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In 1818, one year after Bainbridge became a township, Daniel McFarland, a veteran of the Revolutionary War arrived in Bainbridge. The forests were filled with bear, deer, elk, wolves, wildcats, wild turkey, grouse and pheasant. The land was rich and the streams and waterways were plentiful. It is historically stated that Mr. McFarland purchased a large tract of land around Lake Lucerne hill on Chillicothe Road for \$2.50 an acre. He built a cabin at the foot of the hill. Several McFarland family members built homes along Chillicothe Rd. In the 1840's, Shubael McFarland built the present century home which is located on the east side of Chillicothe Road just south of U.S. 422. The McFarland family owned a large area of land which is now the Lake Lucerne and Tanglewood Lake subdivisions.

The Shubael McFarland home is basically the same as it was some 150 years ago, as not too many changes have been made. It was the location of the first telephone switchboard in the township.

The McFarland family cemetery is located on the east side of Chillicothe Road approximately 1/2 mile south of U.S. 422. Several homes in the area were originally built by members of the McFarland family, including the original part of Nash's Restaurant. And, of course, the intersection of U.S. 422 and S.R. 306 was dedicated to and named for the McFarland family several years ago.

Bainbridge Township is lucky to have an historical home that is in such good condition and remains nearly the same as it was all those years ago.

EDITOR'S NOTE: On July 19, 1990, a complaint for declaratory judgement, preliminary injunction and permanent injunction was filed in the Court of Common Pleas Geauga County Ohio, against the Bainbridge Township Trustees and the Attorney General of Ohio. Due to the length of the document, we are printing excerpts from the official complaint.

Item #3: The Property contains 3.49 acres

THE McFARLAND HOME



and is zoned in the classification R-3A, Rural Residential District, by the zoning resolution enacted by the Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees ("Zoning Resolutions")

Item #5: The Property is adjacent to commercial uses to the north and east, is unsuitable for residential use by reason of the commercialization and urbanization of the area in which it is located, and retention of the Property in the R-3A, Rural Residential District imposes a significant economic deprivation upon the Plaintiffs.

Item #6: Plaintiffs through their agent applied to the Zoning Commission of Bainbridge Township requesting that the Zoning Resolution be amended so as to reclassify the Property into the CB, Convenience Business District, which is the classification of the lands to the north and east of the Property.

Item #7: Plaintiffs' application for rezoning was denied by the Zoning Commission and the Board of Trustees.

Item #8: The use of the Property for residential purposes has become obsolete; the Property is not reasonably or practically

adaptable to residential use as permitted by the Zoning Resolution; and the Zoning Resolution, in restricting the Property to the uses permitted in a R-3A, Rural Residential District, are arbitrary, capricious and unreasonable, deprive Plaintiffs of property rights without due process of law, and of the equal protection of the laws, in contravention of the Constitutions of the United States of America and the State of Ohio.

The plaintiffs are asking the Court to direct the Bainbridge Township Trustees to change the zoning in the area in question, from residential (R-3A) to Convenience Business (CB), to allow the plaintiffs to develop the property into a retail area.



PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT



The following employees have or will be attending classes and seminars:

John Vilics to the Greater Cleveland Crime Committee Arson Seminar. Zoning Inspector, **Fred Krueger** Seminar on Wetlands at Kent State University. **Ptl. Robert Weir**, Professional Training at the Ohio State Patrol Academy. Firemen, **Wayne Burge**, **Gene Martin**, **Thomas Spape**, **Brian Phan**, the Ohio State Firefighters Association Conference. **Fred Krueger**, Hazardous Materials Course at the Ohio Fire Academy. **Ptl. Caren Walsh** and **Ptl. Andrew Kelly**, Drug Interdiction Course and Basic Intoxilyzer Training at the Ohio State Patrol Academy. **Sgt. James Lengel**, Firearms Training at the Top Guns Training Academy. Dispatcher **Danya Morgan**, Stress Management and Public Safety Dispatcher Seminar. **Ptl. Ray Arnold**, Professional Training at the Ohio Peace Officer's Training Academy. **Christina Stellato**, Professional Training at the National Fire Service Computer Symposium. **Jane Randall** and Dispatcher **Allen LaPrairie**, to the Posse-VT Regional Training Seminar. Highway Superintendent **Alan Halko**, Lakeland Community College for the fall quarter.

