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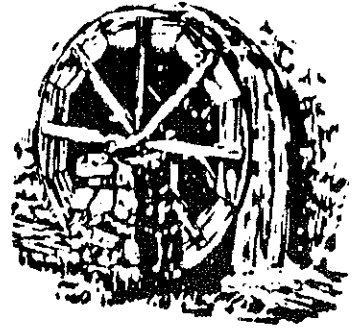


Happy Holidays!

## A HISTORY OF THE OXBOW AREA.

Don Bogosian

### PART 11 - ELIZABETHTOWN.



Probably the earliest settler in the Elizabethtown area was Micajah Dunn who built a cabin there in 1795. This cabin has been preserved and moved to its present location in Shawnee Lookout Park.

Elizabethtown was founded in 1806 and platted in 1817 by Isaac Mills who named the town after his wife, Elizabeth. Located at the intersection of two early roads from Lawrenceburg and Harrison to North Bend, the town initially prospered. Yet, real growth only occurred in the years of 1825 to 1860 with the construction of the Indiana branch of the Whitewater Canal.

The canal cut through the low lands just west and south of town. Many canal-related structures such as cattle pens and warehouses, were built in Elizabethtown to handle canal shipments. The ornate 22 room Peter Tebow house, now part of an auto-parts storage yard, once served as an Inn for canal travelers.

Some degree of sophistication in the early days of Elizabethtown is evident in the C. S. Bonham home which once served as a school for girls. Even though Elizabethtown's days of prosperity were soon over with the closing of the canal in 1863, the 1866 United Methodist Church and Whitewater Township Hall remain as significant examples of Hamilton County village architecture.

Today, Elizabethtown has retained its character because of the rural nature of Whitewater Township. One significant feature of the Township is the large number of red painted barns and cylindrical silos dating back to 1900, which served the area's extensive cattle industry, and are quite unlike the mostly unpainted barns in the rest of Hamilton County.

U.S. Route 50 now passes along the south side of the village. Just west of town on U.S. 50 are two historic homes. One, built on the I-plan, is the 1850 brick home of Thomas Miller. Behind this home is an older stone structure which may be the original home of Isaac Mills, the founder of Elizabethtown.

The other house, built on top of one of the many Indian Mounds found in the Elizabethtown area, is the 1869 brick home of Abijah Hayes.

Next - The Whitewater Canal.

### THE HISTORY CONTINUES -

## Hayes family to hold 87th reunion

The Hayes family will hold their 87th annual reunion Sunday, Oct. 6, at the Whitewater Township Senior Center, 6125 Dry Fork Road, Harrison.

A covered dish dinner will begin at 12:30 p.m. (DST, fast time), with the program beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Captain Joseph Hayes' family settled at Hayes Point at the mouth of the Great Miami River in Dearborn County in 1791, after the American Revolution, during which he was a captain. The Hayeses became one of the first families of Ohio and Indiana.

Family group pictures will be on sale. Video pictures of historical places and the reunion will be taken. There will be games for the children.

For information, call Allene Schmale, family president, at 513-451-5904.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS are CALENDAR MARKERS!**

**NOVEMBER 12TH, TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M.** Oxbow, Inc. meeting at the Cincinnati Zoo Education Building. For details, see **MEETINGS**.

**NOVEMBER 13TH, WEDNESDAY, NOON.** Cincinnati Zoo Education Building. Lecture - "SOFA SAFARI", Thane Maynard. For information call 513-281-4701.

**NOVEMBER 15TH, 16TH, 17TH, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY.** Albert Sabin Convention Center. "TOYS FOR ADULTS" Oxbow, Inc. booth. For details, see **VOLUNTEERS**.

**NOVEMBER 16TH, SATURDAY, 9 A.M.** Oxbow, Inc. field trip. For details, see **FIELD TRIPS**.

**NOVEMBER 21ST, THURSDAY, 7:30 P.M.** Lawrenceburg Public Library. The Cincinnati Color Slide Club presents David and Virginia McNeil who will show their "WANDER SOUTHERN INDIANA" program. Free-will donations to benefit the Retired Seniors Volunteer Program. (RSVP) For information call Elvin Blasdel, 812-537-2602.

