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Thomas W. Gooch, Hwy. Commissioner

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Clerk, **PRISCILLA H. ROSE**

April 5, 2011 is the date of the next election for all registered Illinois voters. Please read the following information regarding dates and deadlines for this election.

A new state law permits any registered Illinois voter to vote by mail without the need for an absentee ballot. Requests for a ballot by mail can be made online at www.votingbymail.info or by calling the Lake County Clerk's office at (847) 377-2406.

VOTER REGISTRATION closes March 8, 2011 for this election. Voter registration re-opens April 8, 2011, three days after the election.

Grace period registration: March 9 – March 29, 2011. Grace period registration is available to qualified individuals at the Lake County Clerk's office, 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, IL 60085, (847) 377-2410. If you register to vote during grace period registration, you must vote at that time-you will not be able to vote at your regular polling place on election day or use early voting- for this election only.

EARLY VOTING

Early Voting is available at the Cuba Township office, 28000 W. Cuba Road, Barrington, IL 60010
March 14, 2011 – March 31, 2011, 9 am 4:30 pm; Saturdays 9am to 2pm
A valid government issued photo i.d. is REQUIRED to vote early
Persons voting at the Cuba Township office must be registered voters in Cuba Township

WHAT'S ON MY BALLOT?/ ELECTION DAY VOTING

To view your ballot and find your Election Day polling place, please go to www.lakecounty.gov/countyclerk/ elections. Election day voting hours are 6 am to 7 pm.

- **Snow bird voting program-** designed for those voters who are normally out of state at fall and spring election time.
- **Temporarily Absent Student Program-** designed for students away at college.
- **Permanent Voting by mail program-** designed for those who wish to always vote by mail.
For more information on the programs listed above, go to www.votingbymail.info.

Please feel free to contact me at the Township office at 847-381-1924 at anytime with your questions or comments.

CUBA
TOWNSHIP

Township board meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Township office, 28000 W. Cuba Road, Barrington. All meetings are open to the public

Office hours-
Monday—Friday
9 am—4 pm

Cuba News

Winter 2011

Supervisor, **DAVID F. NELSON**

The New Year is always a wonderful opportunity to review the year past. In doing so, I am reminded of the good work done throughout the Township by our dedicated elected officials and employees. Regardless of the economic conditions, we always strive to be efficient and responsible with the funds extended to the Township through tax payer dollars. We are available for your comments, questions and concerns at the Township office at 28000 W. Cuba Road, by phone (847) 381-1924 or by email at cubatownship@comcast.net. Please do not hesitate to contact us.

I would be remiss in the year's review if I did not extend thanks to the many donors to our food pantry. As our pantry exists solely on donations, contributions are key to its existence. Donations of food items are quickly processed and put on the shelves. Monetary donations are used to replenish items not currently in stock or to purchase gift cards for our recipients to purchase groceries and/or gas. All pantry recipients must be Cuba Township residents and demonstrate a need for assistance. If you feel you could benefit from the services of the food pantry, please contact the Township office at (847) 381-1924. An intake interview will be scheduled with our Community Liaisons.

A gracious **thank you** is extended to the following organizations and businesses that have made a difference to the Cuba Township food pantry and to the **MANY** residents who have contributed their time and resources to the pantry. Our apologies for any omissions.

Barrington Area Soccer Association, Lake Zurich Walmart, Fox River Grove Panera, Barrington Woman's Club, Newcomer's Club, Smart Farm, Barrington High School clubs, Andreano Chiropractic, Barrington Noon and Breakfast Rotary Clubs, Lake Zurich Trader Joe's, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Wickstrom Ford, Barrington Junior Woman's Club, Community Church of Barrington, Barrington Giving Day, St. Matthew's Church, Barrington area realtors, Barrington District #220 schools, and numerous other generous individuals and organizations

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

April 12, 2011

Cuba Township office
28000 W. Cuba Road
Barrington, IL 60010
7 pm

Cuba Township will hold its 161st Annual Town Meeting
Originally implemented to give citizens a uniform place and time to gather, this state mandated meeting provides an opportunity for any registered voter of the Township to speak.

