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Oxbow's land rezoned to Agriculture

.....by Tim Mara, Esq.

Oxbow's mission is to protect and improve the floodplain near the mouth of the Great Miami River. This entire low-lying area floods at least once a year, and in some years several times. And, it is the home for many species of migratory birds, waterfowl, amphibians, mammals, native flowers, and insects.

Because it is so flood-prone, development in this area is neither practical nor likely to be permitted by the federal and state governments which regulate development in the floodplains. This has been made even harder following the Katrina Hurricane disaster. The regulations involving a floodplain are intended to minimize property damage and prevent the loss of life due to flooding. Yet, until now, the entire area we call "the Oxbow" has been zoned for intense industrial development, probably as a remnant of the placement of I-275 right down the middle of the floodplain many years ago.

Almost 10 years ago Oxbow, Inc. participated in the Dearborn County Comprehensive Plan process and focused on getting the Comprehensive Plan to designate the Oxbow floodplain to be used for agriculture and open space. After many revisions and public hearings the County Comprehensive Plan was adopted by the County Commissioners with this usage intact on the plan.

Several months ago we began working with the County to remove our manufacturing zoning classification and change it to agriculture in accordance to the Comprehensive Plan.

We are pleased to report that on August 19, Dearborn County Commissioners Kevin Lynch, Shane McHenry, and Art Little unanimously approved the rezoning to "Agriculture" of over 900 acres of

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2014s Great Outdoor Weekend Memories

.....by Jon Seymour

Our two walks, one on Saturday evening and one on Sunday evening, drew 57 total participants this year. These are rather large groups for an Oxbow walk but we all had a great time. The weather cooperated by not raining on us, a major accomplishment at the end of September and early October. Velda Miller and Ed Gemperle joined me in welcoming the participants and guiding them through an introduction to the Oxbow and a 1.25 mile hike out and back to the Oxbow Lake overlook. Several participants were not members of Oxbow so that means many people were there for the first time. There were even some members who had never been to the Oxbow and were visiting for the first time. We had mostly adults but there were a few children.

While duck migration had not yet started and shorebird migration had passed, we still saw several of the summer denizens of the Oxbow. About 25 Great Egrets entertained us both nights but were not completely visible until the finish of our walk at the Oxbow Lake overlook. On Sunday night we had an excellent view of a Black-crowned Night Heron that was perched on a log directly across Oxbow Lake from the spillway at Osprey Lake and illuminated by the red-yellow-glow light of the late day sun. On Saturday those who stayed with us to the very end of the walk were treated to a low flyover of the egret flock by an immature Bald Eagle. It stirred them up a bit and caused about half of the flock to rise up and circle around a bit before settling right back where they had been. That same evening as the last of the line returned to the Parking Area, a stop at Juno Pond revealed a lone egret on the opposite bank, backed by the dark green of the trees illuminated by the setting sun, topped with distant dark gray storm clouds and a slash of a rainbow sliding toward the top of the trees above the egret. Breath-taking!

Oxbow's land rezoned (*continued from page 1*)

property owned by Oxbow and the property of three neighbors and one state institution who joined with us in seeking a zone change.

Oxbow began acquiring property soon after it was founded in 1985. Of course, we can only buy property when there is a willing seller, so it has taken us many years to acquire the land to be in a position to have blocks of land which the Commissioners have now rezoned. Oxbow-owned properties and neighboring properties form two contiguous aggregations, the first being close to the Lawrenceburg city limits and extending up the Ohio River to the state line, and the second being upstream on the Great Miami alongside the State Line.

We sought the zone change because we have always felt very uneasy about advocating for preservation of the floodplain yet having our property zoned for manufacturing. It became a matter of principle with the Oxbow Board of Directors to remove the manufacturing classification.

We also knew from on-going contact with our neighbors that several of them share our appreciation for the role that this floodplain plays in preserving the environment, promoting farming, and reducing the frequency and severity of flooding. So, we approached some of our neighbors who readily agreed to join us in requesting a zone change for all of the Oxbow property as well as their contiguous parcels. We thank Constance Sedler, Eleanor Pope, and Katheryn Graham-Undercoffer for including their properties in the zone change. So, the zone change covers not only all of the Oxbow-owned property, but those three additional parcels as well, plus a small parcel of land owned by IDNR at the state line.

