

MADISON TOWNSHIP

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by Jared McIntosh

Diamond in the Rough

The cool breeze whistles in the air, the soft light of the setting sun feels ever so warm. The faint sound of the many cars passing on West Alexandria, going to and from. Children laugh as they chase each other around the playground, up the steps and down the slide. Friends laughing at how bad they are at tennis, they do not care though because they are having a great time. A woman walking her dog along the walking paths. A young man is sitting at the pond, with a line in the water. Are there fish big enough to catch in that pond? The man pulls out a surprisingly decent size fish. That is the first fish I have seen caught in the pond.

The Madison Township community park is a place where many activities take place. The park was built only a few years ago, it is a great addition to Madison Township. Matthew Scholp exclaims "Our township has a well maintained park with excellent facilities". The park is a great place for anyone looking to get out and get some exercise or just enjoy some great weather. The park consist of a playground, numerous soccer fields, from full size to candy league soccer, different football practice fields, a baseball diamond, and 5 tennis courts where the Madison Mohawks boys tennis team host their home matches during the spring. Schedules for these games can be found online if interested at www.madisonmohawks.org.

The park also has a number of walking trails. They traverse up and down and around through the woods as well as around the various facilities. The born learning trail is a recent addition for parents looking for a good outside activity that works both kids minds and bodies. Not to mention there is a great reward—the twisty slide! Another good walk is around the historical cabin placed on the grounds, which gives insight to kids of all ages into what has changed in Madison Township. Many township residents stop by the park to wander its grounds, use the picnic shelter or the playground. Township residents Brenda and Dennis Martin often go to see their granddaughter play soccer in the late summer and fall, but discovered that the park is a diamond in the rough. Brenda says, "...it is a wonderful place to walk



the dog. We especially enjoy the nature and walking trails." A number of people find it a safe and convenient alternative to driving into Middletown.

During the beautiful days of spring, summer, and fall many activities can be found happening at the park. The youth baseball teams put the baseball diamond to good use. The youth football players are rustling around the grounds preparing for the fights ahead of them in the regular season. The soccer players can be found on the field, or jogging the seven tenth mile perimeter of the park. The boys tennis players can be found on the courts during the spring and the girls during the fall. All year round people can be found at the park enjoying themselves. No longer do you have to drive in to town to go on a stroll or enjoy time at a park further away. The Madison Township Community Park is a great addition to Madison Township. Come see for yourself!

YOUR Township Administrator...

By Todd Farler,

Madison Township Administrator



Road work, road work, road work... That's what you'll see this year in Madison Township.

Aside from our normally scheduled township road repairs and paving, numerous other road projects will be underway in the township throughout the year.

The bridges of Streebe road and Sloebig road are scheduled to be completely replaced, causing detours which will prove to be a chafing time for some, as the closings *could* last for as long as three months.

The Wayne Madison Road reconstruction project will be under way before long, with phase one being from Trenton's city limits to Howe Road, and phase two continuing from Howe road intersection heading north, hopefully breaching the top of the hill. Once under construction, parts of Wayne Madison road will also closed for a period of time. This road reconstruction will increase the lane width, add paved shoulders, and surmount numerous ditch and drainage issues along the road. If all planning and scheduling works as it *should*, phase two of this project *could* begin immediately after phase one is complete. Again, both of these phases will incur detours and road closings over a period of time.

Numerous culverts along Trenton Franklin road will be replaced, work which may have already started by the time you're reading this newsletter. This will then allow for the paving of Trenton Franklin road starting at Howe road and going all the way to the Warren County line. These culvert replacements will cause the road to be closed for approximately five days at a time, for each culvert. The paving of the later this summer will also cause congestion, delays, and *could* cause detours.

Later this summer, almost all of State Route 122 running thru our township is scheduled to be paved. This too will cause occasional, small scale congestion, but *should not* cause any detours.

Depending on where you live, you may want to make sure you have

your route planned for getting in or out of the township this summer! Adding a few extra minutes, depending on your route, may be beneficial too!

Although these temporary inconveniences may seem like nuisances at times, by years end, these small aggravations will transform themselves into

better roads and better bridges for Madison Township. Ultimately, it shows we're progressing with maintaining and providing the most efficient and effective road system for our township. We're trying to utilize local funding along with leveraging state and federal monies to get the greatest return on investment for our roads. By providing safe and maintainable roads, this is one way of keeping the quality of life that so many people in Madison have come to expect.

Please be mindful of the construction and all the people that will be working on the roads throughout our township. They'll be township employees, county employees, state employees, and private company employees. PLEASE drive carefully and observantly.

As these projects begin, we'll try to keep you updated on the scheduling and progression of each project by sending out notices via our Notification List. You can receive these notices by going to our webpage: www.MadisonTownshipOnline.com and clicking in the Email Notification link. Hopefully this will allow you to better schedule your driving patterns and circumvent any of the upcoming delays, congestion, or detours. God bless and have a safe, fun summer!