March 1, 2011 is the deadline by which Cuba Township voters may propose agenda items for the Annual Town Meeting. Proposals must be written, signed by at least 15 registered Cuba Township voters and delivered to the Cuba Township Clerk, Priscilla H. Rose

Please join us—questions can be directed to the Township office at (847) 381-1924

CUBA TOWNSHIP SERVICES

Handicapped parking placard applications are available at the Township office. Once approved by a physician, the Township can provide a temporary parking card for up to 90 days. If a permanent card is required, obtain a temporary from the Township, then mail the application to the Secretary of State's office for a permanent card.

R.T.A. applications for passes for the SMART card for senior citizens and the disabled are available at the Township office. This card provides free transportation for seniors and the disabled on Metra and CTA. Proof of age is required- a driver's license or state identification card is acceptable. Photos can be taken at the Township office for Township residents at no charge- non-Township residents, please provide \$5 per photo. We will then complete the application and the pass will be mailed to you in approximately 4 weeks by the R.T.A.

Half fare taxi program is available for Township residents who are 65 years of age or older. The Township will subsidize half of your taxi fare up to \$7.00. Please stop in the office to sign up for this program. Proof of age is required.

Notary public services are offered at no charge.

The Cuba Township food pantry is available to any Township resident indicating a need, after an intake interview. Distributions are available every 30 days. Please call the office for more information. Donations of non-perishable food items are always welcome.

The General Assistance and Emergency Assistance programs offer limited financial assistance to Township residents. Income guidelines determine eligibility. Additionally, limited financial assistance is available through the Salvation Army. Please contact the Township office for more information.

LIHEAP (low income home energy assistance program) and SHARING applications are available at the Township office. These programs offer limited financial assistance, based on income, for heating and electric bills. Funding for these programs begins in late October/early November and continues through the heating season. Please contact the Township office for more information.

Township vehicle stickers are available for residents living in unincorporated areas of the Township. There is no charge for the stickers and they are not required. They are offered as a courtesy.

Passport processing services are offered at the Township office by appointment only. Processing takes up to 8 weeks. Identification (usually a driver's license) and proof of citizenship (birth certificate or naturalization papers) are required. Please call the Township office for an appointment. More details on requirements, fees and documentation are available at www.travel.state.gov.

A drop-off box for used eyeglasses is in the Township office. Eyeglasses are collected by the Lions Club and given to health care professionals for distribution to the needy.

Warning sirens are located throughout the Township to warn residents of dangerous weather. The sirens are owned and maintained by the Township with cooperation from the local fire department. The sirens are designed to be heard *outside* to warn residents to seek shelter.

Mosquito abatement services are provided for the Township through a contract with Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management, Inc. Larviciding is done throughout the Township to prevent the hatching of mosquito eggs. Additional emergency spraying is performed if the West Nile virus is detected in the Township. Please call Clarke's hotline at 800-942-2555 for more information.

Voter registration is available at the Township office for any Illinois resident. To register, a person must be a U.S. citizen, 18 years of age by the date of the next election, and a resident of the address at which they are registering at least 30 days prior to the election. Two forms of identification are required- one must show your name and current address and one form of identification may be a piece of mail for a contractual service addressed to you at your residence. The Township office is open for voter registration Monday through Friday, 9 am to 4:00 pm.

Early and Absentee Voting is available at the Township office prior to every election. You must be a Cuba Township resident to vote at the Township office.

The Cuba Cares fund is a 501 © (3) charitable fund. Monies donated to this fund are used to assist residents in need who do not qualify for other resources. After determination of need, disbursements are made to a vendor to assist in maintaining self-sufficiency. Funds are available to Cuba Township individuals or families only every 12 months. All monies donated are tax deductible; the fund is administered at no expense to the Township and no taxpayer funds are used to maintain it. To make a donation or inquire about assistance, please contact the Township office. All information regarding disbursements or inquires is confidential.

Retired flags can be dropped off at the Township office. The local VFW post and American Legion will collect the flags and dispose of them at periodic sanctioned ceremonies.

Free firewood and mulch are available seasonally through the Cuba Township Road District. Please go to www.cubaroads.com for more information on services offered by the Road District. Please click on "assessor" on the Township's home page (www.cubatownship.com) for services provided by the **Cuba Township Assessor**.

