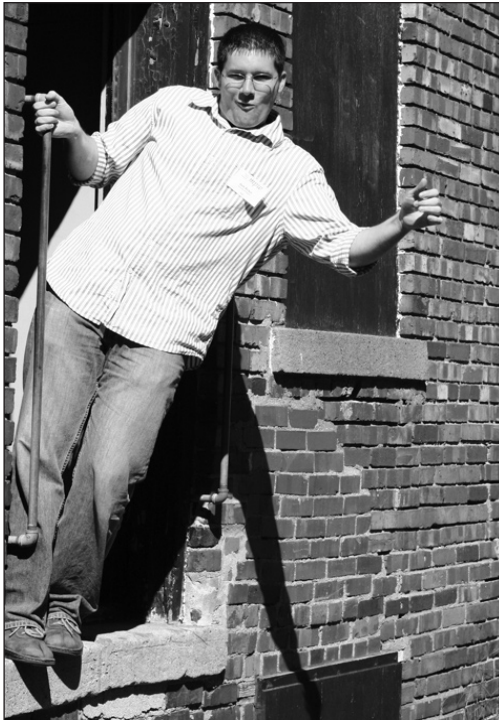
44 years

By Rose Raymond

She referred to it as "the seminal image" of MPW 15: a teenager launches a spindly coverall-clad child into the air on a "make-shift human catapult."

A byzantine path led MPW Multimedia crew member Suzy Lafferty to the modern-day version of this airborne child. His name is Richard Thomas, 54, and he has made a living working in construction and on railroads. He now lives in Bogard, a town 20 miles south of Chillicothe.

The Chillicothe *Constitution-Tribune* first located Thomas's counterpart, Jeanie Forck Lanahan, the grinning teenager on the left side of the contraption. She now lives in Lee's Summit, MO. Lafferty was subsequently able to locate



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