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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.



By Brian Brooks
Trustee

First, I would like to say 'hello' to all the residents of Madison Township. For those who don't know me, I am Brian Brooks, the newly appointed Trustee to fill the vacant seat left by Dwight Walter's retirement. I have been a resident of Madison Township for 45 years and I'm honored to serve as a voice for our community.

I officially took office January 1, 2015. The first two months have been very busy trying to get up to speed on my duties of being an Ohio Township Trustee. I spent three days in Columbus in January at the Ohio Township Association Convention, where I attended several classes and seminars, learning about the Trustee's position and our responsibilities.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the Road Department for their hard work over the winter

on snow removal. I have heard only positive feedback from our residents about the Township road conditions after each snow event.

Thankfully, spring is finally starting to show itself. It's time to clean up from the long winter and enjoy outdoor activities with family and friends. Some time spent cutting grass and landscaping are also in order! And don't forget to take advantage of what the Township has to offer its families, like the Madison Community Park and Sebald Park on Elk Creek Rd., a Butler County MetroPark.

I look forward to working alongside the staff and residents of Madison Township to make our community a safe and pleasant place to live.

Gerald A. Morris College Scholarship

Butler SWCD offers a non-renewable \$500 college scholarship to students enrolling in classes which focus on the conservation of natural resources.

Eligibility:

- Applicants must have parents or guardians who reside in Butler Co.
- Preference will be given to Sophomore students who are pursuing a bachelor or associate degree at an accredited university or college.
- Must have a decided major in natural resource education, agriculture, land management, or a related field.
- Must have a min 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent) as of the most recent grading period.
- The scholarship is intended to be used for either tuition or books.
- Recipients will be invited to the Butler SWCD Annual meeting.

To Apply, Please Submit:

- Recent, original transcript showing proof of completion, of passing grades in previous classes in their major.
- One letter of recommendation, by employer or teacher (past or current)
- Original, personal essay pertaining to the reason for choosing a degree in a conservation related field. The essay must be typed and be completed with 400 to 500 words.
- Include a cover page which lists the following: Name, address, phone number, High School attended, College or University, Major, 2nd major if applicable, Minor, 2nd Minor if applicable.
- Names and amounts of other scholarships received.

Contact Butler SWCD at (513) 887-3720 for more information, or visit www.butlerswcd.org
Applications must be received by 4 p.m. May 31, each year.



Clean Sweep

THANK YOU to all the volunteers that participated in the 2014 Great Miami River Clean up!

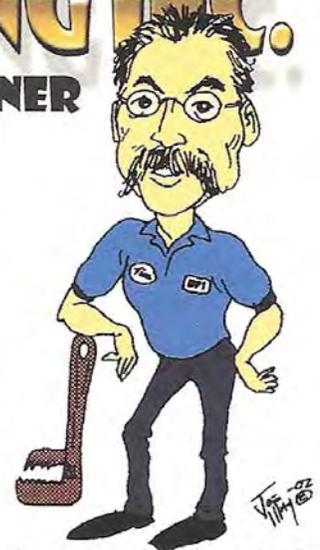
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Butler County Auditor Roger Reynolds is pleased to announce that the Ohio Legislature has implemented a change in state law that allows 100 percent disabled veterans, regardless of age or income, to earn a double benefit from the Homestead Exemption program.

Those veterans who are 100 percent disabled from a service-related disability, as determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, need to contact the Auditor's Office to sign up.

Qualifying Ohio veterans may shield up to \$50,000 of the market value of their home from taxation. The savings vary by taxing district but average out to about \$835 per year in Butler County.

Disabled veterans applying for the exemption should use Form DTE 105I, which is available on the Auditor's web site at www.butlercountyauditor.org. Just click on the Homestead Exemption link located on the Auditor's home page. The deadline to apply for the Homestead Exemption program is June 1.

For more information, call the Butler County Auditor's Office at 513-887-3154.



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Achieving Excellence One Student at a Time

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Nick Svarda + 42/3 record = STATE CHAMPION!

Nick Svarda, junior, battled his way through an amazing season with the Mohawks to secure the first state championship wrestling title in ten years. The 195-pound wrestler secured his title with a 7-5 win in the final round at the Jerome Schottenstein Center in Columbus. Mohawk fans young and old traveled to watch as Svarda took a spot on the big stage and ultimately won the grand prize.