Assessor, **REBECCA M. TONIGAN**

At last...most homeowners in Lake County will finally see assessments go down this year. Now the question is, "What about my tax bill? When will that go down?" In all likelihood, it probably won't. Assessments are going down because of the decline in the real estate market, but generally tax bills will not. Why? Because taxes are the result of spending, not assessments, and if spending doesn't go down, taxes won't go down either.

Property taxes exist because of local government spending. Taxing bodies such as schools, villages, townships, county, fire districts, libraries, park districts, etc. depend on property tax revenues to provide local services. Every year they submit a request for property tax funds, known as the "levy". The combined "levies" actually create the tax burden, while assessments simply divide up that tax burden in an equitable way. So, if government spending and the "levy" requests do not decrease, most of us will see no relief in our tax bills. In fact, if levies go up because of increased government spending, tax bills can actually go up, even with assessments going down.

To understand why we have to look at the basic tax rate formula:

$$\frac{\text{LEVY}}{\text{ASSESSED VALUE}} = \text{TAX RATE}$$

The **LEVY** is the amount of tax dollars that your taxing body requests-
The **ASSESSED VALUE** is the total of the assessments in the taxing district-
The **TAX RATE** is nothing more than a calculation;
the result of dividing the **LEVY** by the **ASSESSED VALUE**.

Taxes go up because LEVIES go up. ASSESSED VALUES and TAX RATES are just the TOOLS used to divide up the total tax burden created by the combined LEVIES of our local taxing bodies.

Here's how it works-

Our taxing body requests \$100,000 (the LEVY) and total assessments are 2,000,000.
The tax rate is .0500 (\$100,000 divided by 2,000,000).
If your assessment is 10,000, then your taxes will be 10,000 X .05 or **\$500**.

Now, going back to the question above, "If property values go down, won't my taxes go down?" Let's see...

Our taxing body is still requesting \$100,000 (the LEVY), but total assessments are 1,800,000, **down 10%**.
The tax rate now is .0556 (\$100,000 divided by 1,800,000).
If your assessment is 9,000 (down 10%), then your taxes will be 9,000 X .0556, **STILL \$500**.

Taxes didn't change - even though assessments went down - because the LEVY didn't change.

The LEVY drives the tax bill.

And, what if the levy increases but my assessment goes down?

The LEVY is \$110,000, **10% more**, and assessments are 1,800,000, **down 10%**.
The tax rate is .0611 (\$110,000 divided by 1,800,000).
If your assessment is 9,000 (down 10%), then your tax bill will be 9,000 x .0611 or **\$550**.

Up 10% like the LEVY, not down 10% like your assessment.

The LEVY drives the tax bill.

Generally, taxes do not go up because of increasing assessments and they will not go down with declining assessments. On an individual basis, if one assessment goes down substantially more than others, that one property owner may see some relief in their taxes – the tax burden has been redistributed. And if one assessment doesn't change when most go down, that tax bill may increase – the tax burden has been redistributed. But, if assessments all decrease by a similar amount, say 10%, there will be absolutely no change in your tax bill - unless the levy changes.

LEVIES go up because local government spending goes up and taxes go up because LEVIES go up - even when assessments go down. Assessments and tax rates do not create the tax burden and they do not change the tax burden; they only distribute the tax burden that is created by the levies.

The services we want from our schools and local governmental bodies are not free; we pay for them with our property taxes. And in the current economic downturn, when we find ourselves cutting back in our own lives, we want our taxing bodies to do the same. But cuts in spending will mean cuts in services and balancing our collective demand for services with the associated costs is a challenge for all of us, because...

The only way to control taxes is to control local government spending.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH HEATING BILLS FOR LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLDS

Cuba Township is pleased to administer two programs for low-income households to assist with the expense of heating bills.

LIHEAP (low income home energy assistance program) is funded locally and with federal grants to provide financial assistance to qualifying families and individuals. If approved, the grant will be applied directly to your NICOR and ComEd account.

SHARING is offered through the Salvation Army and operates in a similar manner to LIHEAP. Each program maintains different qualifying income levels.

Please call the Township office at (847) 381-1924 to determine your eligibility or to make an appointment to complete an application for either program.



