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Miami & Erie Canal

Bicentennial 1825-2025

by J. Larry Helton, Jr.

The Great Miami River forms much of the eastern border of Madison Township, which played a major role in the settlement of the area. The first European to officially travel the Great Miami River was the French explorer, Pierre Joseph Celeron De Blainville, passing here in early September 1749. England sent their explorer, Christopher Gist, who passed by this area in 1751. By 1776, geographer, Thomas Pownall, had mapped the course of the Great Miami River. Squatters coming up the Great Miami River began exploring land west of the river. That would become Madison Township, with the first one being the pioneer Samuel Dickey. He would build a log cabin and move his family here in April 1799.

By the turn of the 19th century, the Ohio legislature had promised “free navigation of the river” and that the Great Miami was a “public highway.” The vessels being used at that time were keelboats, flatboats, log canoes, and dugouts. These were used to transport goods and people. The larger flatboats would become the standard. Flatboats were used to transport goods from the Great Miami, to the Ohio, to the Mississippi Rivers and as far south as New Orleans. The issues for travel were that dams and the obstructions for manufacturing or fishing were in the waters and in defiance of state law. Instead of the expense of opening back up for river commerce, a movement was begun to build the Miami & Erie Canal in 1824.

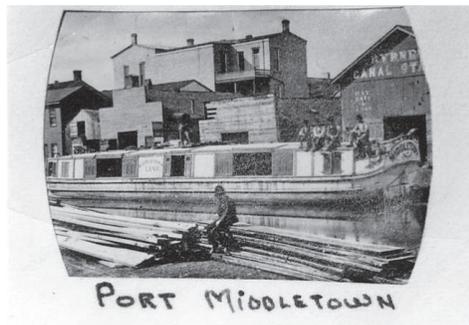
February 4, 1825, the Ohio Assembly passed the Canal Act. This authorized the Ohio and Erie Canal to be constructed from Lake Erie at Cleveland to the Ohio River, and the Miami Canal from the Ohio River at Cincinnati to Dayton, with a planned extension to Lake Erie. This included towpaths, reservoirs, and land needed through eminent domain.

On July 21, 1825, ground was broken at the edge of Middletown for the Miami Canal. Ohio Governor, Jeremiah Morrow, New York Governor, Dewitt Clinton, and General William Henry Harrison were present, among many area residents. Once completed the canal was 66 miles long, with 24 locks, 10 aqueducts, and fed by the Mad and Miami Rivers.



ABOVE: STATE MAINTENANCE CANAL BOAT, THE OHIO, DOCKED AT WOODSDALE.

RIGHT: CANAL BOAT AT PORT MIDDLETOWN.



On November 28, 1827, the first canal boats arrived in Middletown from Cincinnati and by January 1828 the first canal boats arrived in Dayton from Cincinnati. The Miami Canal was completed and flatboats had nearly ceased operation. The three types of canal boats were: packets (for passengers), mixed vessels or line boats (passengers and cargo), and freighters (freight). The tow was by draft horses or mules.

Farmers, businesses, producers, and manufacturers in Middletown, Madison and Lemon Townships could now transport: whiskey, flour, wheat, corn, agricultural produce, chickens,

pork, paper, firewood, stone, ice, and other goods to markets. In return, an abundance of finished goods returned from Cincinnati. Canal traffic was crowded with freight and immigrants coming in for settlement, raising the area's population and economic growth.

Ohio legislation was enacted to extend the Miami Canal from Dayton to Junction, Paulding County, then north to Toledo at Lake Erie. Now 248 miles long, the name was changed to the Miami and Erie Canal in 1849.

Woodsdale is in the southern portion of Madison Township, where four townships divide it with the Great Miami River splitting it in half. The Miami and Erie Canal ran between what is now Canal Road and the railroad. The canal there has a rich

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YOUR Township Office Manager

Staying Connected

As the leaves begin to change and the crisp autumn air settles in, I want to take a moment to thank each of you for being an active part of our township community. Fall is a season of reflection and renewal. It is a time to come together and plan for the months ahead.