Upcoming Dates

- May 6 7th & 8th Grade Academic Awards
- May 13 9-12th Grade Academic Awards
- May 21 Last day for students
- May 22 Graduation – Class of 2015

Coaching Accomplishments

- BRIAN MCGUIRE** – SWBL Buckeye Division
Girls Basketball Coach of the Year
- STAN OLIGEE** – SWBL Buckeye Division
Wrestling Coach of the Year
- TODD MALOTT** – District 15 Assistant Coach of the Year

Team Accomplishments

- VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL** – 2015 SWBL Buckeye Division Champions
- VARSITY WRESTLING** – 2015 SWBL Buckeye Division Champions

Athletics:

- BRAD MALOTT** - 1st Team All-SWBL Boys Basketball
District 15 1st Team All-Star
OHSBCA Scholarship Society Gold Member
- AUSTIN PHILPOT** - 1st Team All-SWBL Boys Basketball
District 15 All-Underclassman Team
OHSBCA Top 100 Underclassman selection
OHSBCA Scholarship Society Silver Member
- OWEN PALMER** - All-SWBL Honorable Mention Boys Basketball
- KC LINDON** - All-SWBL Honorable Mention Boys Basketball
- JARED MCINTOSH** - OHSBCA Scholarship Society Gold Member
- DALTON POWEL** - OHSBCA Scholarship Society Gold Member
- HUNTER WHITEMAN** - 1st Team All-SWBL Girls Basketball
District 15 All-Underclassman Team
- ALLY HOSKINS** - 1st Team All-SWBL Girls Basketball
- KATY CANTER** - All-SWBL Honorable Mention Girls Basketball
- KELLI BUSH** - Honorable Mention SWBL Girls Basketball
- NICK SVARDA** - SWBL League Wrestling Champion
SW District Sectional Champion
SW District, District Champion
SW District, State Champion
- JOSH KIRBY** - SWBL League Wrestling Runner up
SW District, Sectional Champion
SW District Qualifier
- JACOB FARLER** – SWBL League Wrestling Champion
SW District, Sectional 3rd place
SW District, District Qualifier
- JAKE PARSONS** – SWBL League Wrestling Runner-up
SW District, Sectional Runner Up
SW District, District Qualifier
- BRITTON PARSONS** – SWBL Wrestling Honorable Mention
SW District, Sectional Runner Up
SW District, District Qualifier
- JORDAN ESLICK** – SWBL League Wrestling Runner-up
SW District, Sectional 4th place
SW District, District Qualifier
- DREW PRICE** - SWBL League Wrestling Runner-up
SW District, Sectional Runner Up
SW District, District Qualifier



MADISON LOCAL SCHOOLS

Achieving Excellence One Student at a Time

Academics - Zulama Entertainment Technology

The most sought after jobs aren't only doctors and lawyers anymore. Today's students are interested in becoming game designers, software developers, and careers that we cannot yet imagine. Thanks to a partnership with the Butler County Educational Service Center and a grant from the state of Ohio, Madison Local School District is part of a cutting-edge program, Zulama Entertainment Technology, offering innovative curriculum to transform education and prepare students for careers of tomorrow.

Zulama Entertainment Technology, created by educators at Carnegie Mellon University's Entertainment Technology Center, gives students experience with problem solving and thinking creatively by using the best of both online and real-world learning. Classes include Evolution of Gaming, Game Design and Mobile Game Design and an entire host of additional courses.

"The Zulama courses challenge students to practice a variety of skills in a fun and practical setting, such as writing clearly and effectively, collaborating with a team, using technology, applying math, creating art and designs, and writing storylines for their games. Because students use concepts from so many different subject areas, these courses are not only for those exploring game design as a career option, but can help to keep other students engaged and motivated," said Joel Brown, lead Zulama instructor.



The Zulama Studio, also created with grant money, was designed and created by Madison students and staff and presents a unique learning space that encourages exploration, collaboration, and innovation. The space includes contemporary furniture, alternative workspaces from the traditional classroom and a mural of gaming characters both past and present, created by senior Haley Canter.

National Honor Society



Kindergarten Registration

MAY 7, 2015 FROM 8:30AM-5:00PM

Madison Local School District will hold a Kindergarten Registration session on Thursday, May 7, 2015 from 8:30am-5:00pm in the Central Registration Office. Registration packets can be picked up at any time in the Central Registration Office or at madisonmohawks.org by completing a Kindergarten Registration Packet Request Form.

Kindergarten Eligibility: Any child whose fifth (5th) birthday is on or before August 1, 2015. Madison Local School District offers full-day kindergarten to district residents.

National Honor Society

The National Honor Society is one of the school's highest honors and exists to recognize outstanding high school students. More than just an honor roll, NHS serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. This year 30 outstanding students were inducted into Madison High School's National Honor Society.