Only parcels owned by Oxbow and the others who have opted to be included were included in this zone change request. We did not ask that the zoning on anybody's property be changed without their consent.

It is important to understand that by rezoning these parcels they are not withdrawing them from use or changing their current use in any way. Oxbow leases hundreds of acres of our land to local farmers who grow corn and soybeans. Leasing our land to farmers helps to continue farming as a significant part of the local economy because the increased acreage made available to them permits them to spread the cost of their equipment over more acres. The rezoning to Agriculture will not affect Oxbow, Inc. operations in any way.

Additionally, thousands of people visit the Oxbow each year to participate in our outdoor education programs, for bird watching, hunting and fishing, and to take hikes on what would be Dearborn County's largest park if publicly owned and operated. We know that at least some of our visitors stop in Dearborn County for a bite to eat, for gas, or for other attractions. Oxbow, Inc. also purchases services from many local business and agencies so the Oxbow is becoming recognized as an important part of Dearborn County's economy.

While our nature preserve is open to everyone, there is no cost to taxpayers. We rely solely on voluntary contributions to acquire and maintain our property. At the zone change hearing, Commissioner Little expressed gratitude for Oxbow's preservation efforts, noting that no taxpayer money was involved in the effort.

But, we are not done. We've come a long way, but we are not yet at the finish line. Oxbow continues to look for other land to purchase adjacent or near to our current holdings. This action has set a precedent that should make it significantly easier to convert future purchases from manufacturing to agriculture as we acquire them. It also adds another layer of protection preventing development in the floodplain and as such is a great victory for Oxbow, Inc.

Giving to Oxbow

As part of charitable giving, think of Oxbow, Inc. We are seeking donations specifically to our endowment fund for the future stability of the organization or for donations to our education fund that is used to support local educators teaching nature to children. Donations may be made to Oxbow, Inc. and marked on the envelop or on the check, endowment or education fund. Send those donations to Oxbow, Inc., P.O. Box 4172, Lawrenceburg, IN 47025. If you are interested in making a large donation or naming Oxbow in your will, contact us and we will help make the necessary arrangements. Contact Jon Seymour, 513-851-9835 or send an email to jlsjks@hotmail.com.

Thanks for thinking of us!



Butterflies, No Sun, Means Walk, No Run

.....by Bob Nuhn

The 3rd annual summertime Oxbow Conservancy butterfly hike was held on a cloudy, cool (70-74F) day this past August 16th. An exceptional turnout of about 43 people participated (including an infant!) despite the unpromising weather. Retired Great Parks of Hamilton County Ranger Bob Nuhn led the hike which occasionally went to birding or botanizing when the butterflies were not present! However, over 2.5 hours (from 11 a.m. till about 1:30 p.m.), we managed to see 36 individual butterflies representing the following 15 species:

Black Swallowtail (1), Cabbage White (7), Clouded Sulphur (1), Little Yellow (3), Gray Hairstreak (1), Eastern Tailed Blue (3), Pearl Crescent (2), Question Mark (2), Red-spotted Purple (1), Hackberry Emperor (7), Common Wood Nymph (1), Monarch (4), Silver-spotted Skipper (1), Common Sootywing (1), and Delaware Skipper (1), this last species observed by Tracey Robbins.

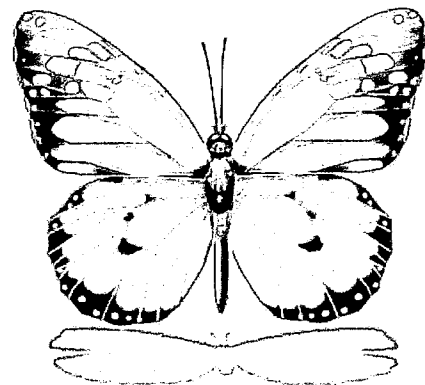
Considering the coolness and cloud covering, this was a pretty good turnout for butterflies, most of whom need sunshine to be active. Bob told participants that he was particularly concerned about Monarchs, which are being threatened by pesticides/herbicides being used adjacent to agricultural areas, especially down in the southern U.S. Female Monarchs migrating back north from Mexico in early spring lay their eggs on milkweed plants, many of which grow in grassy areas adjacent to farmland. Farmers spray all edging to cut down on weeds and give more area to grow crops. The hedgerows or grassy edging are rapidly becoming relics of the past and this has been impacting Monarch populations. Twenty years ago, the overwintering colonies of Monarchs in



