

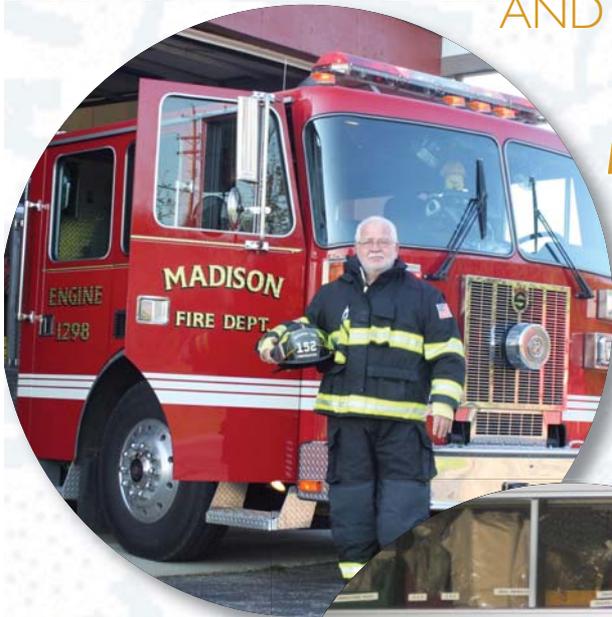
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GRANTS...

AND WHAT THEY DO FOR OUR TOWNSHIP



A specific revenue stream that our township utilizes is grants. These can include local, state, federal, foundations or any combination. We've been fortunate over these last few years to consistently bring in our fair share of grant monies, ranging from \$500 to over \$70,000 from individual grants. Although most grants must be written for a very specific need, that need can vary from a wide spectrum of items and/or services.

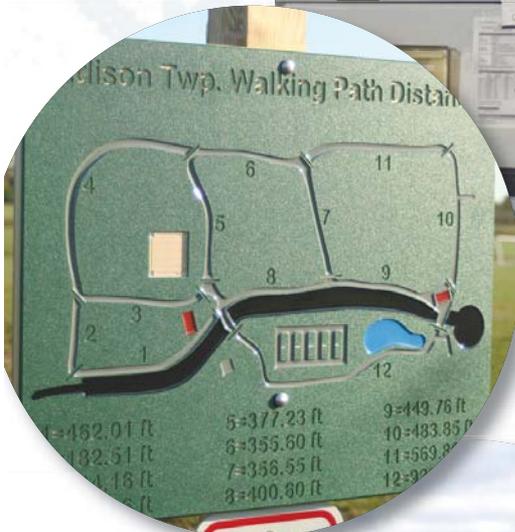
There are a few groups that we'd like to publically say THANK YOU to for supporting our township throughout the 2011 calendar. Here's a list of the agencies or groups, the amount of grant, and the specific use of the grants:

FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) - \$73,150 for the purchase of 35 sets of new fireman bunkers. These are the boots, pants, jackets, and helmets that our firemen wear. These items were purchased during the summer and are now being currently being used by our fire department.



CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) - \$31,100 for the installation of water and electric service into Madison Township Community Park. We're hoping to have both water and electric services installed before the end of 2011. This will be a very large step in reaching the next phase of our park where we plan on constructing a concession stand and restrooms.

ODPS (Ohio Dept. of Public Safety) - \$4000 for the purchase of numerous, commonly used items such as syringes, arm cuffs, IV's, air tubes, and normal supplies used in day to day operations of our EMS.



SpringFest - \$1000 towards the purchase of signage for the Community Park Hiking Trails. We've recently expanded the hiking trails and are in the process of gathering GIS information that will be used in the creation of the signage.

Butler Rural Community Connection - \$520 for the purchase of the new walking path signs at the community park.



Other notable grants over the last three years have come from the Middletown Community Foundation, Community Development Block Grant, U.S. Dept. of Justice, and the Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources. Along with these grants and others, we've been averaging around \$100,000 annually in grant receivership. Whether it \$500 or \$80,000, these grants allow us to complete projects they we may not have been able to complete due to financial restraints. It could be expanding our park facilities or helping to keep our fire and EMS personnel safe and efficient, these grants are beneficial to everyone in Madison Township. If you know anyone affiliated with any of these organizations, please take time to express your thanks and gratitude for the funding they've provided our township.

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MISSION STATEMENT OF MADISON TOWNSHIP

The mission of Madison Township is to serve the best interests of our residents by providing and maintaining a safe, healthy, and enjoyable community in which to live, work and play. To protect the general welfare of our rural community by utilizing efficient and effective public services and being dedicated to increasing the quality of life for our residents.

Your Township Administrator...