Highway Commissioner, *THOMAS W. GOOCH*

The joys of living on a cul-de-sac are many; less traffic, more seclusion, quiet, peace and piles of snow. Many cul-de-sac dwellers ask why the snow has to be piled in front of their property or next to their driveway. This is a problem we hear and try to solve constantly. None of my drivers want to inconvenience anyone or tear up lawns and otherwise cause chaos in the cul-de-sacs. The problem is with sometimes 4 or 5 driveways in one small cul-de-sac there are very limited places where we can put the snow from that cul-de-sac. The trucks are approximately 33-35' long with plow and spreader installed and cannot maneuver sideways in the cul-de-sac and that limits the area where the snow can be piled and of course the locations of the driveways limit it further. We try whenever possible to use pick-up trucks for cul-de-sacs but only have 5 such trucks and well over 500 cul-de-sacs. Therefore some of the cul-de-sacs have to be cleaned with the larger trucks and they do have to be clean both for your safety and the ease of emergency equipment and school buses. I know this is a problem and I know it upsets a lot of people. If you have a particular question or problem regarding this issue please don't hesitate to call me.

We have revamped and revised our website. I think it is spectacular and I hope you will too. Tune in to www.cubaroads.com and check out the various pages. On that website you can learn of our recycling programs, interactively ask for winter service if you have snow or ice problems in your neighborhood or ask for service for other areas by village. Once again when mulch deliveries begin hopefully in the middle of March at \$60.00 a load this year you will be able to order it online as usual from this webpage but in a streamlined fashion. Before the end of the year we should have a portal open for all types of service requests. We now have a map page which will allow you to download your local village or township maps in a number of different sizes and styles. Through my personal page we have some history on Cuba Township that we are adding to on a regular basis. Real time weather reports from around the township are likewise available and a whole wealth of other information. Check us out!

Recently I met a lady who was born in a farmhouse on Rainbow Road around 1930 and has lived in Cuba Township ever since. She was one of 25 students attending first through eighth grade in a one room school house on Honey Lake Road near the family farm, everyone taught by a teacher teaching all eight grades at the same time. I talked to her about Christmas on the farm back in those days and then wrote what she had to say in the first person. I thought you might enjoy it:

CHRISTMAS IN OLD CUBA

Another story in the "Historical Facts About Cuba Township" series by Thomas W. Gooch

I was born into a farm family here in Cuba Township during the height of the depression in the 1930's. I was one of three children living on Rainbow Road where I was born. The house I was born in, which is still standing today is one of the older farm houses on Rainbow Road. When I was a little girl we moved up close to Honey Lake Road and Route 22 and farmed there. I was one of about twenty-five students at Honey Lake School for 1st through 8th grade. We all learned together in a one-room schoolhouse taught by Miss Austria who received the princely sum of \$98.00 per month for teaching eight grades at the same time. She got \$5.00 for a Christmas bonus. That's just a little of my background but what I wanted to talk about was Christmas on the farm in Cuba Township during the depression.

Life wasn't easy in those years. Our farmhouse was heated by coal delivered by Hager's in Barrington or Snider's in Lake Zurich. The kitchen stove used wood. We had no running water and no electricity. Light came from kerosene lamps and water was carried in.

It wasn't a very exciting life but it taught fortitude. We all had chores and we all milked before going to school, cows had to be milked every 12 hours regardless of it being Christmas or not.

Christmases were not real exciting. There weren't any vacations to Florida or other warm climates. There wasn't time to go skiing, the depression was on and the animals had to be fed, yet we were very happy. The family was very important at Christmas time. There wasn't any money for presents but we had a good meal. Generally a farm-raised Christmas goose or chickens. Probably one of the worst memories of those Christmas's were when mom made cookies using goose grease. They were just awful! One Christmas my gift was a winter coat several sizes too big so I could grow into it. My sister who is older was very happy to see me get that coat. I was pretty disappointed. Probably the most exciting Christmas happened when I was in charge of watching the Christmas tree. You see in those days we cut a tree down in the local area and brought it inside and decorated it with things we made and rope-type decorations and it was lit with real candles. Whenever we lit the candles on the tree one of us was designated and put in charge of watching the tree. One year all the candles were lit and I was in charge of watching it and I guess I didn't do a very good job because suddenly it was on fire. I am sure you all know how fast a Christmas tree burns and I can still remember my dad grabbing hold of it and dragging it out the door and throwing it out in the barnyard. That was the end of the Christmas tree for that year.