Mexico covered about 28 acres. Last year, the colonies covered only about 1.5 acres! This means far fewer Monarchs are overwintering in the central Mexican moun-

tains. Any catastrophic weather at the colony sites could exterminate them as they have less individuals packed closely together in the fir groves to maintain body temperatures above freezing. Because of these threats, people are being encouraged to plant milkweeds, educate farmers, and continue monitoring Monarchs here and in Mexico. We were pleased to count 4 Monarchs at Oxbow, two of whom were males seen "fighting" each other in a territorial squabble!

If you missed this year's butterfly hike, one will be scheduled next summer at Oxbow, probably in August or September. We are trying to make this an annual opportunity to enjoy the butterflies of our region and learn something of their behaviors.



RAISED BED GARDENING AT ST. LAWRENCE SCHOOL

.....by *Velda Miller and Terri Brandenburg*

I wish you could have seen the first graders harvest their carrots. I met Terri Bandenburg, Assistant Kitchen Manager, beforehand and we went to the raised gardens behind St. Lawrence School in Lawrenceburg. Soon, the first grade class came out, completely quiet and in a single file behind their teacher, wearing very neat looking uniforms with bright white shirts and tops. They surrounded the raised garden that held their carrots that were to be harvested. As Terri stepped up on the edge of the garden with her shovel, you could feel the anticipation of the students—but all remained silent. Things changed as soon as the shovel loosened the dirt near the edge of the garden. The race had begun. There was a roar, and a rumble, and chatter, and giggling, sharing and comparing of the carrots coming from the ground. And it stayed that way until the last carrot was taken from the garden. Needless to say, by the end, some of those crisp, bright white shirts looked like they would be in need of bleaching.

Before going back to their classes, Terri and the students discussed what would be done with the carrots. It was decided that some would be served with a vegetable dip as a snack. The rest would be a very special ingredient in carrot muffins.

The above harvest took place mid-August of this year. But the idea of students growing vegetables, herbs and greens in raised beds at the school became a reality because of the foresight and hard work of Terri Bandenburg.

The story is best told by Terri in a correspondence I had with her in 2013:

"When I started working at St. Lawrence last year (2012) as Assistant Kitchen Manager, I could see that the school children were resistant to eating many of the fruits and vegetables that we serve for lunch. We strive to serve a healthy, well balanced lunch but are often frustrated with the large amounts of food that are thrown away. I am blessed to have a principal and pastor who were open to the idea of the garden. So with the help of some friends, teachers and eighth graders, we built the raised beds in May of 2012. While growing organic fruits and vegetables was what initially sparked the idea of the garden it didn't take long to see the additional benefits. The kids and teachers were very excited to mix the soil, plant seeds, herbs and plants after the May 15th frost free date. The kindergarteners planted beans and I was relieved when they sprouted before the last day of

school. The second graders who planted carrots in the spring as first graders were able to dig up baby carrots in September. You would have thought they had found gold when they discovered the carrots just under the soil! We served them as a snack the next day and each one of them wanted to sample their harvest! It's a proven fact that children who participate in growing their own food are more likely to eat it! The older children were fascinated with the way the herbs smelled and the process of collecting seeds for the next season's planting."

At the beginning of 2013, Terri Brandenburg applied for and received a grant from the Art and Ginny (Witte) Wiseman Education Fund to add another raised bed and upgrade those installed the year before. And the student's enthusiasm and interest has grown along with the seeds they've planted in this schoolyard garden. Again, in Terri's words:

"My highest expectation for the garden is to expose the children to the rewarding experience of growing food! Several parents last year told me that their kids **INSISTED** on planting something at home because of what they had experienced at school. How happy I was to hear this! Let's have more time outside, exploring and improving our lives and world and less time inside in front of the computer. Gardening is a creative process that is relaxing, rewarding and teaches children to **NURTURE** in a world where competition and destruction for entertainment thrive."

