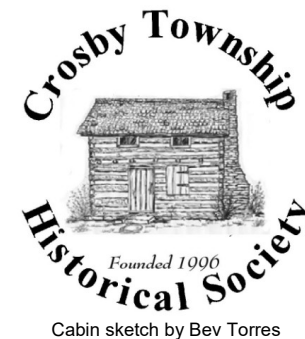




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Cabin sketch by Bev Torres

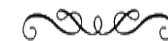
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**HAMILTON COUNTY 4-H COMMUNITY FAIR**

The 4-H Community Fair will take place July 13-16 At Stricker's Grove with rides, animals, still displays, food. Special entertainment will be the 1<sup>st</sup>. Ohio Mounted Cowboy Shooting Show on Wednesday at 7pm. On Thursday, Nashville Christian singer-songwriter Barry Toops will perform at 8pm. On Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> will be a Bar Rodeo presented by the Hamilton County Farm Bureau. Wednesday through Friday admission is \$6 per person, \$4 for Senior citizens, \$4 for military/public safety w/I.D.. On Saturday, \$10, \$7 for military. Parking is free. Special passes can be purchased.



**MIAMITOWN BICENTENNIAL**

Don't forget! Miamitown in Whitewater Township celebrates its 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. The major celebration will take place on October 1<sup>st</sup>. See the schedule below.

**MIAMITOWN BICENTENNIAL EVENTS**

- October 1st—Bicentennial Celebration Bicentennial Parade 2:00—Old Fashioned Fall Fest (Music, Food, Games, Beard Contest, Fashion Show & more)
- October 2nd—Art Show & Contest
- Nov 17th thru Jan 1<sup>st</sup>--Holiday Train Extravaganza at Town Hall
- December 10th—Train Show at Miamitown Elementary
- December 13th—Bicentennial Christmas Dinner at Town Hall

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 "Miamitown Ohio Bicentennial"  
 for more information, or email us at:  
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**MEMORIAL DAY PARADE & SERVICE**

The 101<sup>st</sup> Consecutive Memorial Day Parade and Service was held on Sunday, May 29, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. Approximately 200 participants marched in the parade: American Legion Post #199 Funeral Detail; Grand Marshal, Larry Smith; Keynote Speaker, Honorable Judge Amy L. Searcy; Crosby Twp. Trustees & Fiscal Officer Chris Dole; Pres., Jim Niehaus; Vice Pres., Chuck Heis; & Bob Bibbo; Gov. Othniel Looker Chapter DAR; Wm. H. Harrison High School Marching Band; VOCE Choir; Maintenance Department; Crosby Unicycles; Historical Vehicle, Ron Webb; New Haven Transformed Youth Center; Crosby Cougar; Girl Scout; Boy Scouts; Hoffner Lodge – 10+ walkers; Marilyn Zayas- Hamilton Cty. Judge candidate; Small group of Wyoming High School Band members; Horses & Wagon Crosby Historical Society – Bob Flieman; Great Parks of Hamilton County – Park Rangers; Cindy Hargis – 2 Quads decorated and passing out candy; Hamilton County Recorder's Office; Ohio Horseman's Council – horses; Crosby Township Fire Department.

Also many peoples attended the Service in the New Haven Cemetery with a tribute to the many military soldiers who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. Keynote speaker, the Honorable Judge Amy L. Searcy said it best, "Think for a minute of our fast-paced lives...now contrast that behavior with our movements and motions here today as we entered with music befitting the occasion; we have come here with reverence for the decisions made by the American men and women who sacrificed their lives in battle on American soil and in foreign lands; patriots who have died while on active duty or in training for battle-readiness...they willingly left their homes and their communities and even their homeland to keep us safe in ours. Today we stand in this spot, allowing our memories to support this moment when we whisper, "Thank you".

Grand Marshal and decorated Vietnam Veteran, Larry Smith concluded in his personal reflections, "We all gave some, and some gave all."

*Courtesy of Brenda Jackson*

## REMEMBERING FORT SCOTT

It happens during the summer when lightning bugs appear that our thoughts turn to simpler times. How many children from the surrounding areas, and further away, spent a week at Fort Scott in Crosby Township sometime during their childhood? My husband visited several summers as a boy in the early 1950s, and our daughter spent time there with her friend in the summer of 1986 while in grade school.

The boys' summer camp called Fort Scott, created and operated by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati was the oldest Roman Catholic children's summer camp in the country established in 1922, being first in the Cleves area, then moved to 131 acres of land purchased from John and Ethel Schlemmer in the New Baltimore area in 1924. Later, in 1936, additional land was purchased from the Jurkowitz family who eventually became the caretakers of the camp. The expansion allowed a co-ed summer camp for boys and girls.