One of the best ways to stay connected and informed about what's happening in our township is by attending our Township Trustee Meetings, held on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM at the Township Administration Building. These meetings are open to the public, and your voice matters.

Whether we're discussing infrastructure improvements, public safety, park development, or township services, your input helps guide our decision-making and ensures we're addressing



the needs and concerns of our residents. It's also a great opportunity to learn more about the projects and policies shaping our community's future.

I encourage you to join us, ask questions, share ideas, or simply listen in. We want these meetings to be a forum where everyone feels welcome and informed.

As always, thank you for your continued engagement and support. By staying connected and supporting one another, we'll keep our township thriving and true to its rural character.

Wishing you a safe and colorful fall season,

Lisa Wierdle
Office Manager

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Public Works

Mailbox Repair and Replacement



Autumn is a good time for residents to make sure their mailbox and post are in good shape for the upcoming winter weather.

Common repairs include:

- Making sure your mailbox can withstand heavy snow thrown by passing plow trucks this winter.
- Ensuring the mailbox door closes securely.
- Remounting a mailbox post that may have become loose.
- Replacing or adding reflective house numbers.
- Checking that the bottom of the mailbox is at a vertical height of between 40 and 42 inches from the road surface and placed so carriers can safely and conveniently serve them without leaving their vehicles.

Residents installing new mailboxes or replacing old ones must use USPS-approved traditional or contemporary mailboxes. It is also a good time to install reflectors that make your mailbox easier to see during storms or dark hours. Make sure your house number is visible on your mailbox as this will assist mail carriers and emergency crews. Call the Township Office Manager, Linsay at (513) 424-0821 for your FREE Green and White Reflective Address Sign.

MAILBOX DAMAGE POLICY

A properly installed and maintained mailbox will withstand snow removal operations. Improperly placed mailboxes are those that have the front face of the mailbox extending past the back of the curb edge or edge of pavement into the road/street. Chances are that the mailbox could be hit by the plow.

If your properly placed mailbox is down, you may call Madison Township Road Department at (513) 424-0821 to report the damage. The Public Works

Manager will come out and inspect the damage to determine if it was caused by physical contact of equipment or heavy snow coming from the plow. If it is determined that Township equipment damaged the mailbox, then the Road Crew will make the necessary repairs or replace the box and post. Replacements will be with a minimum standard U.S. postal mailbox and a 4"x4" wood post if necessary.

Damage to mailboxes resulting from snow plowing will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. The mailbox owner is responsible for repair or replacement of the mailbox if it was damaged by the pressure of the plowed snow and there was no

physical contact with the snowplow equipment. To find out what the proper location of your mailbox is along the roadway, contact your local postmaster.

Boxes down from snowplows discharging snow is the property owner's responsibility, as well as boxes down due to deteriorated materials such as rotted posts or loose mounted boxes.

All mailboxes that are damaged by Madison Township snowplows or mowers will be repaired by the Township. If not repairable, the resident will have the option of a U.S. postal minimum standard mailbox and post or the established cost of the materials for the U.S. postal minimum standard mailbox and post.

The Township is not responsible for any mailbox that is above the minimum standard U.S. postal mailbox permitted in the right-of-way. Replacement of such will be the responsibility of the owner.

Lawn damage done during snow or mowing operations will be repaired by the Road Crew in late winter to early spring as weather permits. Property owners MUST report any lawn damage within 5 business days for the damage to be inspected and placed on the schedule for repairs.

Mailbox repairs will not take place until current snow operations are finished, the Road Crew has had time to rest, and weather allows. All damaged mailboxes MUST be reported to the Madison Township Public Works Manager within 5 business days from the time the damage occurred. If the damage is proven to be caused by township equipment, then the property owner may choose to replace their mailbox

themselves before the Road Crew has had time to do the repairs. In this case the Township will reimburse them for the mailbox and post only, based on the minimum standard U.S. Postal mailbox cost at that point in time. Future snow events could delay repairs being made by the Road Crew. This would not interfere with any mower damage unless it was raining and then the repairs would take place when the ground would be dry enough to not damage

any other areas.