Welcome again to our Fall edition of the Madison Township Newsletter. You'll find plenty of interesting facts, figures, and new ideas that are affecting our township. Two new notable events we'll be trying for the first time are the Christmas decoration contest and the Calendar photo contest. Although there will be selected winners, we're looking at it as a way to continue building community interest and involvement within our township. We've also started a Memorial Tree Program which will be located in the community park. You'll find additional information later on in the newsletter for each of these ideas, so be sure to read the articles and if you have any questions, please contact this office.

As we come into the winter season and prepare for colder weather, be sure to get your house ready for the impending winds and colder temperatures. Check all your windows and doors for drafts as this can be a major source of heat loss. Have your furnace serviced if needed and make sure you have plenty of heating fuel. Inspect and clean your fire place and chimney before starting your first fire. Also, keeping your thermostat just a few degrees lower can make a fairly significant change in the amount of fuel that your furnace uses. If you find you need help with your utility bills, including heating oil or propane, you can contact the local non-profit organization called SELF (513-868-9300) and they may be able to help offset the cost of your utility and fuel bills.

As always, please be extra careful when driving our roads during the upcoming winter months. With our hills, dips, and sharp curves, you never know who or what is coming around the corner. Whether it's our road crew out plowing snow or kids on their way to school, slippery roads can lead to dangerous situations for everyone involved. Slow your speed, control your vehicle, and let's all have a safe, warm winter.

Thanks for being a part of Madison Township.

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Todd Farler

Township Administrator



Madison Fire Station 153

The meeting room inside Madison Township Fire Station 153, located at 5655 Mosiman Road can accommodate up to seventy people. The facility is great for receptions, parties, family gatherings, or business meetings.

**Call to reserve your date
for your next special event!**

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Trustee News...

Alan Daniel



It's been a busy summer throughout the township, with work taking place on our roads, culverts and in the park. We've completed numerous road projects; both repairs and paving, along with several ditch and drainage issues that needed addressed. As we continue making repairs and paving the roads, please be mindful and careful of our road crew as they're out working. Also, please be attentive of our road crew once the snow starts falling and they're out clearing roads. They do a great job under critical situations so that you and I can do something as simple as go to work and school.

Our Fire department was able to get new SCBA Unites this year which hadn't been replaced in over ten years. This was mainly due to the township residents graciously passing the fire levy last year. It also allowed us to increase the times that we have staffed EMS personnel. Earlier this year we expanded our EMS coverage to include Saturday and Sunday from 5:00 am to 5:00 pm, which now gives us coverage seven days/week. Our evenings and night are still manned by EMS volunteers who do a wonderful job. Our volunteer fireman do a great job giving their time, helping to keep us and our properties safe, while our EMS personnel strive to keep us safe and healthy. Please make it a point to say "Thank You" to any of our Fire/EMS volunteers.

The park continues to see improvements being put in place, thanks to the hard work of our road department and the grants we've received through our township administrator. It's fast becoming a major focal point in our township as more youth and different groups are finding it accessible and usable. We hope to continue expanding new facilities and activities as long as we receive the necessary grants and funding. By early spring we should have electric and water service into the park, which will allow us to focus on getting better facilities for concessions and restrooms.

It's always an honor to serve the residents of Madison Township and I look forward to serving you in the future.

– Alan Daniel

Lion's Club

Annual Picnic Breakfast

The Madison Lions Club will be holding their annual picnic breakfast from 8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., on Saturday, Nov. 19th, at the Madison Elks Club #257, located at 6475 ½ Trenton Franklin Rd. Proceeds will go to benefit a local food pantry.



DID YOU KNOW...

- There's a radio control model aircraft club in Madison
- There's a farm house in Madison Township that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places



HALLOWEEN

TRICK
OR
TREAT



Beggars Night in Madison Township
October 31st
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Please be careful of children and pedestrians that are out getting their treats!

MADISON Schools

ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE
ONE STUDENT AT A TIME

Madison Local School District kicks off another school year by celebrating the many accomplishments of the students and staff. Once again, Madison is rated “Excellent” by the Ohio Department of Education. This distinction demonstrates high ratings on every measure of the State Report Card. Madison is one of only three schools in Butler County to meet and exceed state expectations in all subgroups including students with disabilities, those from low-income families, students of different races, and/or ethnic groups.

Madison also applauds the hard work and dedication of our teachers and students and their use of technology in the classroom. Teachers from pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade are embracing the 21st century tools available to them by placing technology in the hands of children on a daily basis. iPads, MacBook laptops and interactive display boards are being used to engage the students in curriculum, while class websites, multi-media projects, and online blogs are used to share the students’ achievements with their peers, parents and community.