One other magic moment was relayed to me by Terri. The 2nd grade class grew spinach. After harvest, there was the usual salad and then a smoothie—a **SPINACH** smoothie. A blender was brought into the classroom, ingredients added, and a thick green liquid was poured into cups. No hesitation. The students brought the cups to their lips and down went the smoothie. When the cups were brought down, what appeared were all smiles **WITH GREEN MUSTACHES!**

Let us raise our cups to Terri Bandenburg and the St. Lawrence School for their creative use of grant money from the Art and Ginny (Witte) Wiseman Education Fund!

If you'd like to view more photos of the Garden of Lawrence, go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6EIS4LFSsKY>.

Oxbow Inc. PROGRAMS—submitted by Kani Meyer

To reach the Oxbow, Inc. office take Highway US 50 west from the #16 exit off I-275. Pass the Hollywood Casino exit and turn left at the second stop light onto Walnut St. 301 Walnut is on the right side at the second stoplight at the corner of Walnut and Center Streets. Free parking is available on Walnut St., Center St., and in the parking lot behind the building. All meetings are at The Oxbow, Inc. Office, 301 Walnut St., Lawrenceburg unless otherwise noted

Tuesday, November 11, 2014 @ 7:30pm
301 Walnut St., Lawrenceburg
The Oxbow, Inc. Office

Although born on an island surrounded by warm Pacific waters, **Kani Meyer** migrates every insufferable Cincinnati summer to another island surrounded by cold Atlantic waters. Swan's Island lies off Acadia National Park and offers a wonderful insight into not only island cultural life but a rich and varied natural history. Mitigated by fog and sunshine, mosses and lichens carpet the forest floor while blueberries and hay-scented ferns fill sunny meadows. And, of course, pink granite ledges and cobble beaches fringe the shore....then there are those lobsters!

December, 2014
Happy Holidays Everyone

There will be no Oxbow program this month

Tuesday, January 13, 2015
301 Walnut St., Lawrenceburg
The Oxbow, Inc. Office

Renegade or Hero? Simon Girty...the most hated man on the English/American frontier, or was he? Girty was a foe to be reckoned with by Americans, but a champion of the British Indian Department, and an esteemed warrior among his adoptive people. Popular historian **Tom Strofeldt** will show us his outrageous career, and with it, the complexities of the inter-play of cultures and nations on the emerging American Frontier.

Tuesday, February 10, 2015 @ 7:30pm
301 Walnut St., Lawrenceburg
The Oxbow, Inc. Office

WHY SPECIES GO EXTINCT: **Dr. Tankersley** will discuss the occurrence of species extinction during periods of rapid and profound climatic and catastrophic changes. From an evolutionary perspective, these are significant periods of change, which force species to adapt, downsize, or migrate. Temporally, he will focus on the Quaternary, the geological period of time during which humans evolved.

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Some of the nearly 40 attendees for Bob Nuhn's butterfly walk. (photo by Jon Seymour)

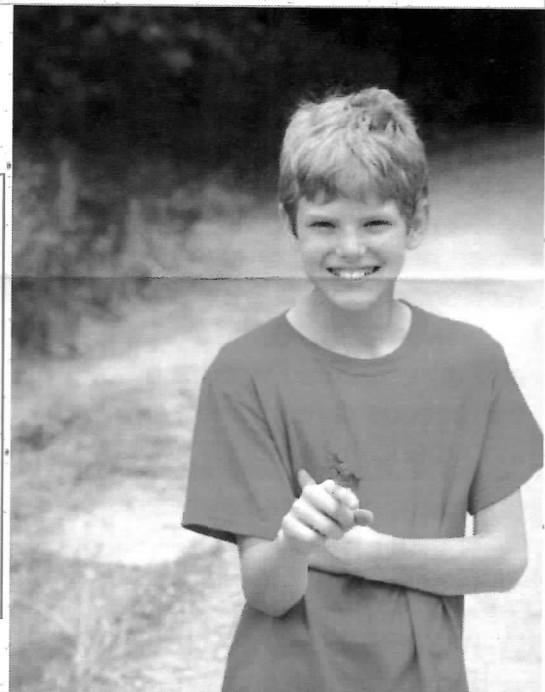


Jackie Seymour's hat is a host resting area for a Hackberry Emperor Butterfly. (photo by Jon Seymour)



