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## August 26 National Dog Day

### September is...

National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

National Recovery Month

National Preparedness Month

National Sewing Month

Sept. 10 World Suicide Prevention Day



## Sept. 6 Labor Day



Sept. 14 National Cream Filled Donut Day

### Sept. 11 Patriot Day





Treasurer Chris Slusser ran in the 25th Annual Mud Mountain 5K Classic and Mile Fun Run at SIUE on July 24. His daughter, Zöe, finished the last 50 meters of the race with him. He finished the run run in 29:04.67.











**Coroner Stephen Nonn**, far right, and retired **Chief Deputy Coroner** Roger D. Smith, center, who still volunteers attended the 27th Medicolegal Death and Homicide Investigation Conference Aug. 3 to 5 in Collinsiville.



Coroners for across the state attended the conference at the Gateway Convention Center in Collinsville.



### Remembering William "Bill" R. Haine Aug. 8, 1944 to Aug. 16, 2021

ormer Madison County State's Attorney and Illinois State Sen. William "Bill" Haine died Aug. 16 at 77-years- old.

Haine served as State's Attorney from 1988 until 2002, when he was appointed as a senator of the Illinois' 56th District, to replace Sen Evelyn Bowles. He served until 2018 and chose not to run for re-election after he was diagnosed with blood cancer.

He was his wife, Anna, have seven children — five daughters and two sons, 38 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. The couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 7. His son, Tom Haine, is the current Madison County State's Attorney, who was elected in November 2020.

Haine is a graduate of Saint Louis University. From 1967 to 1969, he served his country in the Vietnam War. After his Army service, Haine received his juris doctorate degree from the Saint Louis University School of Law. The senator was a member of the law firm Bono and Haine in Wood River from 1978 to 1988.

Haine was elected to the Madison County Board in 1978 and again in 1982 and 1986. He also was the chair for the Metro East Transit District Board of Trustees from 1981 to 1988.

Haine was also a member of civic organizations including the Alton Cemetery Board of Trustees, the Illinois State Bar Association, the Knights of Columbus, the Saint Anthony Hospital Health Center Board and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is a former commander of American Legion Post 204.





"Strengthened by the sacraments of the Catholic Church and with his beloved wife of 50 years Anna by his side, retired Senator William R. Haine passed away early in the morning on Aug. 16 after the Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven.

In this time of great sorrow, we feel great joy in knowing that Bill, our beloved husband, father, grandfather, and greatgrandfather, died peacefully. He was to the end a man of deep and committed Faith in Jesus Christ, surrounded by the songs and prayers of his family, to whom he had offered every ounce of his care and devotion.

Though we have every hope that Bill has now joined all the angels and saints in the Kingdom of God for eternity, please continue to pray for his eternal salvation and the comfort of his family, who will miss him greatly."

**The Haine Family** 



"Every day, I must say, Anna and I are just overwhelmed with gratitude for the blessings that we've had."

Bill Haine







"My father is my hero. Many know and appreciate him because of his exceptional life of public service. But all those accomplishments fade to footnotes when compared to his dedicated daily care for his wife and children and wonderful personal virtue."





to Collinsville native Michelle Bartsch-Hackley on bringing home the gold!

The 2008 Collinsville High School graduate and the United States women's volleyball team won its first gold medal in program history Aug. 8 with a 25-21, 25-20, 25-14 victory over Brazil.

The 31-year-old played volleyball collegiately for the University of Illinois in Champaign and was inducted into the Illinois Athletics Hall of Fame in 2020. She currently lives in Champaign with her husband.



#### Madison County residents who've taken part in the U.S. Olympics

Swimming —Tom Jager, Collinsville High School, 1982 graduate Swimming — Billy Stapelton, Edwardsville High School, 1983 graduate

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville athletes Soccer players — Greg Makowski and Don Ebert. Track and Field — George Wood competed in the Shot Put event in the 1968,1972 and and 1976 games.