One program, “The Senior Experience,” received special recognition this fall, named as one of three “Outstanding Special Recognition Programs” by the Ohio School Boards Association. This curricular program allows six seniors to act as unpaid interns in the district communications department. They earn Language Arts credit as they collaborate with the Coordinator of School-Community Relations to develop and implement innovative ways to enhance district-wide communications and promote student achievement. The interns blog about their senior year while also highlighting the latest news and accomplishments through a variety of digital formats. Visit the district website at www.madisonmohawks.org to read along as these seniors, “blog their way to May!”

Congratulations Mohawks for all of your accomplishments!

EXCELLENT
District Rating



4-H Township Night Out

Butler County 4-H Youth Development will be coming to your township!

4-H is a youth development program designed for ages 8 and in the 3rd grade for regular project membership and Cloverbuds starting at age 5 and in Kindergarten. There are over 150 projects available.

The areas of, Madison, Wayne, St. Clair and Seven Mile will be held at the

NEW Jacksonburg Firehouse
5967 Jacksonburg Rd, Middletown

On November 1, 2011
from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

For more information, check out our website:
butler.osu.edu or call us at 513-887-3722



We are having a Christmas Decoration contest this year in Madison Township!

Any Madison Township residents can enter the competition by simply sending in their name, address, and phone number to ToddF@MadisonTownshipOnline.com or by calling us at 424-0821. Your phone number will be used only to confirm your entry and will not be made public. The judging of the decorations will be done by residents at our website: www.MadisonTownshipOnline.com. We're asking that each person only vote one time. To vote, simply go throughout the township and view the entries, then go to our website and cast a vote for your favorite decorations!

If you'd like to have your house entered, make sure that your decorations are in place before December 9th, as the deadline for entry submission is December 9th.

Once all the entries are received by December 9th, a listing of the addresses will be sent out via our Notification List. If you would like to be added to our Notification List, simply go to our website and click on the link directly below the picture of the Administration building.

Voting will begin on December 12th and will last until December 30th. That will give everyone plenty of time to get out and see decorations in the weeks leading up to Christmas. The winner will be announced in early January and a picture of the winning decorations will also be included in our next newsletter!

Help build a sense of unity and support in our township by showcasing your Christmas decorations, or by simply voting for your favorite decorations!

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MADISON TOWNSHIP Fire Department

Kent Hall - Fire Chief Madison Fire Department

The Madison Fire and EMS personnel has been very fortunate this year in regards to new equipment purchases and the new extended part time coverage for EMS. The Madison Township Trustees earlier this year approved EMS coverage to 12 hours a day 7 days a week. This keeps a medic and a basic EMT running from station 153 (the Life Squad Bldg) during the hours of 5 am to 5 pm. The remainder of the time from 5pm to 5am is covered by our dedicated volunteers, most of which live in the township. The Madison Township Trustees also approved the purchase of 18 sets of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for the fire personnel, as the current sets of air packs were over 15 years old and could not be certified for approval through the state. Also purchased this year were 40 sets of fire gear, the current gear being over 10 years old, most of which contained severe burn marks, torn or ripped areas, and was in need of being replaced. The cost of purchasing of this gear was \$77,000.00, of which 95% was paid for by a grant that the Township Administrator received thru the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Also purchased this year was an upgraded cutter for our rescue equipment (Jaws of Life). The old cutter had cutting strength of just over 90,000 pounds of cutting force, but with this upgraded the set now allows cutting power to reach just over 230,000 pounds. With the newer made vehicles on the roadway and different types of metals being used in manufacturing them, this upgrade was needed to ensure victims could be freed from heavily damaged vehicles during auto accidents.

FIRE SAFETY FACTS

Each year more than 4,000 Americans die in fire, more than 25,000 are injured and more than 100 fire fighters are killed while on duty. 83 percent of all civilian deaths occur at their residence. Many of these fires could have been prevented if the following safety rules were implemented:

- Install a co detector in all the common bedroom areas.
- Test and clean smoke alarms once a month, replace batteries once a year, replace smoke alarms every ten years.

- Teach family members to stay low to the ground where the air is safer, when escaping from the fire

AFTER A FIRE

- Once you're out of the building, stay out. Do not go back inside for any reason
- If you are with a burn victim or are a burn victim yourself call 911, cool and cover your burns until emergency units arrive.
- Tell the fire department if you know of anyone trapped in the building
- Only enter when the fire department tells you it is safe to enter

FIRE PREVENTION TIPS SMOKE ALARMS AND CO DETECTORS

- Install smoke alarms, working smoke alarms decrease your chances of dying in a fire by half.
- Place smoke alarms in every level of your home, including the basement.