Bob Nuhn holds (carefully) a Black Swallowtail Butterfly recently netted in one of the large butterfly nets used by the group. (photo by Wayne Wauligman)

Jacob Robins, served as his own net as he hosts a resting Question Mark Butterfly (photo by Wayne Wauligman)



Participants in the Great Outdoor Weekend walk view birds and plants found along the Oxbow Lake Road. (photo by Jon Seymour)





Bob Nuhn very carefully handles a Robber Fly that was captured in a butterfly net - an occupational hazard. (photo by Jon Seymour)

Large numbers and species of butterflies are attracted to the mix of host and food plants present in the prairie areas. (photo by Jon Seymour)



Students at St. Lawrence School harvest greens for making food for the class to sample. (photo by Terri Bandenburg)



A student gardener at St. Lawrence School gets close to his work. Working with the soil also grows better people. (photo by Terri Bandenburg)

Oxbow Inc. FIELD TRIPS—submitted by Jay Stenger

***Revised Directions for Oxbow Inc Field Trip Meeting Location — Unless otherwise indicated, all trips start at the upper Oxbow parking lot.** To reach the upper Oxbow parking area, go south on US Hwy 50 from the I-275 #16 exit. In about 200 yards, turn left (east) at the edge of the Shell/Subway and go over the levee to where the road T's with a fence directly in front of you. Turn right and go to the Oxbow entrance sign. Turn left into the Oxbow. The upper parking area is immediately on the right.

Sunday, November 23, 2014, 8:00 a.m.

Meet: In the upper Oxbow parking lot at the main entrance to the Oxbow.

Leader: Joe Bens, (513) 353-4229, joebens@live.com

Some people may view November as a cold and dreary month but I think late autumn is a beautiful time of the year. The subtle hues of the landscape interspersed with brilliant fall colors offer up a stark beauty which will be the backdrop for our trip leader Joe Bens as he leads this morning visit to the Oxbow. Joe is an exceptional naturalist and expert birder and will surely find a diverse number of seasonal birds. When birders and naturalists think of the Oxbow during November the first thing that usually comes to mind is waterfowl.

The peak of fall waterfowl migration occurs in our region during November and the Oxbow offers a great refuge for them. Waterfowl will be the primary focus of this trip, but Joe will not ignore the other species found here at this season. Bald Eagles are more than likely and other hawks will be seen. Migrating Sandhill Cranes are also possible. Late migrant and winter songbirds should be abundant and the weedy fields will abound with many sparrows species. Join Joe for a beautiful autumnal visit to the Oxbow Remember, the Oxbow can be muddy and November weather can be cold & wet, so be prepared. Contact Joe if you have any questions.

Christmas Bird Counts

2014 Ohio River "Oxbow" Christmas Bird Count (27th Annual) Sponsored by the National Audubon Society

When: Sunday, December 14, 2014, 7:45 am.

Meet: At the Shawnee Lookout Park upper boat ramp parking lot.

Compiler: Jack Stenger, (513) 503-3389, jackstenger@gmail.com

Count compiler Jack Stenger ask you to join him on this annual holiday bird count (known locally as the Oxbow Christmas Bird Count) that censuses winter bird populations in a 15-mile diameter circle that includes the Oxbow, Shawnee Lookout Park and most of Dearborn County Indiana. Everyone is invited to participate regardless of skill level and there is no fee. You can participate all day, for a few hours or by staying home and counting the birds at your feeders if you live in the count area. Contact Jack for more information. Note: Paul Wharton, longtime Oxbow Inc. supporter and compiler of this count, recently moved to the sunny climes of Florida and asked Jack Stenger to replace him as the compiler of this count. We send best wishes and thanks to Paul and wish Jack success as the new compiler of this count.

If interested in these other local National Audubon Society Christmas Bird Counts, contact count compilers for more information.