EMPLOYEE NEWS

Congratulations to the following Bainbridge Township employees on their recent promotions:

- 8/6 - John Clark to EMTP Grade B
 Brian Phan to EMTP Grade B
 John Berlinski to EMTA Grade B
 Thomas Spape to EMTP Grade C
 8/13 - Ptl. Robert Gerbic to Ptl. Grade B
 8/27 - Ptl. Robert Byrne to Ptl. Grade C
 Ptl. Andrew Kelly to Ptl. Grade C
 Ptl. Jason Barnett to Ptl. Grade B

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IT'S YOUR RIGHT...
VOTE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH

BEHIND THE SCENES



Lieutenant Wayne Burge of the Bainbridge Fire Department is the newest member of the stork club. Earlier this year he assisted in the delivery of a baby on a rescue call, and was made godfather of the baby by the grateful parents.

Twenty-nine year old Wayne became a volunteer member of the Fire Department in May of 1978. In October of 1985, he became an employee of Bainbridge Township, serving as a firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician. He was a trustee of the Bainbridge Volunteer Fire Company for three years, and is currently a member of the HAZ MAT team that is under the direction of Captain Krueger. He also organizes the maintenance of the Fire Department vehicles.

Much of his medical experience has been gained from his full time job as an Emergency Medical Technician for Physician's Ambulance Service.

He currently lives in the Kenston Lake area. In the little free time available to him, Wayne enjoys outdoor activities including hunting, fishing, and golf.



WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!!!

Letters to the editor should be mailed to:

NEWSLETTER STAFF
 c/o Bainbridge Township
 17826 Chillicothe Road
 Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44022



Rick Thomas has been a skilled worker for the Bainbridge Road Department since February 1978. His job includes working on the many projects undertaken by the Township and he enjoys the variety of duties his position provides. Some days he will be working with heavy construction equipment retrenching the township ditches. He will then help chip and seal or pave roads. Geauga County winters bring out the plow trucks with the long shifts and little rest necessary to keep the roadways safe for township residents. The people around Rick are as different as the jobs he performs, making his life interesting and pleasant.

Rick and his wife of one year, Sheila and his stepdaughter Rachel, currently reside in Newbury Township, where he has spent his entire life.

Motorcycle riding occupies his free time. Rick is a member of the Sly Fox Motorcycle Club.

POW/MIA'S REMEMBERED

On August 13 the trustees passed a motion proclaiming October 5, 1990 to be POW/MIA Recognition Day in Bainbridge Township. A day dedicated to all former prisoners of war, to those still missing and to their families.



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 A mother is not a person to lean on, but a person to make leaning unnecessary.

Her Son's Wife (1926)
 Dorothy Canfield Fisher

WHAT IS THAT TOWER . . .

Recently the construction of a 250 foot tall tower at the Bainbridge Township Road Garage has caused interest and questions. The tower is being installed in order to eliminate "dead spots" on the Township's 800 Radio System. The 800 Radio System was installed and paid for by CEI and Geauga County when the Perry Nuclear Power Plant was placed on line. CEI was required to install these radios so that there will be Safety Forces Communication in the event of an accident at the Perry Plant. The 800 System is a "line of sight" system. This means that the towers have to be very tall in order for mobile units to stay in contact. CEI and Geauga County have had to add four additional towers in Geauga County to eliminate the problems when safety forces find themselves in a valley where the radio waves can not reach. The tower is being installed at no cost to Bainbridge Township and the tower will have space enough to add equipment for our present "low band" radio communication.

The Bainbridge Township Fire Department, Police Department and Road Department will be going to the 800 System in the future and will ensure that the radio equipment works properly and efficiently before going completely on line.