COOKING SAFETY

- Never leave cooking unattended
- Always wear short or tight fitting sleeves when cooking
- Keep towels, pot holders and curtains away from flames
- Never use your range or oven to heat your home

DURING A FIRE

- If your clothes catch on fire you should "Stop, Drop and Roll" until the fire is extinguished
- Do not panic, do not assume someone else already called the fire department, get out of the house then call 911
- To escape a fire, check closed doors with the back of your hand to feel for heat before you open them, if the door is hot do not open it, find a second way

ESCAPING THE FIRE

- Have an escape plan, review escape routes with your family
- Make sure windows are not nailed or painted down

**FIRE SAFETY IS YOUR
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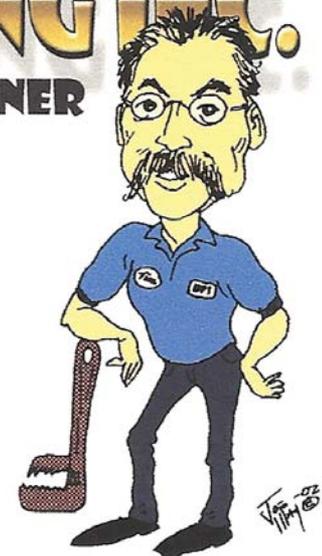
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Roads

By Todd Daniels - Road Superintendent

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FALL is here

As of this writing our paving contract has yet to be filled. This years paving will include Dickey Rd. (Kalbfleisch to No Mans), Ora Lane, Flora Lane, Hoover Court, Darl Drive and Bunker Lane.

Providing lasting, high performing, affordable surface treatments to roads is becoming more and more of a challenge. To address this issue we maintain talks with the other townships, BCEO and state resources to better understand how to address these needs.

The BCEO in an effort to understand the different applications has set up a test section on Eaton Rd. between Brooks and Taylor School Rd. in St. Claire Township. The site will consist of 6 different applications and will be inspected and documented quarterly for their performance. We hope from this test site we will be able to gain valuable information that will be helpful in our future decision making process.

Park

As was mentioned in our spring newsletter we were able to complete the southwestern loop of the nature trail this summer. We were also able to clear off two additional areas in the park for better recreational use. As funds become available we will continue to look for ways to improve and enhance the park.

Recycle

As many of you are aware we continue to provide recycle bins in two locations in our Township 1) Township Administration building 2) Station 152 (North Fire). We are now offering a third location in the Community Park. Please take advantage of this when using recyclables in our park as this will cut down on our trash pickup as well as help the environment.

As winter approaches here are a few reminders

- If approaching or following a plow truck do so with caution as visibility can be an issue.
- Don't pass a plow truck unless absolutely necessary.
- If removing snow from your driveway do not push it into the road as this can create a hazard for other motorist. When pushing it from your driveway place it out to the right side of your apron to prevent the plow trucks from putting it back into your driveway.
- Keep all vehicles parked in your driveway if possible so that road crews will be able to clean the entire road upon arrival.

Not all roads in Madison Township fall under our jurisdiction and maintenance, including:

ODOT- 1-800-831-2142
State Route 4
State Route 122

BCEO- 513-424-9144
Middletown Germantown Rd.
West Alexandria Rd. (St.Rt. 122 to Elk Creek)
Trenton Franklin Rd.
Elk Creek Rd.

(Any questions or concerns with these roads please contact them.)

This winter the Road Dept. will make every effort to maintain and keep the roads as clear as possible if you have any concerns or needs please feel free to contact our office @ 513-424-0821. Have a safe winter.

Farmers Market

The Farmers Market began slowly this year, much like many of your own gardens. The local produce company that was schedule to come and help “anchor” our market never showed. Therefore it began with only one seller, which wasn’t near enough to supply all the buyers. Later on, we picked up another seller, but still not anywhere near the produce needed to supply the demand. Hopefully next year, we’ll have more sellers and even more buyers! We’re also looking for a few more people that would be interested in being a part of the Farmers Market Group, which simply helps to organize and orchestrate the market. If you’re interested in helping, simply contact our office and let us know. Start planning now so your gardens are ready for early next Spring!

DID YOU KNOW...