Cincinnati Christmas Bird Count (67th Annual), Sunday, December 28, 2014, Compilers Jay Stenger, (513) 522-8147, jaystenger@cinci.rr.com and Jack Stenger, (513) 503-3389, jackstenger@gmail.com

Western Hamilton County Christmas Bird Count (48th Annual), Sunday, December 21, 2014, Compiler Ned Keller, (513) 349-3369, nedkeller49@gmail.com

East Fork Christmas Bird Count (31st Annual), Saturday, January 3, 2015, Compiler Joe Bens, (513) 353-4229, joebens@live.com

Hamilton-Fairfield Christmas Bird Count, Saturday, December 20, 2014, Compiler Mike Busam, (513) 755-0057, mbusam@gmail.com

For more information on Audubon Society Christmas Bird Counts go to: <http://www.audubon.org/bird/cbc/>



usings

by Dave Styer

The American Kestrel and Convergent Evolution

Many of us learned in high school, or perhaps earlier, about Monarch and Viceroy butterflies. The flashy Monarchs, when caterpillars, fed on milkweed and ingested chemicals that made them poisonous to birds. Birds learn to avoid Monarchs, and the bright orange may be viewed as warning coloration. The Viceroy looks remarkably like a Monarch. Even if the Viceroy is not poisonous, birds avoid it, because it looks like a Monarch. Some ancient ancestor of the Viceroy must have looked like a Monarch, and gotten protection because of that. Over generations it has been beneficial to look like a Monarch, and now Viceroy looks quite like Monarchs. This is the classic case of convergent evolution.

Out west we have Hutton's Vireos, that really are vireos (I think), but look and behave remarkably like Ruby-crowned Kinglets. Since vireos and kinglets are not closely related, this is another example of convergent evolution. This is a less satisfactory example of convergent evolution because I can't tell you why Hutton's Vireos look and act like Ruby-crowned Kinglets.

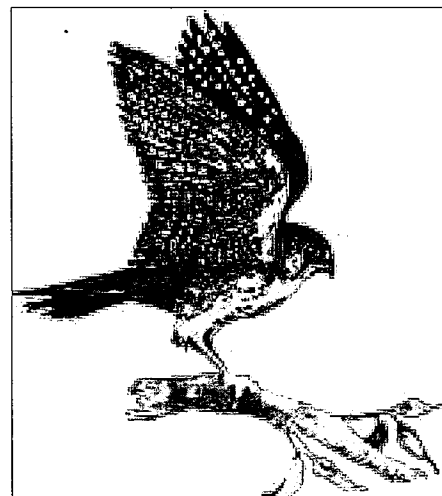
I don't know when a similarity between parrots and falcons was first noted. Of course, the American Kestrel is a small falcon. In his *Key to North American Birds* (1872), Elliott Coues points out that parrots "might not inaptly be styled *frugivorous Raptores*." I bought this book when I was quite young. "Frugivorous" means fruit-eating, and "Raptores" is Coues name for the birds of prey. I have lived most of my life with the term "*Falconiformes*" applied to order of diurnal birds of prey. Thus, I have viewed the American Kestrels (in the family *Falconidae*) and Red-tailed Hawks, Cooper's Hawks, etc., (in the family *Acciptridae*) as being in naturally related families within the same order, *Falconiformes*. With this view, I considered parrots another example of convergent evolution. Just look at a parrot's bill; Kestrels and parrots have similar bills.

Perhaps, due to inattention, I never asked a key question. Which way did the convergence go? Apparently, it's clear that Red-tailed Hawks and parrots are not closely related. Some things I have read

could have been a warning: Could it be that falcons, including the American Kestrel, are actually more closely related to parrots than to hawks? It turns out that the preponderance of recent evidence shows that American Kestrels are much more closely related to parrots than to hawks. The evolutionary convergence has been the other way around from what I thought. Parrots and falcons have diverged. Hawks and falcons look similar through convergent evolution. Since this is true, it no longer makes sense to put hawks and falcons in the same order, *Falconiformes*. Now hawks are put in the new order, *Acciptriformis*.

When I go somewhere different, say New Mexico, to watch birds, I always want a list of the birds I can reasonably expect to find (or, at least, look for). Birders usually want the birds listed in "checklist order." That is, we want the sparrows together for when we look for them. Similarly, if we want to know what warblers we might see, we go to the warbler section of the list. Likewise, to see hawks I go to the hawk section of the list. If the list is really up-to-date, my first impression is "why did they leave the American Kestrel off the list?" Then I remember to look in a completely different place on the list.