**NOVEMBER 22ND, FRIDAY, 7:30 P.M.** Gilmore Ponds Conservancy meeting at the Winton Centre Auditorium in Winton Woods Park. Dr Robert Kennedy, Cincinnati Museum of Natural History, will present "TO LIVE AND BE FREE", a story about the Philippine Eagle. For information call Ted Ellis, 513-829-5926. Motor Vehicle Permit required.

**NOVEMBER 24TH, 25TH, 26TH, 27TH, SUNDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY.**

**WCET-TV CHANNEL 48, 8 P.M.** NATURE - "LAND OF THE EAGLES."

Footage includes Chesapeake Blue Crabs mating, a scorpion and snake in a predator/prey battle and, of course, Bald Eagles. Hosted by George Page.

Sunday, 24th - "THE GREAT ENCOUNTER" and "CONFRONTING THE WILDERNESS."

Monday, 25th - "CONQUERING THE SWAMPS" and "ACROSS THE SEA OF GRASS."

Tuesday, 26th - "INTO THE SHINING MOUNTAINS" and "LIVING ON THE EDGE."

Wednesday, 27th - "THE FIRST AND LAST FRONTIER" and "SEARCHING FOR PARADISE."

**DECEMBER 6TH, FRIDAY, 7:30 P.M.** Cincinnati Zoo Education Building. A slide presentation, "HAWK MIGRATION AROUND THE GLOBE" by Chris Schultz, Director, Cape May Raptor Banding Program. Schultz is a natural-born story teller and a legend in the making. If you love hawks, don't miss this! \$3.00 Zoo and Raptor, Inc. members. \$5.00 non-members. For information call 513-281-4701.

**DECEMBER 10TH, TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M.** Oxbow, Inc. meeting at the Lawrenceburg Public Library. For details, see **MEETINGS**.

**DECEMBER 14TH, SATURDAY, 8 A.M.** Hamilton County Park District Xmas Count. Join other birders for a Parks bird count. 3 P.M. tally time in the Winton Centre Auditorium, Winton Woods Park, 10245 Winton Road. Call Carol Mundy, 521-PARK, to sign up for your favorite park.

**DECEMBER 18TH, WEDNESDAY, NOON.** Cincinnati Zoo Education Building. Lecture by wildlife artist Charlie Harper. For information call 513-281-4701.

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**DECEMBER 29TH, SUNDAY.** Cincinnati Bird Club Annual Christmas Count. Leaders will be Jay Stenger and Dr. Robert Kennedy. Call to register and for more information. A participation fee is required.

Jay Stenger 513-522-4245  
Dr. Robert Kennedy 513-621-3890

**JANUARY 14TH, 1992, TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M.** Oxbow, Inc. meeting at the Cincinnati Zoo Education Building. Election of Trustees. If you would like to take a more active role in Oxbow, Inc., or know of someone who would be a good choice as a Board member, contact Dave Styer, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, 513-772-4395.



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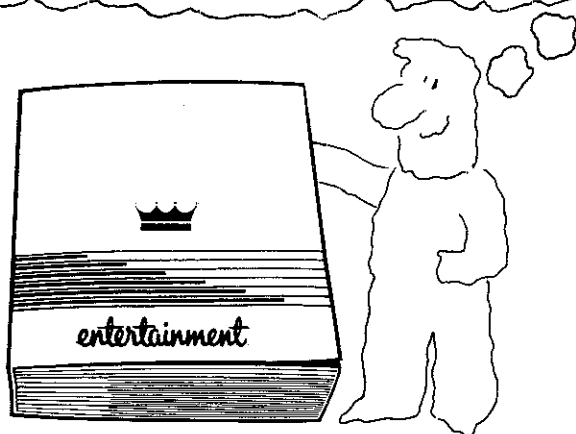
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## VOLUNTEERS.

Oxbow, Inc. will participate in the "Toys for Adults" show which will be held Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, November 15th, 16th, and 17th at the Cincinnati Convention Center. This is an excellent opportunity to acquaint people with the work Oxbow, Inc. is doing.