For mailboxes on County or State roads, you shall contact the Butler County Engineer's office at (513) 867-5744, or Ohio Department of Transportation (Rt. 4 & Kyles Station Rd.) at (513) 863-6609.

If you are not sure if you live on a county, state, or township road, then you may contact the Township Office at (513) 424-0821 for assistance in determining whose jurisdiction it is.

John Cassidy
Public Works Manager

Letter from the President

Brian McGuire

As trustees, I believe it is our responsibility to provide for the ever changing needs and services of the people of Madison Township, using the existing funds that are provided by the people of Madison. To do this we must fundamentally change the way we approach our challenges, we must think “outside the box.” The question we should ask is can we do this change with the current amount of funds and resources. My answer would be, ABSOLUTELY WE CAN!!!

Working with our county and state lawmakers we have secured funding to improve the lives of all of our residents now and in the future. This and funding we received during the COVID crisis has put Madison Township on a path to be able to meet current and future challenges head on.

Usage at our park has begun to increase. Now we have youth soccer fields, tennis courts, areas for football practice, and soon we will have additional youth baseball fields as Madison Sports Club will be moving their operations to the park. This means that the current port-a-potties will not work. For years residents and youth programs have asked for permanent restrooms at the park. But we have been

unable to afford it due to costs and higher priorities. Now because of funding from the state and county we are finally on the path to providing a permanent restroom and concession stand at no cost to the residents or reduction of needed services. Thank you to our local state lawmakers and the county commissioners.

Another most important issue we have is how to continue to improve our Fire and EMS services and keep up with the demands of an aging population in a rural area. The challenges we face are dwindling volunteer staff and aging buildings. Two of our firehouses (adapted schoolhouses) are over 100 years old and our newest is over 30 years old (built for van styles vehicles). The continued improvement costs and the costs to operate in these buildings cannot be sustained. Throwing your tax dollars into money pits. To address dwindling volunteers, we began to hire cross trained fire/EMS personnel. This will allow us to answer both fire and EMS calls immediately. At this time of writing our response time, in most cases, has improved. To address our building issues, we have a plan to build a single firehouse at a central location. This plan will reduce our operating costs and address our residents’ needs now and for years to come. What we must decide is how to do this without any increase in the monies we are currently receiving from the people of Madison Township. We have received a portion of the money from the state to put toward this project. A big thank you to our state representatives and our state senators.

I believe we can and will meet these challenges now and in the future. I thank God every day for the country, state and township I live in. And I truly believe that Madison Township is “A Great Place to Live Work, and Play.”

Sincerely,

Brian McGuire
Trustee President



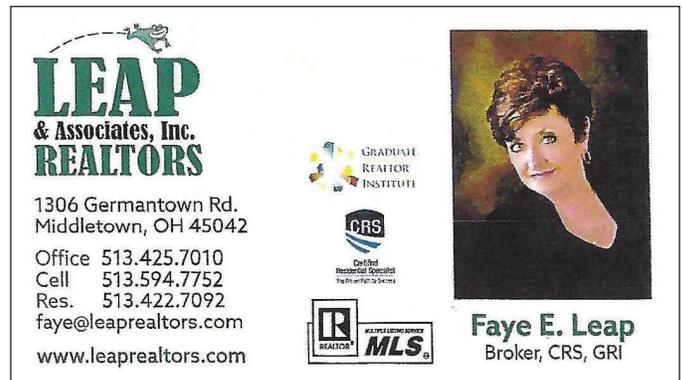
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Letter from the Vice President

Jeff Willoughby

In my time as a trustee, I have striven to care for and spend funds for the betterment of the township. I am thankful for our Fire/EMS Department, Public Works and Administration Staffs who all work hard at doing the same.

Maintaining our roads is one of our top priorities. The cost of this service has been a challenge. Since 2021, double digit year over year increases have become the norm. The Township has been covering these increases by using ARPA funds to avoid a decrease in service or a new tax levy. This year, the Public Works Department bid out the Rolling Meadows paving project to see if there was any cost savings over the Butler County Engineer paving program. The accepted bid saved the township almost \$50,000.