Most years Christmas Day revolved around our Christmas dinner sometimes on the farm on Rainbow Road or near Honey Lake Road or in town on Hough Street where my grandma lived. We always had enough to eat because we grew it or raised it. And of course we went to church. I have always gone to church in Barrington and still do.

After I grew up I became a telephone operator at the old telephone building that is now the Kaper building on Main Street in Barrington. I got a better paying job at the bank, but always came back to work the night shift around Christmastime during the war years because all the boys were trying to call home and extra operators were needed.

Christmas was simple and basic but happy and joyful. Our families and friends meant everything. Farm life was hard and it went on for seven days a week, but it was rewarding-Merry Christmas!

I hope you enjoyed reading this as much as I enjoyed writing it.

TAX PREPARATION

ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR SENIORS

The Barrington Area Council on Aging is once again offering the AARP Income Tax Assistance Program. A trained volunteer will assist seniors with their taxes at the BACOA office in the Prairieview Building at The Garlands of Barrington, 6000 Garlands Lane, Barrington, Illinois. Assistance is by appointment only and will run from early February through April. Appointments fill quickly, so call as early as possible to schedule an appointment. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call BACOA at (847) 381-5030.

In conjunction with Secretary of State, Jesse White, Cuba Township is pleased to offer 2 classes for Illinois drivers. Both classes will be held at the Cuba Township office at 28000 W. Cuba Road, Barrington, IL

MOBILE DRIVER SERVICES DAY

Wednesday, April 27, 2011
10am to 2pm

Residents can obtain:

Duplicate driver's license
Corrected driver's license
Illinois State ID card
Driver's license renewal

Please refer to www.cyberdriveillinois.com

For more information on fees and required documentation



RULES OF THE ROAD

Wednesday, April 20, 2011
9:30am to 11:30 am

This class is designed for anyone needing to take the written portion of the driver's examination.

The class is offered at no charge, however, **a reservation is required.**

No road test is given on this day

Please call the Township at (847) 381-1924 to make a reservation

DINE AND SHARE

AT THE ONION PUB

Dine at The Onion Pub on Tuesday, February 22, 2011 and 10% of your bill will be **shared** with the CUBA TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY. Present the coupon below when paying and you will be helping to keep the pantry shelves stocked. (Coupons are also available at The Onion)

Our thanks to *The Onion Pub* for their generosity!



Dine at The Onion Pub & Brewery

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2011

And 10% of your food & beverage will be donated to

CUBA TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY

Please present this coupon to your server



The elected officials of Cuba Township
are pleased to present

HAVE A HEART

FOOD DRIVE

Saturday, February 12, 2011

Barrington Public Safety Building

400 N. Northwest Highway

Barrington

9 am to noon

This 11th annual drive is held in conjunction with Barrington Township.

All donations will be equally distributed between both pantries
and support individuals and families in the Barrington area

SUGGESTED DONATION ITEMS

Canned fruit	Paper products	Toothpaste
Canned vegetables	Feminine hygiene products	Tooth brushes
Dried pasta	Cookies	Peanut butter
Cereal	Dish washer soap	Dish soap
Canned prepared meals	Jelly	Microwave popcorn
Fruit juice	Diapers	Canned soup
Spaghetti sauce	Cleaning supplies	Snack foods
Laundry supplies	Canned tuna and chicken	
Toiletries		

GIFT CARDS IN \$10 DENOMINATIONS TO GROCERY
STORES AND GAS STATIONS

Voter registration will be provided. To register to vote, you must be 18
years of age on or before the next election and provide 2 forms of
identification— one must be a photo i.d. and have your current address.



Cuba Heritage

by Barbara Benson

In the Spring 2010 issue of *Cuba News*, my Heritage Column focused on the property know as Grassmere Farms at the southeast corner of Routes 22 and 59, and its ownership by people whose names are famous in Chicago history, and thereby also, in the annals of Cuba Township. Irene Castle McLaughlin of movie dance fame, and the founder of Orphans of the Storm, Ernest Byfield of the Sherman Hotel chain, and the creator of the famous Pump Room in the Ambassador East Hotel, and John MacArthur of Banker's Life and Casualty, and other famous members of his family.