P.S. Dave Dister writes from Ludington, MI, that nesting Piping Plovers are doing better around the Great Lakes, and that in 2014 there were 70 nesting pairs. This was up from just 19 pairs twenty years earlier. Dave has even sent a map of the migration route of these birds, and the Oxbow area appears to be right in the center! So, he suggests keeping a close lookout for Piping Plovers; perhaps more will be found. The chances seem slim, but neat things happen when people are out there looking.



The New Oxbow T-Shirts Are Here – Great Christmas stocking stuffers!

Do not be the last – be the first to get your new Oxbow T-shirt featuring the iconic design of Ann Geise, local nature artist. It is a lovely outdoors design featuring an Oxbow scene surrounded by important components of nature protected within the Oxbow area. The shirt cost \$15 at the Oxbow office. We can mail it to you but we have to charge an extra four dollars to cover the cost of the shipping. This is not a fundraiser as we will only break even on the shirts if we sell them all but it is an ADVERTISER where we want all of Oxbow's supporters to proclaim their love for the Oxbow area and to be ready to recruit a new member when your friends (or total strangers) ask you about your great t-shirt.

Oxbow T-shirts come in M, L, XL and XXL only. If there is a large order for another size, we may be able to have them printed. If you would like to purchase a T-shirt and have us send it to you, here are the instructions:

Send \$15.00 plus \$4.00 for shipping, a total of \$19.00 per shirt, to:

Oxbow, Inc.
Attn: T-shirt
P.O. Box 4172
Lawrenceburg, IN 47025

Or simply come to an Oxbow meeting and purchase one in the office for \$15.00



Oxbow, Inc. has established Memorials in honor of those who have passed on. Each Memorial established in the name of a friend or relative will be enrolled permanently in the records of the Corporation. Each contribution to a Memorial will be acknowledged to the family or to those selected by the donor.

Tributes are also enrolled permanently in the records of the Corporation. Some tributes are birthday or anniversary remembrances, holiday greetings or gratitude acknowledgements. If so desired, "Happy Birthday!" or the like can be inscribed in the tribute notice.

*Contributions should be sent to: Oxbow, Inc.,
P. O. Box 4172, Lawrenceburg, IN 47025. Be sure to enclose the names and addresses of those who are to receive the acknowledgement.*

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Ballot of Election of Directors

Our corporation regulations call for the election of the Boards of Directors by ballot with the deadline for receipt of that ballot to be January 1, 2015. The Directors serve a 3-year term and about 1/3 of the directors are elected each year.

Here are the candidates for election to the **Board of Oxbow, Inc.** Vote for 5 candidates:

Denis Conover
 Dennis Mason
 Kani Meyer
 Rick Pope
 Meg Riestenberg
 Write in _____

Here are the candidates for election to the **Board of Oxbow of Indiana, Inc.** Vote for 5 candidates:

Denis Conover
 Dennis Mason
 Kani Meyer
 Rick Pope
 Meg Riestenberg
 Write in _____

After voting for both Boards, cut the ballot out and send it by January 1, 2015 to:
Oxbow, Inc. P.O. Box 4172, Lawrenceburg, Indiana, 47025
 First class postage will be required.

Oxbow, Inc. and Oxbow of Indiana, Inc.

A nonprofit organization formed by conservation groups and concerned citizens of Ohio and Indiana for the purpose of preserving and protecting a wetlands ecosystem know locally as the Oxbow, Hardintown, or Horseshoe Bottoms, from industrial development and to preserve the floodplain at the confluence of the Great Miami and Ohio rivers for use as a staging area for the seasonal migrations of waterfowl. This agricultural area is rich in geological, archaeological, and anthropological history.

Help us save this unique wetland ecosystem. Make your state a richer place in which to live by helping us preserve this precious resource. **Membership in Oxbow, Inc. is encouraged and solicited.**

Prothonotary Warbler	\$ 15	Wood Duck	\$ 25
Great Blue Heron	\$ 50	Green-winged Teal	\$100
Great Egret	\$250	Osprey	\$500
Bald Eagle	\$1000		
Charm of Goldfinches (Group Level) \$25			

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