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## Cannon fires at Chiefland Farmer's Flea Market



Some of the reenactors fire the cannon, as seen in this still shot and in the video below.

### Story, Photo and Video

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**CHIEFLAND** – Sonny and Lydia Griffeth, owners of the Chiefland Farmer's Flea Market, not only provide the place to buy everything (including Weather King portable buildings), but they offer a place for car shows and more.

### <https://youtu.be/FbjLipqki3A>

Some vehicle owners in that part of Chiefland near the Flea Market may have heard a boom and then noticed their vehicle alarms resounding Saturday morning (Nov. 3).

Civil War reenactors were at the Chiefland Farmer's Flea Market with a small camp set to show people their perspective from that war. They fired a cannon at 10:30 a.m. (ish)

These reenactors are the Milton Light Artillery group from Gen. Hardy's Brigade.

Among the reenactors there this weekend were Brig. Gen. Bob Goodrich of Levy County, Col. David Foster of Tampa, Maj. Bryan Lynch of Gilchrist County, First Sgt. Pete Shipe of Lakeland, Private Tom Phillips of Levy County and Private Tim Russell of Gilchrist County.

Gen. Goodrich is chief of staff of the brigade. During the coldest part of the morning he was wearing his blue jacket. The cannon belongs to Goodrich.

Some of these reenactors have both Confederate and Union uniforms. They are very involved in the hobby, and share insight about reenacting with anyone who wants to know about it.

As for the shot perhaps heard 'round the north part of Chiefland, the gentlemen assured there were no parked or passing vehicles or pedestrians. These artillery operators also performed every action on a checklist for safety before firing the weapon (even though there was no cannonball, and it was just a round to make noise, smoke and fire).

As for the Flea Market, it is the place to go every Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Parking is free, and there is no telling what will be available to see and purchase.