- The first census of Madison Township in 1820, listed 1228 residents
- Madison Township owns, operates, and maintains four cemeteries
- Madison Township has a Memorial Tree Program for the Community Park
- There are three zip codes inside Madison Township



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Gardening

By Rick Henry

PLANTING FALL BULBS FOR SPRING COLOR

Just like old friends, most bulbs that we plant come back year after year right where we have planted them. If you would like some maintenance-free, bright color arriving early next spring, I recommend that you plant crocuses and muscari this fall. Almost as soon as the ground begins to thaw, my multi-colored crocuses break through the ground. Not long after, a thick outcropping of muscari (grape hyacinth) soon poke through. The joyful arrival of these colorful flowers is always a welcome sight, because it means that spring is coming! From their arrival to their departure the maintenance for these bulbs is minimal. When the crocus' die back each year, the foliage is so slight that there is no trimming off at the surface—it disappears on its own with the summer heat. And, with the muscari, the remaining foliage usually stays green into the middle of the summer and adds a nice texture to the bed or landscape where it is placed.

Along with my recommendation for planting these two bulbs in our area, there is another standard bulb that I strongly recommend. This is a daffodil sold under the name "King Alfred." These are my old reliable bulbs. These consistently show up each year right on time, not long after the crocus and muscari make their appearance. These large golden-yellow headed flowers are just a true joy to have in one's yard, especially if you are lucky enough to have them planted under the showy white flowers of Magnolia "Stellata"

(or Star Magnolia). This is a great combination for spring. Even with our crazy and unstable spring weather patterns that we have in this area, these two almost always seem to be in full bloom at the same time each year.

On planting day, you'll find that bulbs are quick and easy to plant. Some folks recommend amending the soil in different ways; but, it has been my experience that any reasonable soil will provide an excellent medium for growing bulbs with no special treatment at planting time. With certain bulbs, when the flowers fade in the spring, and when the foliage dies back to the ground, I will broadcast a little 12-12-12 granular fertilizer when I cut back the remaining foliage. But, on planting day, I have had good success just planting them in the soil and tamping the soil slightly.

Tamping the soil over the freshly planted bulbs on a cool, fall day brings a degree of gladness and a spirit of hope. There is gladness in the work that is finished and hope for the bright blooms of the future. But, whether we find ourselves planting bulbs in the fall or watching them emerge from the ground and bloom in the spring, or observing them as they wither and disappear for the year in the summer . . . I think of a quote that was used in the first installment of *The Garden Guru* (Oct. 2009). It was a quote in our article about pansies, and, I think, it is just as appropriate for our article about bulbs today—"In the end, the beginning"—happy gardening!

Slow Cooked Ham for the Crock Pot

From the kitchen of Rainee Davis

Ingredients:

- 1/2 Cup packed brown sugar
- 1 Teaspoon ground mustard
- 1 Teaspoon prepared horseradish
- 4 Tablespoons regular cola, divided
- 1 Boneless smoked ham (5-6 pounds) cut in half

In a bowl, combine the brown sugar, mustard, horseradish and 2 tablespoons of the cola; mix well. Rub over the ham. Place in a 5 qt. slow cooker; pour remaining cola over the ham. Cover and cook the ham on low 8-10 hours or until temperature reaches 140.



Pair with: Creamy Corn, Crock Pot Style!

- 2 Packages (16 oz/each) frozen corn
- 1 Packages (8 oz) cream cheese, cubed
- 1/3 Cup butter, cubed
- 1/2 Teaspoon garlic powder (I use a little more)
- 1/2 Teaspoon salt
- 1/4 Teaspoon pepper

In a 3 qt. slow cooker, combine all ingredients. Cover and cook only for 4 hours or until heated through and the cream cheese is melted, stir really well before serving!

Historical SOCIETY



When the Blanton home was dismantled in 2009 and exposed the log cabin structure underneath, the Society began the long task of reconstruction. We read, we studied, we visited other cabins, we laughed and we cried, we pulled our hair out and at times pushed our bodies to the limit working on this project. Blood, sweat, and tears really did get this thing rebuilt! It has been quite a learning experience for those involved and a project of which the whole community can be proud. Reconstruction of The Blanton Cabin is progressing as the porches, windows and doors were completed this summer and volunteers are working on completion of the interior. We are accepting donations of primitive furniture and home accessories for display in the interior of the cabin that is indicative of the 1833 era. We hope to have the cabin open for first viewing during the weekend of Spring Fest and invite you to visit the cabin. We extend our thanks to the many people who volunteered on this project with over 1,500 volunteer hours (and probably a lot more) to date and a special thank you for donations received. If you want to be included in the permanent plaque of donors who contributed to this project which will be displayed at the cabin, please complete the form below and mail in quickly, as the plaque will be printed soon. With this project the Society is carrying out its mission, To Preserve the Past-In the Present-For The Future.



