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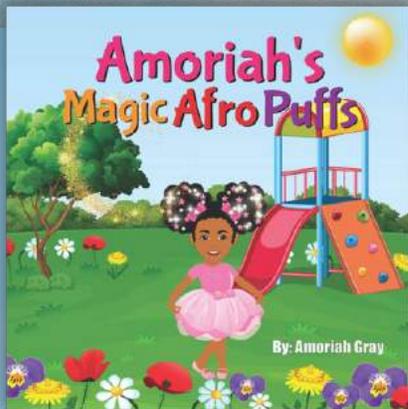
Madison County Recognizing Excellence



Chairman Kurt Prenzler, Board member Michael "Doc" Holliday, Amoriah Gray and her parents, Angela and Gray.

Madison County Chairman Kurt Prenzler and the County Board recognized two youth in August for their athletic and authoring achievements.

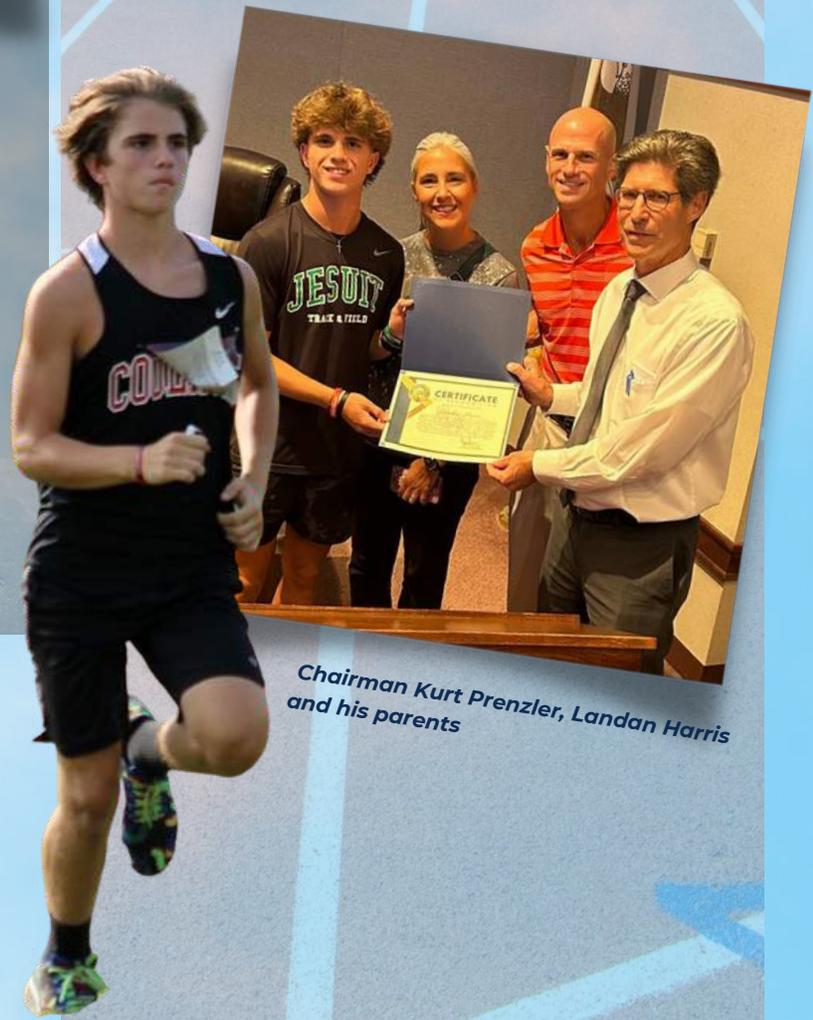
Prenzler and Board member Michael "Doc" Holliday presented Amoriah Gray with a Certificate of Recognition for her entrepreneurship skills as a young author. The 8-year-old published her first book, "Amoriah's Magic Afro Puffs." She wrote the book to encourage and inspire little girls who look like herself to love their natural hair.



Prenzler presented Landon Harris a Certificate of Recognition for taking first place in the 800- and 1,600-meter runs during the Illinois Elementary School Association's Track and Field State Finals on May 12-13 in East Peoria. The then Coolidge Junior High School student in Granite City ran the 800-meter in 2:01.16 and the 1,600 in 4:31.56. Last fall, Landon also captured the IESA state title in Cross Country in the two-mile race with a time of 10:26, earning Granite City its first state distance title in boys' cross country.

Harris is now a freshman at Granite City High School and starting his first season on the cross country team.