The Public Works Department also cares for the Township's three active (Elk Creek, Miltonville and Pleasant Hill) and one inactive (Augsburger) cemeteries. The Township purchased rear discharge mowers for better care. This has kept the grass off of the

headstones and we have received several positive comments. We are also in the process of applying for a State grant to help care for and improve our understanding of the history in the cemeteries. This is part of our MATCH (MADison Township Cemetery History) program and ties into the 250 anniversary of our Nation. There are two graves of Revolutionary War soldiers in the Elk Creek Cemetery that are of special interest. This is another example of how the Trustees are searching for funding to improve the township without increasing taxes.

By the time this letter is issued, the design of our new Township Park Building should be complete and the construction bid process will have started. This will be a welcome upgrade with restroom facilities, concession area and storage for our youth sports organizations. The Township worked hard to fund this project without going to the community for a levy. At one time, we had applied for five different grants. The building will be entirely funded through these grants, \$650,000 in total, from the County and State.

The design for the new firehouse is also progressing. Once complete, we will have public meetings to describe the capabilities the new building will give the Fire/EMS Department and how it will also protect the lives of those who protect us. The existing buildings have several deficiencies which are operational and health hazards. We received a \$1,750,000 State grant for the Fire/EMS Department. This project is yet another example of how the Trustees have searched for ways to improve the services to the township with no increase in taxes.

The Trustees have diligently searched for alternative funding so there will not be an increase in taxes. There is a lot of positive forward momentum to complete this work. I am grateful for the support of the community.

Sincerely,

Jeff Willoughby
Trustee Vice President

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Miami & Erie Canal Bicentennial

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history.

Christian Augspurger, in 1829, sat upon his horse gazing at the rich bottom lands along the Great Miami River, the Miami and Erie Canal, and the farmland opposite he had decided to purchase and build his home upon. He knew what an impact the river and the canal would have upon the Amish Mennonite community and the Augspurger village, later named Woodsdale.

Local farmers had been using the canal since the completion of Cincinnati to Dayton. Amish Mennonite farmer Christian Iutzi, lived on what is now Woodsdale Road, recorded in his journal: "August 24, 1834: I have been to Cincinnati today with meat, lard and butter (to sell). Butter was 14 cents, lard 5 cents. Vegetables were very expensive there." Another entry: under the account of a man named Johnson from Amanda. "Delivered to canal in the summer of 1842, 2 shipments of maize: one for 510 bushels @ 16 cents; one for 600-800 bushels @ 15 cents and in August of 1848, 889 bushels @ 24 cents."

Many German immigrants arriving in America traveled by flatboat down the Ohio River and then depended on the canal to take them to Woodsdale or other parts of Butler County.

Early morning, October 10, 1846, five canal boats passed by Woodsdale with Miami Indians aboard that were being forced to lands beyond the Mississippi River, as ordered by government decree.

With the coming of the railroad through Madison Twp. in 1851 canal commerce declined. Canal boat pleasure rides became popular later in the 1880s-1900s, including Sunday school class, school, club, and shooting parties, plus rides to the Woodsdale Island (amusement) Park. Some of the colorful excursion canal boats would often include onboard entertainment. The Sebald Brewing Company of Middletown operated the canal boat Gambrinus (The King of Beer) and took family members, friends, and brewery workers to the park on weekends. Most published documents of canal boat captains of Southwest Ohio between 1890-1910 mentions Woodsdale Island Park.

Canal travel dwindled. Through-traffic ended during the Flood of 1913 when large sections of the canal were washed out. The last

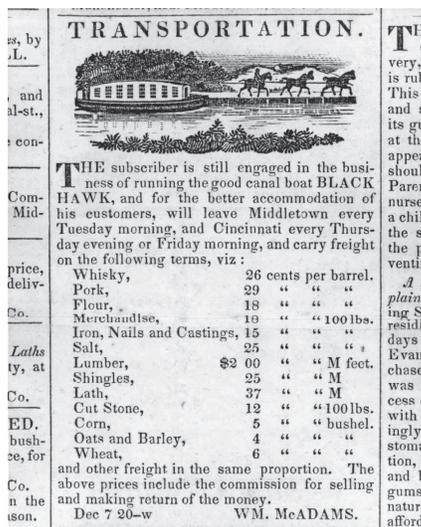
official working canal boat in Butler County ceased operation in 1914. Many other canal boats were grounded along the banks or left half sunken and rotting in the waters. On November 2, 1929, with a parade and ceremony attended by politicians, including New York Governor Franklin Roosevelt, the Miami and Erie Canal was officially abandoned where it had begun, in Middletown. The Gambrinus canal boat was pulled through the streets. The water flow was cut off above Middletown at the dam. An era had ended.