Volunteers are needed to work the booth. Call early to insure the date and time you prefer to work. Admission to the show is free to volunteers and you will be given ample time to play with all of the "toys".

Sign up with John Getzendanner, 537-5728 in Indiana, and with Anita Buck, 681-2574 in Ohio.

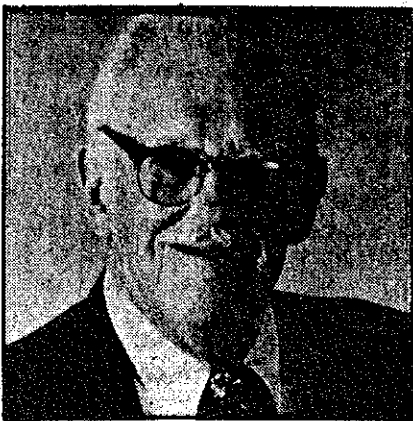
## HUNTING SEASON GETS UNDERWAY.

Oxbow, Inc. wishes to promote a spirit of cooperation between area birders and hunters. We ask our birders to respect the legally licensed hunter's right to hunt during posted seasons and to report observed illegal activities to the proper authorities.



Hunters should contact the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Fish and Wildlife, Edward L. Hansen, Director, for specific regulations and hunting season dates. The DNR reminds hunters that steel shot is required during the waterfowl season.

## STATE RECOGNIZES ELVIN BLASDEL.



Elvin Blasdel

The State of Indiana, Department of Human Services, has selected Mr. Elvin Blasdel of Lawrenceburg, IN. to receive the 1991 Older Hoosier of the Year Award. It is the highest honor bestowed by the Department for outstanding volunteer service to a community. The award will be presented to Mr. Blasdel on November 19th at the Governor's Conference on Aging in Indianapolis, IN.

Mr. and Mrs. Blasdel's son, Paul, will travel from California to share the honor with his parents.

Elvin was also honored in Indianapolis on September 25th by the Indiana Health Care Association. Elvin was selected by the Association as a District winner for his volunteer work in long term care. IHCA's letter stated, "Your dedication to spending quality time with IHCA's nursing home residents has not gone unnoticed."

We congratulate Elvin and also wish to recognize him for the tireless work he has done to benefit Oxbow, Inc!

## CORRECTION.

The report of the Oxbow, Inc. limnological study in the Sept-Oct. WETLAND MATTERS incorrectly associated Dr. Joo and Dr. Francko with the Miami University Department of Biology instead of the Department of Botony. WETLAND MATTERS apologizes for the incorrect statement.



**THE HAWK HAS A HOME.**

John Ruthven's lithograph, a signed artist proof of the "Red-tailed Hawk" was raffled off at the September 10th meeting at the Zoo. The lucky number, 435, was randomly selected by a guest in attendance. No. 435 was held by Bob Bradford, owner of Brad's Glass Shop in Amelia, OH.

Our thanks to everyone who supported the raffle!  
We'll do it again next year - Better luck then!

## Meetings

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH, 7:30 P.M.** Cincinnati Zoo Education Building. Enter through the Exit Gate on Erkenbrecher Avenue.

"YELLOWSTONE, AFTER THE FIRE". A video program by Jeff Donald. Anyone who has viewed Jeff's professional work will not want to miss his special look at Yellowstone as Nature heals her wounds.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH, 7:30 P.M.** Lawrenceburg Public Library. Turn left off of U.S.50 onto Walnut Street. Turn right onto High Street. The library is on the right side of High Street.

Tonight's program is brought to Lawrenceburg by popular demand! Morris Mercer will share his trip to Alaska with Oxbow, Inc. members and friends. Learn how to "Ker-Chunk" your way 'cross-country as you view his video program, "NORTH BY NORTHWEST TO ALASKA".

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH, 9 A.M.**

## Field Trips

Meet Dave Styer in the 50's Root Beer parking lot, U.S.50 and the I-275 Lawrenceburg-Greendale Exit Ramp. Join the fun following dashing Dave as he searches out flora and fauna in the Oxbow.  
Leader - Dave Styer 513-772-4395

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14TH, 8 A.M.** In the park of your choice.

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

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