

Finding The Real Bottineau

A Heritage Event Sponsored By The French-American Heritage Foundation, The Louisville Foundation At Old Crossing And The Maple Grove Historical Society



Time: Sunday,
April 7, 2019 at 2
p.m.

Location: St.
Joseph the Worker
Catholic Church, 7180
Hemlock Lane, Maple
Grove, MN

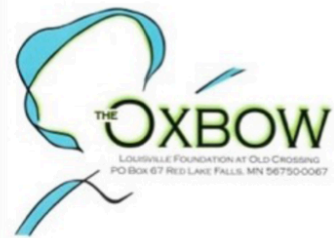


Pierre Bottineau was born on the Dakota prairie of a French-Canadian father and an Ojibway mother in the early 1800s. He was instrumental in establishing communities there and later brought settlers to Northwestern Minnesota. In finding the real Bottineau, Virgil Benoit will focus on identifying major influences on him and how he adopted and expressed these influences ranging from kinship to community to major concepts of his time. The audience will be invited to critic the methodology of this talk and express their opinions on who they see as the real Bottineau in the final segment of this talk.

Virgil Benoit, Professor Emeritus, University of North Dakota, holds numerous awards recognizing both his academic record and community service. Professor of French he taught French language, French culture, and specialized in the heritage of descendants of French Canada in the Middle West. He publishes and writes for *The Oxbow*, a journal devoted to the examination of cultural transmission.

Join the French-American Heritage Foundation, the Louisville Foundation at Old Crossing (The Oxbow) and the Maple Grove Historical Society in welcoming Virgil Benoit, Professor Emeritus, University of North Dakota who will do a presentation titled **Finding the real Pierre Bottineau**. Also featuring a short summary of the life of Pierre Bottineau by Pierre Girard, board member of the French-American Heritage Foundation.

Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be provided. The event is free and open to the public. Good will offering only.



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