So, now we know what that tower is.....anyway.

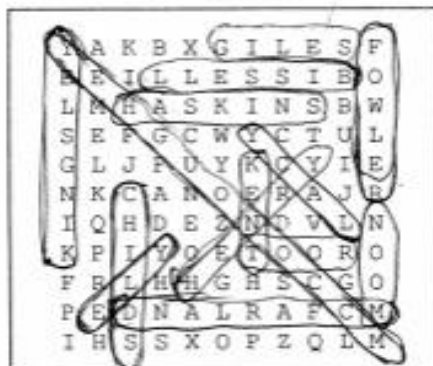
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

On Saturday November 10th, the Bainbridge Women's Club will be hosting the 13th Annual CHRISTMAS BAZAAR, "Santa's Booth". The hours will be from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. There will be many crafts and other Christmas ideas available. The proceeds benefit many community organizations including the Bainbridge Women's Club Scholarship fund, which awards scholarships to Kenston students every year. Recently the Bainbridge Women's Club held a book sale at the Bainbridge Library. The proceeds of \$1100.00 were returned to the library to purchase books and other necessary items. There are tables available for the bazaar at \$10.00 each. Admission is free. For more information or to reserve a table please call Alice Toth at 543-4114.

ANYWAY???



WORD SEARCH: BAINBRIDGE PIONEER NAMES



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| ✓ McConoughey | McFarland ✓ |
| Childs ✓ | Lacy ✓ |
| Haskins ✓ | Ely ✓ |
| Kent ✓ | Giles ✓ |
| Henry ✓ | Kingsley ✓ |
| Root ✓ | Moon ✓ |
| Fowler ✓ | Bissell ✓ |



TUBEROUS BEGONIA PROCLAIMED OUR FLOWER

On September 8, 1990, the Bainbridge Township Trustees signed a proclamation naming the Tuberous Begonia as the official township flower in honor of Mr. Carleton Lowe.

The story surrounding Carleton Lowe and the tuberous begonia spans many years and an ocean. In 1917 when Mr. Lowe was a soldier in World War I, he saw a flower in Belgium that he had never seen in the United States. He left the train he was riding and found the farmer who was growing the beautiful plants, the tuberous begonia. The farmer agreed to send Mr. Lowe some seeds, which are as fine as dust and difficult to cultivate. It took seven years of tender loving care, special soil mixes and the reproduction of the moist, cool temperature requirements before the first bloom blossomed. The root systems of these begonias are so fine that transplanting had to be done by using a writing pen with a split tip. In 1925, Mr. Lowe moved his greenhouse from Chagrin Falls to Chillicothe Road in Bainbridge Township. (The greenhouse still bears his name.) He became very widely known and shipped the begonias across the country.

Along with Mr. Lowe's expertise in the horticultural world, he served his township and county well. He was a Bainbridge Trustee (1938-1948), a Geauga County Commissioner, was a member of the first Geauga County Fair Board and helped found the Bainbridge Volunteer Fire Company.

Mr. Lowe's widow, Flora and their daughters Ruth Timmons, Betty Button and Patricia Clemens all live in Auburn Township and continue to be very proud of Mr. Lowe's accomplishments. Even though it can not be officially verified, it is believed that Mr. Lowe was the first person to cultivate the Tuberous Begonia in the United States.

And so it is very fitting to honor him by naming it our flower.