2015 NHS INDUCTEES

SENIORS

Selena Colwell
Kayla Cornett
Jacob Garrison
Jared McIntosh
Abby Miller
Jenny Rusk
Sierra Wells
Kayla Wilhoit

SOPHOMORES

Allison Byrd
Brittany Church
Sammy Creekbaum
Clayton Garner
Ally Hoskins
Donovan King
Rebecca Mills
Kacey Myers
Sarah Wolfe

JUNIORS

Alixander Bunnell
Katy Canter
Morgan Cornett
Jesse Dearth
Jacob Farler
Hunter Ortiz
Ethan Owens
Chelsea Payne
Brooke Solomito
Bryce Thomas
Ty Webb
Hunter Whiteman
Ethan Wilson

Kindergarten Readiness Academy

JUNE 3RD AND 4TH FROM 9:00AM - 3:00PM

Give your child a great start with the MES Kindergarten Readiness Academy! This FREE two-day program is designed specifically for students enrolled in kindergarten at Madison Elementary School for the fall of 2015. Facilitated by the MES Kindergarten Staff, the students will focus on important skills needed for the first day of school and beyond.

- Introduction to the kindergarten team, specials teachers, and school building.
- A field trip on a school bus to the Mid-Pointe Library to receive their very own library card.
- A take-home toolkit for students and parents full of academic activities to help ensure kindergarten readiness.
- A Madison Elementary School photo book for your child to provide images of familiar faces, places, routines and tasks they will encounter in the fall.



My Princess and Me Father Daughter Dance

Saturday, May 2, 2015
Grades PK-3 ▪ 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Grades 4-6 ▪ 7:30-9:00 p.m.



Madison Jr/Sr High School

\$15 per couple (\$3 each additional child)

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Outdoor Corner

BUTLER COUNTY METROPARKS



As you may know if you're a regular park visitor, equestrian activity in Sebald Park has been slowly but surely growing over the past several years. A dedicated group of local Ohio Horsemen's Council (OHC) members has been bushwacking and maintaining trails over some of the prettiest scenery in the locality, namely the fields and high ridges that run along Elk Creek. A horse trailer parking area has been designated and plans are in place for a shelter area that provides shade for horses as well as a picnic area for trail riders. In addition, the park has been completely given over to the popular "Horse Daze in the Park" one Saturday every autumn for the last three years, with horse-centered activities that include displays, games, face painting and the opportunity to ride and visit with a number of horses and ponies brought in for the day by area OHC members.

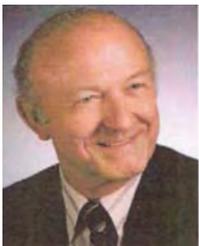
Officials of Butler County Metroparks announced in a meeting last fall that it has taken over management of Sebald Park, and hopes to support the enhancements being made by the local equestrian club. In addition, a number of competitive riders who

participate in the equestrian sport of Eventing are looking at the possibility of making a cross country jump course available for training, as well as other ways to make the park more horse-sport friendly, using Fairborne's Twin Towers multipurpose facility as a model.

This year's Horse Daze is scheduled for September 12, at Sebald Park 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. the event is free and will include horse rides, face painting, a kids corral with lots of games and activities including stick horse racing. Food and drinks are available for purchase at the event. Anyone interested in working on this project should contact Dr. Steph Burk at 513-422-4181.

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undrained and chopped
2 (6 oz) cans tomatoe paste

24 ounces cottage cheese
2 eggs, beaten
½ tsp pepper
2 Tbsp parsley
½ cup grated parmesan cheese
1 lb mozzarella cheese, divided
12-15 lasagna noodles

Brown ground beef, Italian sausage, onion and garlic. Add salt and next 5 ingredients; stirring until well mixed. Simmer for 1 hour. Cook lasagna noodles according to package directions; drain and set aside. Spray 13x9 baking pan with cooking spray. Combine cottage cheese, eggs, pepper, 2 Tbsp parsley, parmesan cheese and ½ of mozzarella cheese. In a lasagna pan, layer noodles, meat sauce, cheese mixture; repeat. Top off with layer of noodles; sprinkle evenly with remaining mozzarella cheese.

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By Kent Hall, Fire Chief, Madison Fire Department