SIUE Wrestling Coach Larry Kristoff and Bethalto resident finished 5th in wrestling in the 1968 Olympic games.



The Madison County Regional Office of Education provided the information, if you know of other residents who took part in the Olympics please contact us at coboard@co.madison.il.us

# Give us your best

Madison County is holding a photo contest and would like you to send your "best shot" of your community.

"Madison County recently updated its website and would like to highlight the communities online," Chairman Kurt Prenzler said. "We want to showcase the county through the lens of its residents."

The contest starts Aug. 19, which is World Photo Day, and the county is inviting photographers to capture life in Madison County by showcasing beautiful scenery, activities, community, history and charm of their communities.

Photographers have the opportunity to submit their pictures and receive recognition on the county's website, social media pages and in other publications, including the newsletter.

Ideas on what photographers can submit include:

- Arts and history historic sites, landmarks, public art, festivals
- Cityscapes buildings, architecture, skylines
- Landscapes parks, gardens, waterfront, farms, sunrise, sunset
- Lifestyle people, community, photos that showcase everyday life
- Nature/wildlife plants, flowers, trees, animals, insects, birds, seasons, storms
- Transportation —planes, railroad/trains, vehicles, boats, roadways/dirt roads, interstates, bicycles, walking)

Photographers can submit photos to madcoevents@co.madison.il.us. All entries must include first and last name, phone number, e-mail address, and a short description and location of photo. Images submitted must be in .jpg file format, and should be in landscape orientation with a minimum width of 1600 pixels (larger files will be accepted, but not smaller).

The deadline to submit photos is Sept. 30. Photos must be taken in Madison County. By submitting your photo(s), you are agreeing to allow Madison County to use the photos



# **Signs of Suicide**



#### September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

Juicide is a public health crisis, and it ranks as the 10th leading cause of death in the United States.

Suicide does not care about age, gender or sex. September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, a time to draw attention to the problem of suicide and to advocate for the prevention of it.

"Suicide is a human issue and we need to do what we can by having difficult conversations," Madison County Mental Health Board Executive Director Deborah Humphrey said.

During the past 10 years (2010 to 2020) Madison County Coroner's Office recorded 412 suicide deaths. Local mental health providers screened more that 2,600 county residents in 2019 who were positive for suicide risk.

Humphrey said the collected information demands attention and action for community-wide awareness on suicide and prevention education.

In effort to raise awareness about this national health problem, Humphrey said the stigma around mental illness and the shame people feel as a result needs to changes and its often is a reason a person doen't ask for help.

Humphrey said there are numerous false beliefs and myths about suicide. Some believe that nothing can be done to prevent someone from contemplating suicide and taking their own life. Not true — suicide is preventable.



There is also a belief that asking someone about suicide may plant thoughts of suicide. This is also not true.

"Asking someone never gives them the idea, but is a first step toward intervening," Humphrey said.

She said the No. 1 reason people avoid asking someone the question about suicide, is because if they say "yes" they don't know what to do.

"There is help out there," she said.

Humphrey praised Gov. J. B. Pritzker for signing<u>Illinois Senate Bill</u> <u>471</u> into law on July 23, effective Jan. 1, 2022

Senate Bill 471 requires insurance providers to ensure an adequate network of mental healthcare providers is available for beneficiaries that must be within 30 miles or 30 minutes driving distance. If not, insurers must pay for a provider outside the network.

"If someone has a mental health problem and they can't get treatment for it because it's not covered by their insurance, then they often deteriorate in their condition even more," Humphrey said.



Veterans Affairs Commission Superintendent Brad Lavite said veterans are especially at risk, because so many are afraid to come forward for fear of the stigma attached to it.

He said the average number of veterans who commit suicide every day is between 17 and 23.

When a veteran is emotionally wounded and diagnosed with posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and experiences stress, it can trigger an emotional crisis and bring about thoughts of suicide, attempting suicide or death.