On May 20, 1931, Ohio Governor George White signed a bill permitting canal property to be used for other purposes. In Middletown, the canal was filled in and became Verity Parkway in 1938. In Woodsdale it has

filled in some and some of it has disappeared with the help of the railroad, road maintenance, and nature.

The closest remnants or memorials of the Miami and Erie Canal to Madison Township today would be: stones, markers, waterway, lift bridge, and mural downtown Port Middletown Plaza at Central Ave. and Verity Parkway; the Canal Museum at Smith Park and Verity Parkway, it is a replica of the Excello locktender's house, which the rafters were wood from the last covered bridge at Miltonville; and canal lock at Excello on South Main Street.

The Miami and Erie Canal operated for 104 years and has been out of operation for 96 years, a total of 200 years since its beginning. This year we marked the canal's bicentennial, with a parade, onsite presentations, and every third grader in the Middletown School District had a field trip to the Port Middletown Plaza. A very important part of our local history. The Miami and Erie Canal shaped the communities in which all of us live today.



TRANSPORTATION.

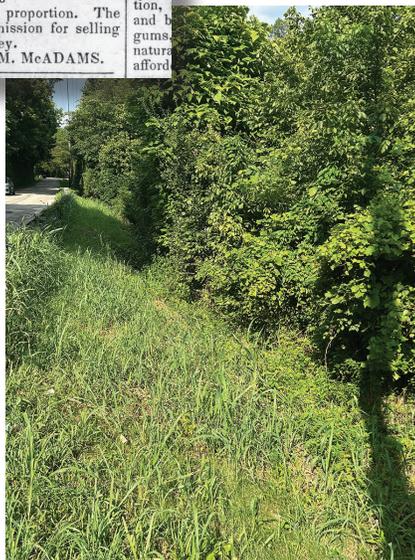
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Shingles,	25 " " " M
Lath,	37 " " " M
Cut Stone,	12 " " " 100 lbs.
Corn,	5 " " bushel.
Oats and Barley,	4 " " " "
Wheat,	6 " " " "

and other freight in the same proportion. The above prices include the commission for selling and making return of the money.
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ABOVE: 1839 MIDDLETOWN MAIL CANAL TRANSPORTATION ADVERTISEMENT.

RIGHT: CANAL AT WOODSDALE TODAY.





Fire Department

BY KENT HALL, FIRE CHIEF

As summer winds down and we begin to transition into the fall temperatures with the cooler weather residents should get a jump start on safety items for their household. If using a fireplace to heat your house it might be a good time to have that fireplace inspected for creosote buildup. These types of fires are common in the fall/winter months for us in the fire department.

SMOKE DETECTORS SAVES LIVES

As we fall back for Daylight Savings Time it's the perfect time to change batteries on your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. If in need of replacing or adding detectors in your residence, the Red Cross would be a good resource as they offer a free program for the installation and replacement for detectors.

The Madison Township Fire Department received a grant from the State of Ohio for 1.7 million dollars, this is for the construction and/or the upgrading of fire department facilities. The Madison Township Fire Department over the past several months have been working with the township trustees to upgrade those facilities with a possible new fire station located in the center part of the



township, near the township park. Over the last several years the Madison Township Fire Department has seen a transition from mostly volunteer to mostly part time members. The township trustees had the forethought to see this transition which has put us where we are at today with staffing of (4) part time members around the clock. As said before, volunteerism for the fire department is slowly going away with Madison Township Fire Department currently having (15) dedicated volunteers on the department. I urge any and all residents that have questions or concerns about your township fire department to call and/or stop by one of the three fire stations located in your township.