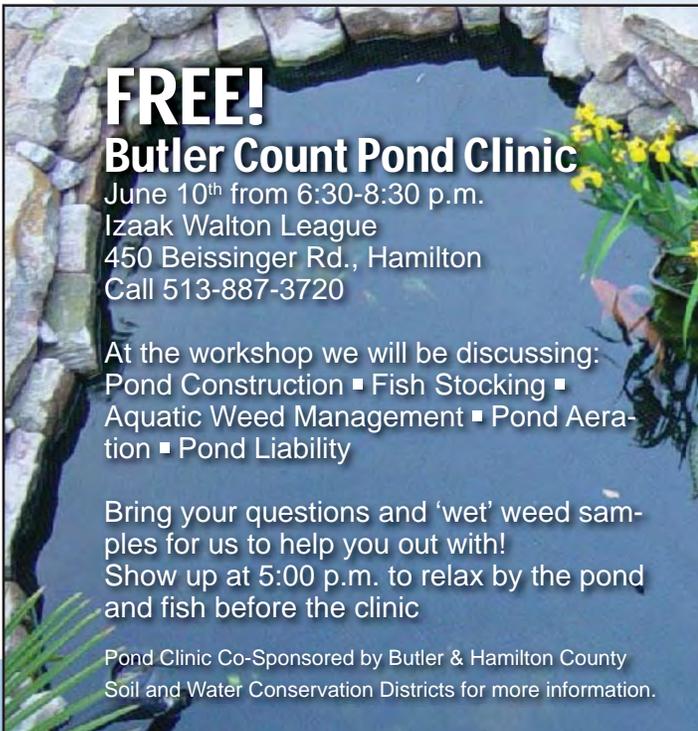
With spring around the corner, it's a good time for residents in Madison Township to be cleaning up brush and tree limbs around the outside of their property. With that in mind, make sure when considering open burning make sure you comply with open burning guidelines set by the State Fire Marshall's office. If you believe you need any assistance or help with your outside controlled burning project, please feel to contact a Madison Fire Department representative at one of your local stations. We can come to your location and provide fire apparatus to help with a safe cleanup. Madison Fire Department still has smoke detectors provided to Madison residents free of charge and we will also assist any Madison resident that would need help installing the detectors. We also provide reflective residential house numbers. These reflective numbers are usually placed on mailboxes or poles near the roadway to help first responders better locate your house at a time of an emergency.



CONCEPT RENDERING

Madison Fire Department is still in the process of building a new centralized fire station located in the area of State Route 122 and West Alexandria Road. The completion of this project will hopefully be around the start of 2016. In the spring time of this year you will see the Madison Fire Department actively involved in a couple different events in the township such as: Mock Crash at the high school, Springfest at the high school, and Madison Senior Day at the community park. If you would see a Madison Fire or EMS member at one of these events, free free to ask any questions you might have in the fire or EMS field or just introduce yourself and get to know our department members. Also remember, we still provide EMS coverage 24/7 with one medic and one basic EMT stationed around the clock at the firehouse at the intersection of State Route 122 and Mosiman Road, as this provides an immediate response for medical emergencies in the township.

Everyone have a great spring and be safe!



FREE!
Butler Count Pond Clinic
June 10th from 6:30-8:30 p.m.
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Pond Clinic Co-Sponsored by Butler & Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation Districts for more information.

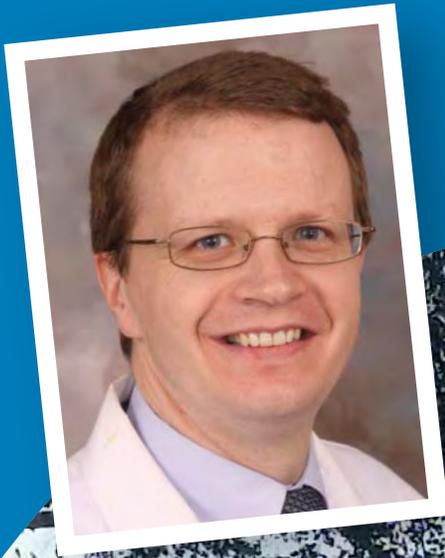
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History

OLDEST UNSOLVED MURDER CASE

By Larry Helton, Jr.

The old, crumbling farmhouse atop West Middletown Hill, across from the SUNOCO gas station, known as the grounds for the founding of Madison Township in 1810 and as the farm of Guy Hatten, long time farmer and feed salesman, has an infamous secret to share. It is where the suspect, Julius Naegelen, lived who was accused and never found, involving the oldest unsolved murder case in the area.

Julius Raymond "Bud" Naegelen, born c1899, was the son of Jacob Naegelen, born in Cincinnati in 1862 to French immigrants, who had been with ARMCO since its opening in 1900 as a machinist and of Frances Huffert, born in Cincinnati in 1863. Jacob and Frances were married in Cincinnati in 1881, later moved to a home in Middletown, and attended a local Lutheran church. They had five children: Jacob Jr., Charles, Julius, and Theresa, the wife of Guy Hatten.

Julius Naegelen was an honorably discharged World War I Navy veteran, a former prizefighter, a machinist by trade, as was his father, and described as good looking. During these times, his resident addresses included 1015 Hughes and 1015 Calumet Streets, both in Middletown.

Julius', then living in Hamilton, first incident with the law was reported in the Hamilton Evening Journal, September 15, 1925: "Report Search for Hamilton Man After Assault. A Middletown dispatch states that police of that city are looking for Julius Naegelen, Hamilton, wanted for allegedly beating up Ernest Smith, 29, Broad Street, Middletown, when the latter reprimanded the Hamiltonian for ignoring traffic rules. Smith said the Hamilton man struck him in the face breaking glasses, which Smith was wearing and inflicting a deep cut over Smith's right eye."

At some point in time, Julius married an auburn haired woman, Lillian Schultz who was born in Bath County, Kentucky. They had one child and resided at the farm of his brother-in-law and his wife's sister, Guy and Theresa Hatten of West Middletown.