ENVIRO NOTE



Feeding your compost pile:

DO

grass ✓
leaves ✓
vegetable scraps ✓
fruit scraps ✓
cow manure ✓
egg shells ✓
newspaper ✓
cornstalks ✓
coffee grinds ✓
water ✓

DON'T

dog or cat manure
coal
dishwater
grease
bones
magazines
shiny newspaper
inserts

SPECIAL THANKS TO SOME SPECIAL YOUNG PEOPLE

In order for several young people in the community to earn merit badges and/or advance to the rank of Eagle Scout, community projects were undertaken. The young men in Scout Troop #102 cleaned, scraped and repainted the Bainbridge Township sign in front of the Fire Station and Townhall. Tony David, working to become an Eagle Scout, did the landscaping at the Burns-Lindow Building at Chillicothe Road and Bainbridge-Solon Road. He designed the landscaping taking care to use as many historically proper plantings as possible, and did the work himself. Scott Frohman, who is also working to become an Eagle Scout, is clearing a walking trail at Settlers Park. Thanks to these hardworking, community minded young men.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



MERRY CHRISTMAS



HAPPY NEW YEAR



SEE YOU IN THE
SPRING!!!

TRICK OR TREAT

Are you ready for the ghosts, goblins and witches????? This year in Bainbridge township, Halloween will be celebrated on Wednesday October 31st, between the hours of 5:30 PM and 8:30 PM. The following are a few tips for parents to help make your children's Trick-or-treating as safe as possible:

Be sure the costume that is worn is easy to walk in, and easily seen.

Use reflective tape on costumes so children can be readily seen by oncoming traffic.

Remember face masks are sometimes hard to see out of, make-up may be a better alternative.

If you do not accompany your children, be sure they are in a group.

Plan their trick or treat route ahead of time, and be sure you know which streets they will be on.

Remind them to walk on the side of the street facing traffic.

Have the children wait to eat anything until they get home so that candy can be sorted and checked.

TOWNSHIP ORGANIZATIONS

Men's Civic Club meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at the Bainbridge Townhall at 8:00PM.

The Bainbridge Women's Club meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at the Burns-Lindow Building at 8:00PM.

The Bainbridge Township Historical Society meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Burns-Lindow Building, at 8:00PM.

Bainbridge AARP meets the 1st Tuesday of the month at the Bainbridge Townhall.

Bainbridge Action Unlimited meets the 4th Wednesday of each month at the Burns-Lindow Building at 6:30PM for a pot luck dinner (bring a dish to pass).

Bainbridge Brown Baggers Senior Club meets at the Bainbridge Community Church from 10:00AM to 2:30PM every Thursday.

CLAM BAKE A SUCCESS!!!

On Saturday, September 15, 1990, the Bainbridge Township Volunteer Fire Company held its 48th Annual Fireman's Ball and Clam Bake. The proceeds from this event were donated to ACBC "Aluminum Cans for Burned Children". The evening was extremely successful and raised \$2,500.00 for the organization that benefits young burn victims. This organization is sponsored by Metro Health Medical Center and area firefighters.

Included in this auspicious occasion was an awards ceremony honoring four very special people and/or organizations from the community. Jeffrey Campbell and Renee Thomas who with the help of Chuck Thomas, received the Citizen of the Year Award for their act of heroism on the night of May 30, 1990 when they risked their lives to save that of another.

Gene Burkhardt, President of Bormac Graphics was named the Business of the Year. This annual award is given to that business or organization in the community who has helped the Fire Department help the community.

Last but not least, the Fire Company uses this gathering of its friends to honor one of their own. This year our "Firefighter of the Year" Award was given to Thomas Spape for his exceptional efforts throughout the past year.

It took a lot of people and organizations to make the night both successful and profitable for the children we are helping. We would like to thank all of the organizations, businesses and individuals in the community who contributed to the success of this event.

DONATIONS ACCEPTED

In August, the trustees gratefully acknowledged receipt of a donation in the amount of \$657.00 from the Alltel Corporation for picnic tables for Settlers Park. This donation was made in recognition of William Dickerson's many years of community involvement. In June, the trustees gratefully acknowledged receipt of donations to the Bainbridge Police Department from the Tanglewood Women's Club, Bainbridge Women's Club and the Bainbridge Civic Club. The Tanglewood Women's Club also made a donation to Settlers Park.