I mentioned that it was great fun to Google and Wikipedia search for more information about these people, and indeed that is what I have done. Some of what I have found, in the case of MacArthur, stays close to home, but Ernest Byfield, in a sense, created the circumstances for other lives to reach in to the upper lives of American political power.

In 1928, (probably before he came to Cuba Township) Byfield was divorced by this wife of over 25 years, Gladys Rosenthal, a daughter of Chicago financier and philanthropist Benjamin Rosenthal. They had 2 sons, Hugh and Ernest Byfield, Jr. Gladys and Ernest both remarried very quickly, Ernest to Mrs. Katherine Prest Rand, and Gladys to Raymond Tartiere, a French banker with whom she moved to Washington D. C. in 1935, where she became a leading society figure and philanthropist. Subsequently, the Tartieres purchased 400 acres of land in the hunt country of Middlebury, Va. and created an estate called Glen Ora. Through her considerable connections, when John and Jacqueline Kennedy needed a "weekend" White House, Gladys Tartiere offered them Glen Ora, which they accepted, and leased from 1960 to 1963 while they planned own estate, Wexford. Ernest Byfield died in 1950, aged 60 (his obituary appears in the *Barrington Courier-Review*), and his death was front page news, as Lauren Bacall and Humphrey Bogart, and Chicago Mayor Martin Kennedy attended his funeral at Rosehill Cemetery.

His son Ernest Jr. was described as "an heir to Hotel magnate Ernest Byfield", and "beau-about town". He was a Director of the hotels, but management was taken over by Patrick Hoy. Ernest Jr. married Diana Masieri, and during WWII he was a U.S. Army Captain who saw service in the OSS. He subsequently became an advertising executive in New York. After Byfield Jr.'s death, (I cannot find the date of his death) in 2004, Diana married former Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara. A huge body of information, research and speculation as background to this marriage can be found under the JFK Lancer Forums, which delves into tumultuous national and international events of the early 1960's.

Ernest Byfield Sr.'s death in 1950 brought about the sale of the Barrington property to the John MacArthur Foundation, and as noted in the earlier article, the house was occupied by MacArthur's assistant Paul Doolin and his wife Estina. Why MacArthur purchased this property is unclear. John MacArthur, who built his vast fortune from a \$2500 investment, was the youngest son of an itinerant preacher, William Telfer MacArthur. The family was very poor and traveled even to Canada to make a living, but its young members were to be very successful. Charles, the playwright (THE FRONT PAGE is his most famous work), who was married to actress Helen Hayes— their son James MacArthur, who died recently, was an actor who became best know for his role as "Danno" in the original "Hawaii— Five O". Telfer, another brother who lived in Oak Park for 40 years and was a publisher of Pioneer Press.

Alfred, the eldest brother also joined in the insurance business and lived in Libertyville. But his children bring us back to Barrington and Cuba Township. Alfred's daughter from his first marriage to Josephine Rockwell, Georgianna MacArthur Hansen lived on Arrowhead Lane in North Barrington until much of it was annexed for Jack Nicklaus' Wynstone development. Georgianna became a generous contributor to Barrington area philanthropic causes, including good Shepherd Hospital and the Barrington Area Historical Society.

Alfred's son from his second marriage to Mary Sheldon, Alexander, was to become very well known in Barrington. With a career that included being a Cook County Sheriff's deputy, he subsequently acquired property along Spring Creek Road in Barrington Hills, from where he became an outspoken advocate for the zoning that helps to preserve our countryside. He served as trustee of the Village of Barrington Hills (which includes part of Cuba Township) and the Village Meeting Room is named in his honor.

Alfred is remembered in Libertyville through his family's donation of much of their land between the Des Plaines River and St. Mary's Road (north of Route 60) to the Lake County Forest Preserves, and now known as MacArthur Woods. I would be most appreciative if anyone reading this can contribute further information. This is part of my ongoing series about interesting, famous or notorious/famous people who have had ties to Cuba Township, and the more I delve into it, the more fascinating it gets!