The marriage of Julius and Lillian was not a good one as reported in the Hamilton Evening Journal, October 17, 1931: "Naegelen Answers Suit for Divorce. Julius Naegelen, of Middletown, being sued for divorce by Lillian Naegelen, filed his answer in common pleas court Saturday. He alleges she has fallen in love with another man, whose name can be furnished, has corresponded with him and has letters from him in which are expressions of love and affection. For this reason, Naegelen says, she filed the suit and made false charges against him. He asks for custody of the child."

From bad to worse, the initial Middletown Police report was called in August 16, 8:25 P.M., 1932: "Bud Naegelen car at Snider's Garage, Chrysler R.D. 187-130. Sir: Received call that a man had shot a woman in front of 504 Charles Street. Responded and found that the woman had been taken to the city hospital in a private car. Also that the man that did the shooting had run down the alley that runs west of Charles Street. The man that did the shooting was Julius (Bud) Naegelen and the woman shot was his wife Lillian Naegelen age 27 of 207 Harrison Street. Julius Naegelen lives at West Middletown on the Hatten farm. Lillian was taken to the hospital by Steve McClure of 100 Moore Street and Ben Puckett of 1817 Clarendon Avenue. She

was shot five times, three in the breast and two in the back. Lillian is the daughter of Clint W. Schultz of 207 Harrison Street. Witnesses to the shooting are: Charles Houser, 2006 Crescent Boulevard; Harold Schuyler, 2816 Wilbraham Drive; Elta Barker, 313 Charles Street; Buford Goad, 217 Monroe Street. Coroner Cook notified by hospital."

It was August 16, 1934, circus day in Middletown, when Julius Naegelen, 35, drove up in an automobile in front of a Charles Street residence and called out to his estranged wife, Lillian, 27, and a male companion, Ira Sexton of 1730 Columbia Avenue. They were entering the dwelling at 508 Charles Street, the home of Ira's mother and sister. Ira continued on into the house as requested by Lillian.

Lillian walked over to the car and Julius, dressed in a t-shirt and a pair of summer pants, grabbed her by the hair, quarreled, and shot her five times with a pistol leaving her dead on the sidewalk at 504 Charles Street.

There are several witnesses to the shooting, including John Kline, 19, who was a passenger in Julius' automobile and Charles Houser, who may have also been a passenger. John told police that Julius picked him up earlier and that they had planned on attending the circus, until Julius' wife and a male companion were spotted driving by in an automobile. That is when Julius decided to follow them instead down Charles Street. John explained that he walked away when Julius called his wife over. The next thing he recalled was hearing the shots and seeing Lillian fall to the sidewalk. He kept walking on down Charles Street to Julius' parents house to tell them what had happened.

Charles Houser and other witnesses substantiated John Kline's version, with Charles reporting that Julius fled down the alley after the incident. Julius continued on to John's parent's home shortly after the shooting, told the couple he had shot "Lil", and asked for a cigarette and drink of water. When leaving he asked them to tell their son good-bye and that, "You probably won't see me anymore."

Julius then stopped at his own home in West Middletown briefly and left just moments before the police arrived. That is where the trail ended. The police searched all night for him, but their belief was that he had committed suicide. Another theory was that he had drowned in a river during his escape.

In Middletown: "WANTED FORMURDER – This Department holds a warrant for Julius Raymond (Bud) Naeglen who shot and killed his wife in this City August 16, 1932. Description of Naegelen: Age 31 years, 5 Ft. 6 In., weight 130 Lbs., dark complexion, gray eyes, high forehead, med. brown hair, thin in front combed pompadour, nose been broken and is very pointed on end, has scar on either right or left hand between thumb and index finger, birth mark on left chest, tattoo dagger on left forearm, blue dot on left hand, machinist by trade. WIRE INFORMATION TO – Roy W. Scofield, Chief of Police, Middletown, Ohio." (The wanted poster included two photographs and fingerprints from either a previous arrest or from military service records.)

The Hamilton Evening News reported on August 25, 1932: "Middletown. As Mrs. Naegelen was walking along the street with Ira Sexton, a friend. She was at the time awaiting a report on her divorce

suit, which her husband contested in common pleas court. Dr. Cook has the unities of several eyewitnesses to the shooting whom he will summon for the inquest. Immediately after the shooting, Naegelen fled on foot. One theory at the time was that he took his own life, but that theory gradually gained less and less support when a search failed to disclose his body.”

The Butler County grand jury indicted Julius Naegelen a short time after the slaying. The police chief of Middletown asked the Butler County prosecutor, via letter in January of 1933, to offer a \$100 reward for “the apprehension and conviction of this criminal”, but the county commissioners, after several weeks of deliberation, refused to authorize it.