For the past two years, Lavite in response to the President's Roadmap to Empower and End National Tragedy of Suicide (PREVENTS) developed the Madison County Veterans Crisis Response Program. On March 5, 2019, the president signed Executive Order 13861, known as PREVENTS and created an interagency task force to lead the development and implementation of a national, comprehensive roadmap to change how our nation treats mental health and understands suicide prevention.

The VAS's Crisis Response Program trains first responders on how to handle veterans in distress and crisis in real-time. In 2020, the program responded to 14 case referrals.

According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs 2020 National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report 46,610 American adults died of suicide in 2018 (the latest numbers available) and 6,435 were veterans.

According to the report suicide continues to increase in the U.S. adult population. 46,510 American adults died by suicide in 2018, compared with 45,390 in 2017 and 31,610 in 2005.5 Across the nation, the number of suicide deaths has been rising since the turn of the millennium.

The average number of suicide deaths per day continues to increase within the general population. The average rose from 86.6 per day in 2005 to 124.4 in 2017 and 127.4 in 2018. The average number of Veteran suicides per day rose from 16.6 in 2005 to 17.6 in 2018. From 2017 to 2018, the average number of Veteran suicides per day rose from 17.5 to 17.6.

Visit the <u>DAV</u> to read the report.

Madison County is set to host a "Prevent Suicide Awareness" event from noon to 3 p.m. on Friday Sept, 10 in the lobby of the Administration Building, 157 N. Main St., Edwardsville in honor of World Suicide Prevention Day.

"Suicide is a human issue and we need to do what we can by having difficult conversations," Humphrey said.

# SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL

HONTH

ental health and substance use disorders affect all communities nationwide, with commitment and support, those impacted can embark on a journey of improved health and overall wellness.

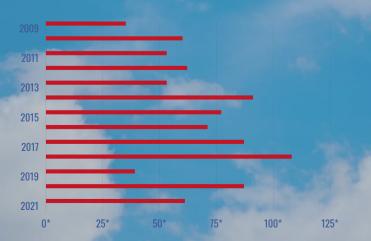
Madison County officials are asking the public to celebrate individuals who have or are currently seeking treatment and recovery services for substance use and mental disorders.

The focus of National Recovery Month is to honor people who are making the journey of recovery possible and embracing the 2021 theme, "Recovery is For Everyone: Every Person, Every Family, Every Community." Recovery Month spreads the message that people can and do recover every day.

Recovery Month promotes the societal benefits of treatment for substance use and mental disorders, celebrates people in recovery, acknowledges the contributions of treatment providers, and promotes the message that recovery is possible.

Recovery Month celebrates the gains made by those in recovery, just as we celebrate health improvements made by those who are managing other health conditions such as hypertension, diabetes, asthma and heart disease. This observance reinforces the positive message that behavioral health is essential to overall health, prevention works, treatment is effective, and people can and do recover.

There are millions of Americans whose lives have been transformed through recovery. Since these successes often go unnoticed by the broader population, Recovery Month provides a vehicle for everyone to celebrate these accomplishments. Each September, tens of thousands of prevention, treatment and recovery programs and facilities around the country celebrate Recovery Month.



Madison County Coroner Data on overdose deaths since 2009





#### MADISON COUNTY PHOTO CONTEST

Who can enter? Anyone

What should the photos be about? Madison County arts & history, cityscapes, landscapes, lifestyle, nature/wildlife and transportation

When? The deadline to enter photos is Sept. 30, 2021.

Where do I enter? Send photos to <u>madcoevents@co.madison.il.us</u>. Include photographers name, email address and location of photo. Images submitted must be in .jpg file format, and should be in landscape orientation with a minimum width of 1600 pixels (larger files will be accepted, but not smaller).

Why?Madison County wants to see the county as you see it and share your work for others to see too.