JOIN US

We are always looking for dedicated hard-working volunteers and/or part-time members to join the department. If interested stop by a station or visit our website to learn more.

Stay Safe!

Kent Hall
Fire Chief

Madison Township Fire Department



MADISON TOWNSHIP
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MADISON TOWNSHIP MISSION STATEMENT

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.

2025 RECYCLING PROGRAMS



Proof of Butler Co. Residency Required (EX. Driver's License)

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF

WHEN: Every THURSDAY
July 3 - October 30
2:00 - 7:00 pm

WHERE: Republic Services
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NOT Accepted: LATEX PAINT, Explosives, Ammunition, Unmarked Cylinders/Drums, Fireworks, Gun Powder, Sharps, Liquid Mercury

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TIRE RECYCLING EVENT

WHEN: Saturday, October 25, 2025
8:00 am - 1:00 pm

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District Update

Madison Local Schools invites all township residents to a Work Session on Tuesday, September 30, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the Madison High School Auditorium.

The purpose of this session is to provide an overview of the district's current financial outlook and the serious challenges we are facing. With a \$400,000 loss in state funding and rising financial pressures, Madison is now looking at potential budget cuts totaling \$1.6 million. These reductions could have a significant impact on staffing, athletics, and transportation. Your presence and input are important as we navigate these difficult decisions together.

Madison High School:

As we kick off a new school year, we're excited to continue building strong partnerships that expand opportunities for our students. One of the most exciting additions this year is the launch of our new Agriculture program in collaboration with Butler Tech, offering hands-on, career-focused learning in Agri-science, sustainability, and food systems. In addition to this program, Madison High School is proud to unveil a state-of-the-art Innovative Learning Lab—an essential step toward preparing students for next-century learning. This dynamic space features a green room for media production, multiple 3D printers, a laser cutting table, large-scale poster and banner equipment, and a variety of other cutting-edge tools designed to spark creativity, critical thinking, and real-world problem-solving. A special thank-you goes out to Rabbit Laser in Middletown for their generous in-kind donation, which helped bring this vision to life. -Go Mohawks!

Madison Middle School:

Walking through the hallways of Madison Middle School, there's a lively buzz in the air as students reconnect after a summer filled with baseball, softball, soccer, swimming, and showcasing their talents at 4-H events during the county fair. With approximately 330 students in grades 6–8, the school is alive with energy and excitement. This year, the hallways are especially welcoming as the school greets four new teachers and three new teacher assistants. Conversations echo with curiosity about new classes like Health for 6th graders and the exciting Career and Technical Education offerings for 7th and 8th graders—Design and Modeling, Automation and Robotics, and Agriculture Food and Natural Resources. Posters and announcements highlight upcoming games for Mohawk athletes in volleyball, football, basketball, wrestling, track, and cheer. Whether it's the sound of laughter, the exchange of ideas, or friends chatting by their lockers, Madison Middle School hallways are always filled with learning, fun, and the spirit of community.

Madison Elementary School:

The new school year is off to a great start, and it's been wonderful to see our students and families settling into routines and reconnecting with one another. Over the past few weeks, our elementary classrooms have truly come to life—filled with vibrant displays, engaging lessons, and a joyful buzz of learning. Our staff has created warm, welcoming spaces where every child feels supported and encouraged to grow.

One exciting addition this year has been our new positive behavior initiative, and we're already seeing great results. Students are rising to the challenge—showing kindness, respect, and responsibility—and we're thrilled to begin recognizing those efforts through our quarterly incentive celebrations. Whether it's a fun event, a unique experience, or a special activity, we're proud to celebrate students who help make our school a positive and inclusive place.

We're also pleased to see our new administrative team settling in and building strong relationships with students, staff, and families. Their passion for supporting our school community is already making a difference, and we're excited for all that lies ahead.

As we continue through the first quarter, we're grateful for the energy, enthusiasm, and support that our entire school community brings each day. Here's to a school year filled with growth, connection, and success!