OCTOBER IS FIRE SAFETY MONTH

ten tips for fire safety brought to you by the Bainbridge Township Fire Department:

- 1. Install And Maintain Smoke Detectors:** Smoke detectors warn you of a fire in time to let you escape. Install smoke detectors on each level of your home and outside of each sleeping area. Follow the manufacturer's directions and test once a week. Replace dead batteries immediately, and don't ever borrow them for other uses!
- 2. Plan And Practice To Escape:** If fire breaks out in your home, you must get out fast. With your family, plan two ways out of every room. In case of fire, one exit may be blocked by flames or smoke! Fire escape routes must not use elevators. Choose a meeting place outside where everyone will gather. At least twice a year, have the whole family practice the escape plan.
- 3. Space Heaters Need Space:** Keep portable and space heaters at least 36 inches from paper, curtains, furniture, clothing, bedding or anything else that can burn. Never leave heaters on when you leave the house or go to bed, and keep children well away from them.
- 4. Smokers Need Watchers:** Carelessly discarded cigarettes cause tens of thousands of home fires every year. Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers in your home, and put water on the butts before throwing them in the trash. Before going to bed, check under and around sofa cushions for smoldering cigarettes.
- 5. Be Careful Cooking:** Be alert when you cook, and keep children out of the way. Keep your pots' handles turned inward so they won't be knocked over the edge of the stove. If grease catches fire, slide a lid over the pan to smother the flames, then turn the burner off.
- 6. A Match Is A Tool...For Adults:** In the hands of a child, matches or lighters are extremely dangerous. Always store them up high where kids can't reach them. And teach your children from the start that matches and lighters are tools for adults, not toys for kids.
- 7. Use Electricity Safely:** If an appliance smokes or smells like it is burning, unplug it immediately and have it repaired. Check all your electrical cords and replace any that are cracked or frayed. If you use extension cords, don't overload them or run them under rugs. Remember that fuses and circuit breakers protect you from fire; don't tamper with the fuse box or use fuses of an improper size.
- 8. Cool A Burn:** If someone gets burned, immediately run cool water on the wound for 5 to 10 minutes, to ease the pain. If the burn is blistered or charred, see a doctor immediately.
- 9. Stop, Drop And Roll:** Even young children should know this rule: if your clothes catch fire, don't run! Stop where you are, drop to the ground, and roll over and over to smother the flames. Cover your face with your hands to protect your face and lungs.
- 10. Crawl Low Under Smoke:** If you get caught in smoke, the cleanest air will be several inches off the floor. Get down on your hands and knees and crawl to the nearest safe exit.

Remember...By planning ahead, there's a lot you can do to prevent a fire. But once a fire starts in your home, there are only two things to do: first get out, then call the fire department from a neighbor's home. Don't go back into a burning building, no matter what. If you think someone is trapped inside, tell the fire fighters when they arrive. The emergency phone number for all fire, medical and police emergencies in Bainbridge Township is 543-9494.

FIRE DEPARTMENT TAKES THE GOLD!!!

On Saturday, September 22, 1990 the Bainbridge Township Fire Department participated in Meridia Suburban Hospital's Annual EMS Olympics. Several east side EMS agencies competed in realistic job related scenarios to raise proceeds for the Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Team, a new group being formed to assist police and firefighters and their families after encountering emotionally distressing on-the-job experiences. Before now, there was no such service. Bainbridge entered two (2) Advanced Life Support (ALS) Teams, a Basic Life Support (BLS) Team, and an Emergency Response Team into the competition. Bainbridge dominated the events placing both first and second in the ALS competition, third in the BLS competition, and first again in the emergency response competition. Bainbridge residents should feel proud as well as safe knowing they could rely on the award winning skills of the Bainbridge Township Fire Department.

BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY HONORS 30 YEAR MEMBERS (TOTALING OVER 300 YEARS OF SERVICE!!)



Back Row: Bill Dickerson, Jim Davidson, Charles Taylor. Center Row: Rudy Bielert, Howard Eggleston, Linn Patterson, Howard Taylor. Front Row: Willard Franks, Dave Pfouts. Not Pictured: Fred Lindow, Jerre Flynn.