Julius Naegelen’s face and fingerprints appeared in publications across the country – in the May 1932 and August 1935 issues of “True Detective Mysteries and a publication that reached 3,000 police and sheriff offices in 1936. Even “True Detective Radio Show” broadcast the crime story on several occasions.

A letter from September 1938 asked the Indianapolis Police Department to investigate a possible sighting and another dated in 1934 asked the Toledo Police Department to investigate a house where Julius’ family had been receiving letters.

For almost twenty-four years the Middletown Police Department and federal officers sought information and leads, but to no avail. In 1934 and 1938, Julius was reported as being seen in Middletown and as far away as Illinois, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, and Orange County, Florida, but with never a positive identification.

Julius Raymond “Bud” Naegelen has never been found, dead or alive. The Middletown Municipal Court dropped the outstanding warrant issued on August 17th, 1932 for a felony of first-degree murder at the request of the city prosecutor, Doug Adkins, in June of 2007. Mr. Adkins said the man, who would be 107 years old, wanted by police for killing his wife seventy-five years ago was “either dead or doesn’t remember the crime.”

Case closed? Appears so, but there is no statute of limitations for murder. If Julius Naegelen were alive today, at age 116, he would still be held accountable for the killing of his wife. If any witnesses were still alive, also doubtful, one of them would not be friend John Cline who was there that fateful day. John was electrocuted at the Ohio State Penitentiary in 1947 for killing a Hamilton police officer during an armed robbery.

A few personal notes on this case:

It is interesting that in “Hatten Memories” by Guy Hatten, Guy never mentions his brother-in-law, Julius Naegelen, sister-in-law, Lillian Naegelen, or the murder in his writings. Guy writes of life out west and then here in Madison Township. The big story of 1932 for Guy was “having the flu that left me weak 3 or 4 years – couldn’t work much. The banker tried to get the place, but we hung on.”

Locating the houses related to this case in town today is a bit difficult since the house numbers are a little off, as the city of Middletown has gone through renumbering a few times over the years.

A visit to Woodside Cemetery yields only an unmarked grave in Section 18; Lot 265-1 for Lillian Naegelen, whose burial was by Baker Funeral Home. She was 27 at the time of death, yet the funeral records report 29. Other members of Julius Naegelen’s family have marked graves in Section 18: father – Jacob, 80, d.1942; mother – Frances, 76, d.1940; brother – Charles, 77, d.1969; brother – Jacob Jr., 82, d.1969; wife of Jacob Jr. – Sadie, 91, d.1987; and unknown relationship – Lawrence, 35, d.1925. There are three others buried elsewhere in Woodside, by the last name of Naegele, minus the ‘n’ (Henry, Jennie, & Mary Dutcher), unsure if there is a connection. Another family member, Pauline Naegelen, d.1922, is found in the Middletown Pioneer Cemetery.

A special thank you goes out to Jennifer Minor of the Middletown Police Department Records Division for providing me with records on this case and the many others that I have requested over the years for historical research.



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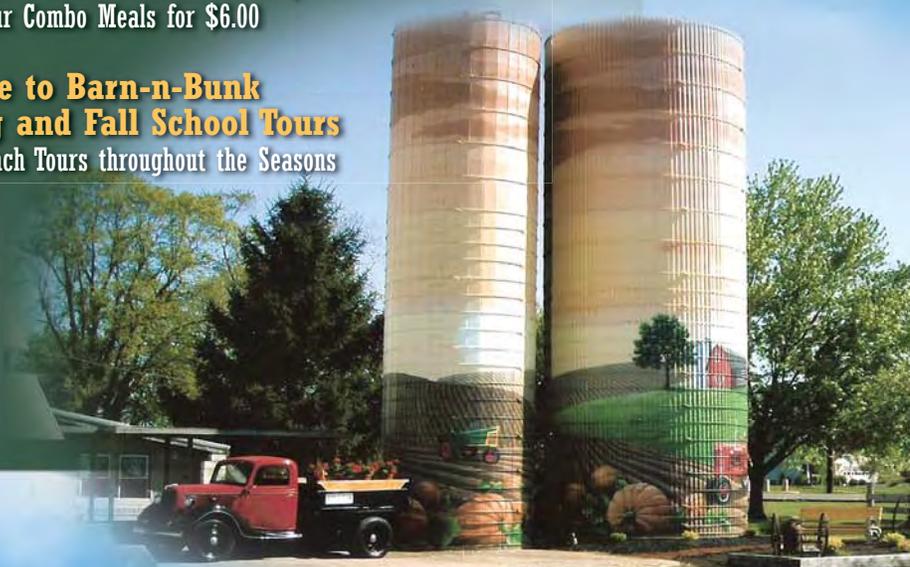
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Gardening

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Iwonder if you have ever considered a Magnolia tree for your garden here in Madison Township? I have found in the past that some people associate Magnolias only with warmer growing zones in the south and do not believe they are winter-hardy our area. It is true that there are some varieties that are not appropriate for our area and would not make it through some of our cold Ohio winters. But, it is also true that there are varieties of Magnolias that do very well here in our area.