MADISON LOCAL SCHOOLS

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Mohawks 2025 Football Schedules

VARSITY FOOTBALL

DAY	DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	H/A
Friday	August 22	7:00PM	Preble Shawnee High School	H
Friday	August 29	7:00PM	Madeira High School	A
Friday	September 5	7:00PM	Blanchester High School	A
Friday	September 12	7:00PM	Dayton Christian High School	H
Friday	September 19	7:00PM	Brookville High School	H
Friday	September 26	7:00PM	Eaton High School	A
Friday	October 3	7:00PM	Valley View High School	A
Friday	October 10	7:00PM	Waynesville High School	H
Friday	October 17	7:00PM	Carlisle High School	H
Friday	October 24	7:00PM	Oakwood High School	A

JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL

DAY	DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	H/A
Saturday	August 23	10:00AM	Preble Shawnee High School	A
Saturday	August 30	10:00AM	Madeira High School	H
Saturday	September 6	10:00AM	Blanchester High School	H
Saturday	September 13	10:00AM	Dayton Christian High School	A
Saturday	September 20	10:00AM	Brookville High School	A
Saturday	September 27	10:00AM	Eaton High School	H
Saturday	October 4	10:00AM	Valley View High School	H
Monday	October 13	5:30PM	Waynesville High School	A
Saturday	October 18	10:00AM	Carlisle High School	A
Saturday	October 25	10:00AM	Oakwood High School	H

JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL

DAY	DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	H/A
Wednesday	August 20	5:30PM	Oakwood High School	A
Wednesday	September 3	5:30PM	Wilmington High School	H
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Autumn Inspired Cinnamon Crunch Banana Bread

This recipe is a twist on classic banana bread, with the addition of fall spices and a flavorful crumble topping.



Ingredients

For the banana bread

1.5 cups (195g) all-purpose flour
1 cup (200g) granulated sugar or
3/4 cup (150g) packed brown sugar
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1-1.5 cups (about 3-4 medium) mashed very ripe bananas
2 large eggs
1/2 cup (118ml) canola oil or melted unsalted butter
1/4 cup (60ml) honey or pure maple syrup
1/4 cup (60ml) water or milk/buttermilk

For the crumble topping (optional)

2 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
2 1/2 tablespoons packed brown sugar (light or dark)

Notes

For added texture and flavor, consider adding chopped walnuts or pecans to the batter before baking.

For an even more autumn-inspired flavor, you can substitute 1/4 cup of the mashed banana with pumpkin puree.

Ensure bananas are very ripe (yellow with black spots) for optimal sweetness and moisture.

Avoid overmixing the batter, which can lead to a dense and rubbery texture.

Allow the bread to cool completely before slicing for the best texture and appearance.

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350°F (175°C) and move oven rack to the middle position.
2. Grease the loaf pan (or muffin tin and loaf pan).
3. Combine flour, sugar, cinnamon, baking soda, and salt in a large bowl.
4. In a separate bowl, whisk together mashed bananas, eggs, oil/butter, honey/syrup, and water/milk.
5. Pour the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients and mix until just combined. Be careful not to overmix.
6. If making the crumble topping, mix sugar, cinnamon, and brown sugar in a small bowl.
7. Pour the batter into the prepared loaf pan(s). If using, sprinkle the crumble topping over the batter.
8. Bake for 55-60 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean.
9. If the topping starts to brown too quickly, tent the pan with foil to prevent burning.
10. Let the banana bread cool in the pan on a wire rack for at least 15-20 minutes before removing. For muffins, bake for 20-22 minutes and let cool for 30 minutes in the tin before removing.
11. Slice and serve warm or at room temperature.
12. Store leftover banana bread in an airtight container at room temperature for 3-4 days, or in the refrigerator for up to a week.

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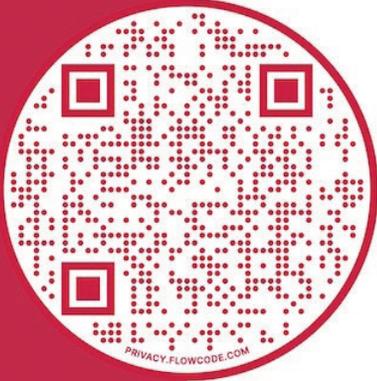
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