The Society has reprinted its booklet entitled MADISON TOWNSHIP: The Second 100 Years 1910 - 2010 which included many family histories. If you would like a copy, please call John and June Gilmore at 423-7988. Copies will also be available at the Society display in the library during Spring Fest.

SAVE THE DATE – Mark your calendar now for future meetings – the 2nd Thursday of December, March, and June at 7:00 PM at the Pleasant Ridge United Methodist Church. We provide a speaker with a variety of historical topics and discussions of historical interest. We

encourage you to bring pictures and show-and-tell items to share with the group. Our most recent speaker was “Eddie the Privy Digger” who provided us with an enjoyable evening displaying items that he has dug from old privies and their historical significance...you just never know what you might learn at our meetings about history! With a membership you will receive a postcard reminder of each meeting along with information on the scheduled speaker.

Officers are Donna Walter-President (423-4132), Mark Whiteman-Vice President, John Gilmore-Treasurer, Connie Back-Secretary, Phyllis Richmond-Corresponding Secretary, and Directors Nancy McCann, David Kelhoffer, and Larry Helton.

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- Gold \$250
- PLATINUM \$500

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MEMBERSHIP

- Adults \$5.00
- Family \$10.00
- Student \$3.00

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Phone

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Make your check payable to: Historical Society of Madison Township and send along with this form to:

Mr. John Gilmore, Treasurer, 6120 Michael Road, Middletown, OH 45042

Please join us at our next meeting Thursday, Dec. 8th at 7 p.m. at the Pleasant Ridge UB Church, 1052 Midd-Eaton Road.

OutDoorCorner

By Josh Martin

WILD TURKEY



"A bird of courage, and would not hesitate to attach a grenadier of the British Guards, who should presume to invade his farm yard with a red coat on". January 26, 1784. These are the words of Benjamin Franklin criticizing congress' choice of the bald eagle as the national bird and suggesting that the wild turkey would have been a better alternative.

The wild turkey has been a constant fixture in American history. From the first Thanksgiving in 1621 when the Plymouth colonists shared an autumn harvest feast with the Wampanoag Indians, to the fancy head dresses of the Indians in the American west, to my earliest memories of my school years; I still to this day remember making my little construction paper turkey feather hat almost 30 years ago. And even today almost every household in America gathers around a Turkey to give thanks for all our blessings. There are few things that get my blood pumping more than the thunderous gobble of the majestic wild turkey. For many of us here in Madison Township we are hearing this more often right here in our own backyards. Being a resident of the township my entire life I cannot remember a time when our wildlife population has flourished the way it is today, especially the wild turkey.

This resurgence of turkeys is nothing new to most of the country. In 1973 the total U.S. population was estimated to be 1.3 million, and current estimates place the entire population at 7 million birds. This is in part to conservation organizations such as the National Wild Turkey Federation. According to many state and federal agencies, the restoration of the wild turkey is probably the greatest conservation success story in North America's wildlife history. As

I talk to my fellow Madison Township residents about hunting and the health of our wildlife, the conversation has always been almost solely focused on the whitetail deer. But more recently the talk has been about our emerging population of the eastern wild turkey and ways to improve our numbers. One huge factor in the growth of the turkey population is predators. According to the NWTF, predators of eggs and nestling include raccoons, opossums, skunks, gray foxes, groundhogs, and of course coyotes. In my opinion, if we can control our coyote population in the township, I believe our wild turkey population would thrive. Efforts by fellow Butler County residents seem to be working. The harvest numbers for Butler County jumped for 147 to 216 in 2010. I am hoping for a very good population of turkeys within the next 5 years here in Madison Township.

The wild turkey provides an excellent opportunity to introduce first time hunters to the outdoors. With a stronger population we can get more kids involved into the outdoor lifestyle, while getting them off the video games and into the woods, which we can all agree is invaluable in today's society. Not only has the wild turkey provided me and my family with some unforgettable hunting memories, but also some unforgettable meals. In my opinion there is no better wild game than turkey. This is just one more reason to want the species to thrive here in our township.

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The more we thought about it, the more we could not see any reason not to do it. Obviously, there are many business advantages. But now, I will be home when the kids get off the bus from school and regularly spend a few more moments with them every day. Because our business overhead will obviously be reduced, we will be able to offer convenient patient payment plans that we would not have been able to do before in the Trenton location. We will be able to expand some patient care times that were not possible before. We will be updating our electronic health record software to provide a very high tech, high touch, almost paperless style of office. We will provide the same caring service we have for the past 30 years with a little different style, and be able to add a significant customized nutritional service that will help more people regain and maintain their health. We are very excited to be able to work and live in Madison Township. Please visit as we plan to have several "Open House Events" to show off our new home office location.