The photos selected will be used on the county's website, social media pages and in other promotional material to include the newsletter





IMPACT SUICIDE MAKING A CHANGE

# IMPACT SUICIDE SEPTEMBER 10, 2021

8:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Cost: \$20, Students Attend Free

#### WHAT IS IMPACT SUICIDE?

Please join us for online presentations that will speak to suicide prevention as it relates to diversity and inclusion. The topics highlighted will cover a wide array of information that will be helpful to professionals and the layperson alike

The conference will also host a virtual panel that will share information on resources available in Madison and St. Clair counties, including other helpful general resources.

It is the goal of the conference to provide insightful information, through research and tangible resources that IMPACT suicide!

CEU:: CEUs will be applied for: LCSW/LSW; LCPC/LPC; RN, APP

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OSF Conference funding provided by:

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#### VASTE? RECYCLE IT RESPONSIBLY!



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#### JOIN US ON THESE 2021 COLLECTION DATES!

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APRIL 10	8AM-2:30PM
JUNE 12	8AM-2:30PM
SEPT. 11	8AM-2:30PM
OCT. 9	8AM-2:30PM

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# COUNTY OFFICIALS CORNER Monthly Reports by Elected Officials





# TEISK Patrols

he Cross-River Crime Task Force deployed its first detail.

Twelve Madison County law enforcement agencies took part in the detail on July 16. For six hours, task force officer and dispatchers from the Alton Police Department monitored plate readers (LPR) in the Alton area to search for potential law violation notifications.

"I am proud of the departments and officers that dedicated their time and energy to this task force deployment," Major Jeff Connor, Madison County deputy sheriff and commander of the Cross-River Crime Force Connor said. "This was the first of many deployments and I look forward to future activations across Madison County. We hope and anticipate this type of police action will help our citizens feel safer as we strive to take action against those who violate our laws.'

The violations that the task force members searched for included stolen automobiles. stolen license plates, and registered vehicle owners either wanted on warrants or with driver's license violations.

During this detail, officers responded to LPR hits for a vehicle connected to a retail theft in Godfrey, a vehicle connected to an unlawful order of protection violation, and a driver operating a vehicle on a suspended license. Another LPR hit during this patrol identified a vehicle that had allegedly been stolen earlier in the day, and charges were presented to the St. Louis resident by the Metro East Auto Theft Task Force.

The Cross-River Crime Task Force is comprised of law enforcement officials from federal, state, county, and local agencies with the goal of combining resources and manpower to protect Madison County from criminals who cross state lines to commit violent crimes. The task force plans to schedule regular patrols throughout communities in Madison County.

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State's Attorney

**Criminal Felony Cases Filed** Number of cases file 2,318 Number of charges filed 3.127

**Criminal Felony Dispositioned** Number of cases Dispositioned 1.943

Jan. 1 through July 31

Number of charges Dispositioned 2.887









UNFIED COMMAND POST

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Adison County's Emergency Management Agency (EMA) has launched a new drone program under its Bureau of Air Operations.

The DJI Matrice drone that the agency houses and deploys has already been used at several local incidents including a large structure fire in Alton and at the June rail car leak in Wood River.

"We currently have three FAA Part 107 Licensed SUAS Pilots, including Capt. Matthew Bogard," EMA Director Tony Falconio, said. "They have all gone through lots of training and put in the time to get these certifications."

Members of the drone deployment team took multiple training courses though the Western Illinois University GIS Center and School of Law Enforcement and Justice Administration; with the collaboration of the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board Executive Institute. Since attending, the team has developed their own training aids and courses based on the National Institute of Standards and Technology's Standard test methods for small unmanned aircraft systems.

"We plan on taking the knowledge we have gained and sharing it," Falconio said about EMA's plan to create coordinated trainings. "We will be able to respond to real world incidents with multiple local and federal agencies in different locations throughout the County."

In addition to deploying the drone for structure fires, hazmat incidents and missing person searches it will also be deployed to survey damage for the National Weather Service when severe storms impact the county.