Magnolias are written about in poems and songs because of their beautiful flowers and the very pleasing aroma and fragrance of the flowers. They are also valued because of the attractive foliage that they offer for the garden. The individual leaves of Magnolias for our area are large leathery oval shaped, dark green glossy leaves, ranging from about 6" to 10" long. This is an excellent choice, for landscape interest, in order to add more variety and a somewhat unique texture to our Madison Township gardens.

Some examples of very easy to grow and easy to find Magnolias in our area are the Saucer Magnolia (*magnolia soulangiana*) and Star Magnolia (*magnolia stellata*). Both of these are exceptional cultivars for our area and when they bloom they both provide a dramatic splash of color that many feel is a real show stopper. It is a common practice to grow these particular varieties as a multi-stemmed tree, but this is a matter of personal preference.

For those who appreciate the classic Southern Magnolias, which appear as large trees with a strong central leader and a well defined framework, I would like to share a variety here that I feel is a very well kept secret for some reason. In the past I wished I could grow some of the stately Southern Magnolias in my garden like the Southern (*magnolia grandiflora*) and Sweet Bay (*magnolia virginiana*) but these would not be appropriate for our cold winters.

However, about 20 years ago, I stumbled upon one variety of Magnolia that grows and looks like the stately Southern Magnolias, but will thrive in our area and easily make it through our coldest winters. It is called the 'Edith Bogue' Magnolia, (*Magnolia grandiflora*

'Edith Bogue'). I have to admit that I was skeptical when I purchased this tree over two decades ago. But, I am happy to report that it has grown very nicely and has thrived in its full sun location since I planted it. Our winters have had no adverse effect on this tree, it lives up to its billing. And, if all of this was not good enough, this is a broadleaf evergreen tree. To look at it one would think it is a deciduous tree like our other shade trees in our yard. But, it keeps its very attractive leaves year round providing the added benefit of super winter interest in our gardens. With the large white lemon scented flowers and a stately mature height of 60' tall and 30' wide, I can strongly recommend this tree based on my personal experience for any who might want to consider this type of Magnolia.

So for any Madison Township residents who might be looking for something new for their garden this year, possibly a consideration of a Saucer, Star, or Edith Bogue Magnolia might be a good choice and bring a new level of enjoyment.

After all, isn't that really why we true gardeners invest our time, our money, and our talents into our gardens, for the enjoyment? Jean Jacques Rousseau said, "I have always said and felt that true enjoyment cannot be described." While this is not a complex saying, this is something that either one understands for oneself, or one doesn't. For we true gardeners, who just appreciate being in our gardens and gazing at our plants, this concept is simple, and probably brings a smile to the face of all of us. Best wishes for an enjoyable and excellent growing season this year! – *Happy Gardening!*

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By Todd Daniel,
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WINTER REPORT

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SUMMER PROJECTS FOR 2015 WILL INCLUDE:

- Base repair and resurfacing for Mosiman Rd. – Howe Rd. to SR 122
- Resurfacing for Ristaneo Dr. and Moder Ln.
- Chip and Seal for Michael Rd. – Trenton Franklin Rd. to Hetzler Rd.
- Chip and Seal for Sycamore Rd. – Trenton Corp. to Radabaugh Rd.
- Estimated cost for these improvements are \$255,000.00 - \$265,000.00
- Funding - Madison Township
- Other improvements this year will include the widening and resurfacing of Wayne Madison Rd. from Trenton Corp. to Howe Rd.
- Estimated Cost- \$435,000.00
- Funding - \$387,000.00 OPWC / \$48,000.00 Madison and Wayne Twp.
- The removal and replacement of Sloebig Bridge at Browns Run Rd.
- Estimated cost - \$651,000.00
- Funding - \$514,000.00 OPWC / \$136,000.00 BCEO
- The removal and replacement of Strebee Bridge at West Alexandria Rd.
- Contract cost - \$967,000.00
- Funding - ODOT
- Also according to ODOTS website a portion of SR122 will be paved this year.

NOTE: I had mentioned in the fall newsletter that Myers Rd. bridge would also be replaced in 2015 this has been rescheduled for 2018.

As you can see there is a significant amount of capital improvements scheduled for this year in our township well in excess of \$2,500,000.00. If you have any questions regarding any of these projects please contact our office and we will do our best to answer your questions or direct you to those who can.

In closing I would like to thank the people of Madison Township for stepping up once again. Several years ago the schools needed help and you came thru. A few years ago the fire dept. needed help and you came thru. This last fall the Road Dept. needed help and you came thru again. I believe the good people of this township have a certain standard they want and expect and are willing to do more than talk about it. You have done your part we will do our best to do ours. Thank you and have a great summer!

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