—Dr. Rob and Marla Sheely



Memorial Tree Program

A LIVING TRIBUTE...

Give a gift that will last several lifetimes! Planting a tree in our community park is a wonderful way to honor a loved one and also provides a gift to the whole community. Trees are planted in the park so everyone can enjoy the shade, beauty and enjoyment a living tree provides.

A memorial tree can be planted for many occasions: in memory of someone who has passed away; to honor your "family tree"; in honor of a dedicated service member; to celebrate a birth, graduation, wedding, retirement, or other occasion. Planting a memorial tree is a remembrance of the past while growing for the future. Planting a tree in our park is a great way to solve gift-giving problems and is a wonderful tribute to a loved one or friend. It's a gift that can last through several lifetimes - a gift that keeps on giving.

WHO DOES THE PLANTING?

The township will provide and plant the tree of your choice from attached list, in the designated areas of the park for. After planting, the township takes care of watering and basic maintenance.

WHEN ARE TREES PLANTED?

Tree will be planted during the planting season from October through March. Trees may be purchased year round and scheduled to be planted later in the year.

WHAT DO I GET FOR \$350?

Your choice of tree from the attached list and one 8x8x2 1/2 marble marker with inscription; both installed by the township. All tree species have been selected to be suitable for our climate and soil to help increase the tree's chances of survival. The purchaser receives a certificate of planting for the tree planted. All trees have a one year warranty; however, the township is not responsible for replacement of stolen or damaged markers. Your donation is tax deductible.

WHERE DOES YOUR MONEY GO?

The vast majority (92%) of your contribution is to pay for the tree and the marker. The remainder of your donation will help offset the cost of planting and maintenance of the tree. Your contribution also helps to grow and maintain the beautiful, natural environment of our community park.

This form is also available online at www.MadisonTownshipOnline.com

MADISON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY PARK MEMORIAL TREE PROGRAM A LIVING TRIBUTE . . .

General Requirements

1. Tree selection must be from the following list: Shade Trees; Pacific Sunset Maple, Shubert Chokecherry, Rivers Purple Beech, Skyline Honey Locust, Dawn Redwood, Red Oak, Prospector Elm, Dynasty Lacebark Elm. Flowering Trees; Shubert Chokecherry, Ivory Silk Lilac, Sugar Tyme Crabapple. Evergreens; Norway Spruce, Colorado Blue Spruce
2. The township will supply and plant the tree and supply and install the marker. Markers will be set flush with ground level. Contributor involvement in planting or attendance is welcomed.
3. The township needs a minimum of two weeks from receipt of your living tribute request to arrange for tree planting. Donations of several trees may take longer. Tree planting is a seasonal activity and occurs between October and March.
4. Trees will have a designated area in the park where they are to be planted. Contributor involvement is welcomed, but the township will have final authority.
5. All markers are 8"x 8"x 2 1/2" polished black marble. The top inscription line will read "In Memory Of" or "Memorial For". The second line will contain name(s) and the third line can contain a date and or event (born, married, etc). A maximum of 15 characters per line.
6. No other plaques, markers, or decorations of any kind are permitted to be placed on or near the tree.

Mail this form and payment to: Madison Township Memorial Tree Program, 5610 West Alexandria Road, Middletown, Ohio 45042.

APPLICATION FOR MEMORIAL TREE PLANTING

Please fill out this application and mail it with your check made out to Madison Township. Our staff will contact you after we receive the application to confirm the location, species and your involvement.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work/Cell Phone: _____

1. Please mark your tree selection. **Each tree is \$350.**

Shade Trees	Size	Flowering Trees	Size
<input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Sunset Maple	2"	<input type="checkbox"/> Shubert Chokecherry	2"
<input type="checkbox"/> Shubert Chokecherry	2"	<input type="checkbox"/> Ivory Silk Lilac	1.75"
<input type="checkbox"/> Rivers Purple Beech	1.5"	<input type="checkbox"/> Sugar Tyme Crabapple	2"
<input type="checkbox"/> Skyline Honey Locust	2"		
<input type="checkbox"/> Dawn Redwood	2"		
<input type="checkbox"/> Red Oak	1.5"	Evergreens	Size
<input type="checkbox"/> Prospector Elm	2"	<input type="checkbox"/> Norway Spruce	6ft.
<input type="checkbox"/> Dynasty Lacebark Elm	1.75"	<input type="checkbox"/> Colorado Blue Spruce	5ft.