With the team's certifications established, Falconio said the next step they hope to take is applying for grants to upgrade the technology they have.

"We'd like to get grant funding to upgrade to quickly deployable drones with higher quality infrared and video capabilities," Falconio said.

# Madison County to host Job Fair

he 31st annual Jobs Plus Regional Job Fair is set to take place next month.

The free event, sponsored by Madison and St. Clair Counties, will run from 9 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, Sept. 22 at Gateway Convention Center, 1 Gateway Drive, Collinsville.

Madison County Director of Employment and Training Tony Fuhrmann said there are plenty of jobs in the area and local businesses are looking to hire. "I would encourage anyone who's looking for a job or looking for a different job to come out and visit with these employers," Fuhrmann said.

Fuhrmann said the timing of this year's job fair coincides with the end of enhanced unemployment benefits, "This is an opportunity for job seekers reentering the workforce to discover what jobs are available and interview with employers in need of workers. We anticipate job seekers receiving job offers during the event."

Sarah Lorio, Work-Based Learning Coordinator with Employment and Training and chair of Jobs Plus '21, said employers looking to hire may register for free by calling (618) 296-4352 or by emailing edlord@co.madison.il.us.

Businesses that register receive an 8-foot table, 2 chairs, and advertising. WiFi will be available for anyone looking to complete online applications and on-site copying services will be provided.

Lorio said there will be interpreters onsite for hearing impaired and Spanish speaking job seekers. Applicants should bring their résumés, be prepared to interview and should be dressed professionally.

"Helping our citizens find jobs and providing them with more opportunities is priority No. 1 for us," Fuhrmann said.

Sponsors for the years' event include: Madison County Employment and Training; St. Clair County Intergovernmental Grants Department Workforce Development Group; Caritas Family Solutions/SCSEP; Illinois Department of Employment Security; Illinois Department of Human Services/Division of Rehabilitation Services; Lewis & Clark Community College; Madison-Bond-Jersey-Calhoun Workforce Innovation Board; Madison County Housing Authority; Mid America Workforce Investment Board; Southern Illinois University Edwardsville; and Southwestern Illinois College.

Face coverings will be required for all attendees according to current CDC guidelines. Organizers ask that you do not attend this event in person if you are or have been experiencing any cold or flu-like symptoms within the last 72 hours or have had contact with anyone positive with COVID-19 within the past 14 days. We appreciate your cooperation in helping our community stay safe.

Visit Employment and Training's website at <u>www.co.madison.il.us/mcetd</u> for event updates.

Additional information about this event may be obtained by contacting Ethan Lord at (618) 296-4352 or edlord@co.madison.il.us.



Attention Illinois Small Business Owners! **\$250 Million** now available through State of Illinois Back 2 Business (B2B) Grant Program

\$5K - \$150K Grants Available

### Supporting a Strong, Equitable **Recovery for Illinois'** Small Businesses



The **Back to Business (B2B)** grant program is a key component of Governor JB Pritzker's \$1.5 billion economic package designed to maximize the impact of American Rescue Plan Act funds provided to Illinois. It sets forth \$250 Million for businesses that have experienced losses due to the COVID-19 pandemic to support them in their recovery.

#### Here's What You Need to Know.

- \$5,000-\$150,000 grants to cover operations/staff/overhead costs
- Must have revenues of \$20 million or less in 2019 and a reduction in revenue in 2020 due to COVID-19
- Priority given for these businesses applying:
  - Hardest hit industries such as hotels, salons, fitness centers, restaurants, and more.
  - Disproportionately Impacted Areas (DIAs) economically distressed communities which have had higher case counts of COVID-19.
  - Businesses who have yet to gualify for state or federal assistance, including the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF), BIG, and more.