Many children had their first experience of horse-back riding, archery, swimming, baseball, tennis,

volleyball, handcrafts, nature lore, tracking, hiking, campfires, and dances for the boys and girls to come together for an evening.

Fort Scott experienced good times and not so good times. In the 1930s during the depression the camp opened up to house homeless men for the winter, and during WWII the rationing took its toll so the camp closed for two years. In the 1950s the economy improved and additional larger cabins were built to house the increased attendance. Many reunions were held for former staff and counselors through the years, and I am sure many lasting friendships forged among the children who spent time there during their summers.

Sadly, the camp closed for good in 1989. The concerns over pollution with its close proximity to the Fernald plant, contributed to declining attendance, but the place left a legacy of having served over 150,000 children, seven to fifteen years of age, during its existence.



The Canteen



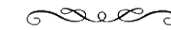
## Historical Society

### Programs

**Thursday, JULY 21<sup>st</sup>**—Members will meet at 7pm at the Cleves/Wm. Henry Harrison Museum for a tour.

**Thursday AUGUST 18<sup>th</sup>**—“Peggy the Flying Horse” from Rivertown Tales will be presented by Joyce Baer, historian, of Lawrenceburg, Indiana

**Thursday, SEPTEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>**—Our annual Crosby Township Historical Society picnic will again be at the site of the Passmore Cabin, behind the fire station on Baughman Rd. It will begin at 6pm and bring your own drink, lawn chairs and a side dish or dessert for our table. Meats will be grilled and paper products provided.

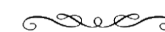


### In Case You Missed it . . .

In April, the Veraestau Mansion in Aurora, Indiana was this month's program given by Jarrad Holbrook, S.E. director of Indiana Landmarks. This beautiful home started as a log cabin in 1810 by Jesse Holman and a brick addition was added in 1837. It eventually became a two story Greek Revival structure and was kept in the family until 1933 when Lawrenceburg industrialist Cornelius O'Brien purchased the property in 1933 as a country home. In 2004, Indiana Landmarks received the 116-acre property as a gift from the Cornelius and Anna Cook O'Brien Foundation. Today, Veraestau serves as Indiana Landmarks' Southeast Field Office. The home is available for tours and reception rentals.

**Thursday May 19<sup>th</sup>**—David Lentz, Executive Director of University of Cincinnati Field Studies gave a presentation called “Simple Gifts-Legacy of Ohio Shakers.” UC leases the Whitewater Shaker Trustee office building as its center for its work. David gave a history of the groups formation and what they accomplished here and in other communities where they settled. They were the first to establish co-education and they produced medicines, seeds, brooms, baskets, wines, barrels, soaps and much more.

**Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup>**—Steve Gordon, museum director of the McGuffey Museum at Miami University gave a program on the museum and history of the book called the McGuffey Eclectic Reader first compiled by William McGuffey who taught there. This book became the standard of elementary education across the country. The dwelling built in 1833 was the site were this long-ago faculty member compiled his famous book. Steve also shared information on the many other historical buildings on this campus.



### SALES CORNER

**STANLEY MC'CLURE'S CROSBY TOWNSHIP HISTORY BOOK**, published in 1992 is again available for purchase by our organization. The 118 page **CROSBY TOWNSHIP BICENTENNIAL HISTORY BOOK**, published in 2003 is also available, and both books can be purchased by contacting Karen Klaene at 513-922-3379 or E-mail her at [kklaene@fuse.net](mailto:kklaene@fuse.net). They are \$15.00. Additional fee for shipping.

**STANLEY MC'CLURE'S CROSBY TOWNSHIP CEMETERY TRANSCRIPTIONS COLLECTION**, published 1985 is available for \$5.00 (plus \$1.45 shipping).

**LOG CABIN SKETCHES**...art work and note cards by Bev Torres, depicting our cabin in New Haven. Proceeds are shared with C.T.H.S. Call Bev at (513) 738-0373 for prices and availability.

**HOUSE NUMBER SIGNS**...reflective white numbers on green background. Recommended by our Fire and EMT Services. Custom-made for \$10.00 each. Call Earl Corson, (513) 367-9371. Free local delivery.

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Regular member:	\$5.00*
Contributing Member:	\$10.00*
Family (3 or more, same household):	\$12.00*
Life Member:	\$100.00 (one time)

Please mail dues to: Chuck Heis

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Our Officers and Board meet at 7:00 p.m. prior to each regular meeting, the third Thursday of each month, March thru December, at the Crosby Township Senior Center, 8910 Willey Road. Members are welcome to attend. 738-1440