2. Please mark how you want the first inscription line to read:

- "In Memory of" "Memorial For"

3. Please clearly print the name(s), as it should appear on the second line of the marker:

4. Please clearly print the inscription of the date and/or event to appear on the third line of the marker. _____

5. How would you or your group like to be involved in the tree planting? Check as many as is appropriate.

- Attend planting Help plant the tree
 Notified after planting I would like to receive a donation receipt and certificate.



Calendar

WANT YOUR PICTURE IN THE NEXT CALDENDAR?

By now, everyone should have received their 2011-2012 township/school calendars. If not, or if you would like additional calendars, please contact our office as we still have some remaining copies.

For the upcoming calendar, we'll be using pictures submitted by the residents of Madison! Any resident can submit a picture as long as the picture is taken inside of Madison Township. We'll need seasonal picture to make the calendar complete, so don't forget those beautiful sunrises and sunsets over your back yard, the frosty look of the first snowfall, or the wild flowers as they begin to bloom in spring! It can be pictures of your child at school, a school activity, or in any activity/event in the township or school district. Maybe the nearby creek, an old farm wagon sitting in the field, or the deer wandering across your back yard.

Here are the official rules and guidelines:

- Photos taken in 2011 or later are suitable for the 2012 calendar. Photos from all seasons are encouraged, so take your pictures throughout the year.
- Please submit only photographs, either color or black and white. Printed photos should be unmounted, 5" x 7" (or larger) professionally processed photos. Please do not submit photos printed

on a home computer or photo printer as these are unsuitable for reproduction. Digital versions of photos are highly encouraged but are not required. Please submit digital photos in JPEG or TIFF format with a resolution of at least 300 dpi and 7" on the longest dimension.

- Photos become the property of Madison Township once they have been submitted. We are sorry that we are unable to return photos. Whenever possible, the original layout of the photo will be maintained. Madison Township reserves the right to crop photos to fit the calendar format. It is for this reason that horizontally oriented photos are strongly encouraged, but not required.
- The contest is open to all residents of Madison Township. Photos taken outside of Madison Township limits will be disqualified.
- No compensation will be offered to the winning photographers. All photos submitted may be used elsewhere by the township. Winning entries will be used in the 2012 calendar.
- Please submit your photos by July 15, 2012. Digital photos should be e-mailed to ToddF@MadisonTownshipOnline.com. You can also mail your photos to Madison Township Administration, 5610 West Alexandria Road, Middletown, OH 45042. If mailing, please mark your envelope to the attention of: Calendar Photo Contest.
- Please print your name clearly on the back of the photo or digital medium. There is no limit to the number of photos you may submit. Please be sure to include your name, address, phone, e-mail, photo title, and the location where the photo was taken with your entry. Printable entry forms are available on our website: www.MadisonTownshipOnline.com for those mailing or dropping off files.
Get a fresh pack of batteries and start taking pictures throughout the year!

CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST - ENTRY FORM

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Phone _____ Email _____

Location (where photo was taken) _____

Approximate date when photo was taken _____

Photo Caption or Name of Photo _____

Comments _____

I understand that upon submission, this photo becomes the property of the Township of Madison. I hereby grant permission to the Township of Madison to use this photo at its discretion, with no compensation to me or to any of the subjects in the photo. When the photo is of identifiable people, I have obtained the permission of those in the photo to submit this photo for use by Madison Township.

Signed _____ Date _____

Mail your entry to: Calendar Photo Contest, Madison Township, 5610 West Alexandria Road, Middletown, Ohio 45042. Or email your photo to Todd Farler at toddff@madisontownshiponline.com. Please include all the information requested above in your email. Digital photos should be at least 300 dpi at 5" x 7".

Military

MADISON

MADISON TOWNSHIP IN THE MILITARY...

We are in the process of updating our "Soldiers Serving" page on our website. This page is in honor and recognition of our township residents that are serving our county. If you have a family member or friend that lives in Madison Township and is serving in the armed forces, please let us know. We would like to recognize them by placing their picture and contact information on our website. Simply e-mail a picture of the service person and their contact information to ToddF@MadisonTownshipOnline.com and I'll see that their picture and information is posted on our website.

We owe a great deal to these service men and women that courageously wear the American uniform. They are the reason we continue to live a free and safe lifestyle that we so much enjoy here in America. Their security passes on even to Madison Township thru so many warm summer evenings in the park, Friday night football games, or simply relaxing on our own back porch. It is because of those that served, and those which continue to serve, that allows us to continue on with our daily schedules, seldom giving thought to the circumstances and situations that our military personnel may be in at any given moment.

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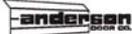
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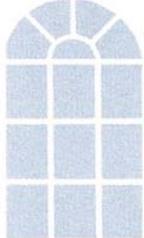
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