#### Application is fast and easy!

- New interface designed to help small business owners track and learn updates on their application status in real-time
- B2B application portal at www.illinois.gov/dceo
- What You need:
  - A copy of your business's 2019 AND 2020 Federal tax returns
  - Two business bank statements one from the period March through December 2020, and your most recent statement
  - Business owner ID (ITIN accepted)
- Applications will be accepted starting August 18, 2021



#### Need application assistance?

Help is available in every region of the state and in multiple languages. Over 100 community navigators stand ready to assist with grants applications. Find a community navigator near you www.illinois.gov/dceo.

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"Going Green" for your back-to-school routine

he Madison County Green Schools Program provides support, incentives, and educational resources for new and ongoing resource management practices within Madison County schools. The values of the program are rooted in the wise use of resources, the creation of healthy outdoor spaces in and around schools, and access to meaningful learning opportunities about Madison County's ecology and natural spaces.

#### **Program Objectives**

Offer a comprehensive education program that promotes student learning about local environmental concepts and processes.

2. Provide support for schools working to improve resource and energy management practices and environmental science-based learning experiences.

3. Generate community awareness and encourage wise management of land, air, and water while increasing resident engagement with outdoor spaces in Madison County.



Throughout the school year, students and staff are provided with the opportunity to participate in many county-wide competitions and recycling collection programs to support the efforts of their school. Some of these efforts include; plastic cap collection, Fantastic Plastic competition (plastic bag recycling), used eyeglasses and key recycling, rain gauge program, Mississippi River Plastic Pollution Competition, Used Shoe fundraiser and Competition, Clean Air Bookmark Competition, PhotoVoice Competition

**Professional Development** opportunities for teachers, such as the Sustainability Institute for Educators and the Environmental Education Association of Illinois annual conference, are also supported through the Green Schools Program. Scholarships are available for participating Madison County educators to attend.

Additionally, **Green Seed Grant** funding is available to schools working on projects to reach their identified sustainability goals. Grants are due the second Friday in January and are awarded on a reimbursement basis.

Eligible projects include those that seek to: ·

- Reduce overall waste
- Improve energy efficiency
- Enhance, improve, or preserve the quality of air land, or water in and around school grounds
- Support the health of Madison County ecology, natural resources, and local flora and fauna

To learn more about the Green Schools Program, visit <u>https://www.co.madison.il.us/departments/planning\_and\_develop\_ment/green\_schools\_programs.php\_</u>or contact Green Schools Coordinator Bailey Lutz at bnlutz@co.madison.il.us or (618) 296-4606.



Check out the Citizens Guide on the county's website to find out more on the operations of Madison County Government and its departments.

### Madison County Board Meeting Update

Check out the calendar to view upcoming County Board and Committe meertings.

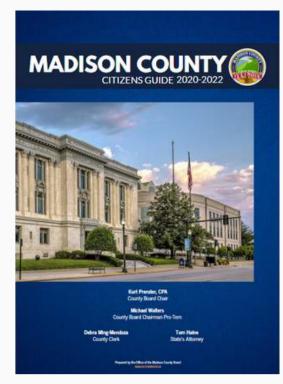
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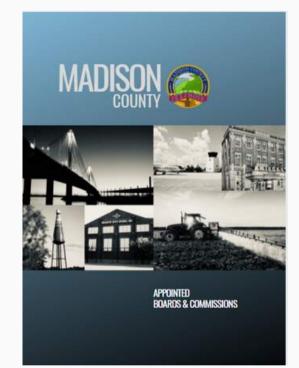
The public is invited to attend County Board meetings, which are held in the Board Room at the Madison County Administration Building, 157 N. Main St., Edwardsville, III.

> To listen to past meetings, or read approved minutes, visit <u>https://www.co.madison.il.us/departments/</u> <u>county\_clerk/county\_board\_records/board</u> <u>agendas\_and\_minutes.php</u>for more information.



The Madison County Board Chair appoints individuals to more than 70 boards and commissions throughout Madison County. Click on the booklet to find out more.





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Madison County Government continues to share the latest updates surrounding the county's response to COVID-19 on its website and social media pages.



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