Madison County congratulates both individuals for a "job well done!"



Chairman Kurt Prenzler, Landon Harris and his parents

Staying Safe

with the *State's Attorney*

Madison County State's Attorney Tom Haine joined the Madison Branch NAACP, which serves Madison, Venice and Granite City in a forum on community safety. Haine discussed ways to avoid scams and other important issues



2nd Installment of Property Taxes Due

Madison County Treasurer Office is reminding the public that the second property tax installment due on Wednesday, Sept. 6.

Taxpayers can also pay by mail, in person at the Treasurer's Office, or at one of the more than 100 collector banks and credit unions.

Summary of payment options:

- Visit madcotreasurer.org to pay by eCheck or credit card.
- Mail payments to Madison County Treasurer, P.O. Box 849 (with coupon) or P.O. Box 729 (without coupon) Edwardsville, IL 62025
- In person, weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Madison County Administration Building, Treasurer's Office, Suite 125, Edwardsville
- More than 100 collector banks or credit unions. Tax coupons required.
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For questions or more information visit www.madcotreasurer.org or contact the Treasurer's Office at 618-692-6260.





Madison County Cares

Many of us know someone or heard of someone who died by suicide. We ask ourselves when it happens what could we have done to recognize the symptoms in order to prevent the tragedy.

“It’s heartbreaking that an individual feels like there is no hope other than to take their own life,” Deborah Humphrey, director of the Madison County Mental Health Board, said.

Humphrey said that September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month and the Mental Health Board would like to see the trend in suicide rates in the county diminish.

Since Jan. 1, there have been 25 individuals who’ve taken their own lives in Madison County. The Madison County Coroners Office reports that through the end of August there were 13 who took their life by gunshot, eight by hanging, two by overdose and two by a sharp instrument.

For all those who do take their own life, there are millions more who have serious thoughts of suicide and go as far to make a plan or attempt it.

So, how do you recognize the signs of suicide risk?

“There’s no single cause for suicide,” Humphrey said. “But educating people of some of the signs can assist in getting those in distress the help they need.”

Suicide most often occurs when stressors and health issues converge to create an experience of hopelessness and despair.

Suicide is a major public health concern and a leading cause of death in the U.S. and a concern in Madison County.

Madison County’s suicide rates range from 31 to 50 suicides annually since 2019. The current data suggests that 2023 will be on trend with years past.

Humphrey said the Mental Health Board will aim to raise awareness during Suicide Prevention Awareness Month by sharing resources to help others recognize the warning signs for suicide and know how to get help.

“The goals will be to raise awareness, help individuals educate themselves, and encourage everyone to look out for others,” she said.

The Mental Health Board planned various suicide prevention activities for the month to include media messaging, training and education, and encouraging attendance in a suicide loss event occurring in the Metro East.

Madison County Suicide Deaths

Year	Number of Suicides
2019	50
2020	31
2021	43
2022	44
2023	25 (January through August)

Suicide Prevention activities will kick-off on Sept. 8, with a major concentration of activities taking place during Suicide Prevention Week — Sept. 10 to 16. The suicide prevention activities will aim to reduce the stigma surrounding suicide and encourage the pursuit of mental health assistance.

“The message that we want to share is mental health needs to be normalized and going to therapy should be looked at just like health prevention such as going to the dentist or other practitioner,” Humphrey said.

The Suicide Prevention Month will offer several free events Madison County wide.

Throughout the month the Mental Health Board will make daily Facebook posts sharing suicide prevention information and how to connect with ourselves, our loved ones, with community, and connecting to hope and healing. Visit the Mental Health Board Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/co.madison.il.us> to find out more

On Sept. 8, the Mental Health Board will host the IMPACT Conference that will include an array of sessions. One session is targeted for parents, school faculty and staff members, community partners, mental health providers and other adults with a regular interaction with youth. Another session will be a resource panel with local experts in suicide mental health, substance use, prevention resources.

Visit <https://www.impactsuicide.net> to register for the event.

On Sept. 13, Madison County is invited to attend the St. Clair County Suicide Prevention Alliance QPR question, Persuade and Refer, Suicide Prevention Training at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows at the Conference Center followed by a Suicide Loss Vigil at the Snows Grotto.

“Recognizing the signs and symptoms of someone experiencing mental distress and knowing how to offer assistance can potentially make a significant difference in their life,” Humphrey said

Listen Learn Heal



Warning Signs for Suicide

- Painful feelings of depression, guilt, or shame
- Feelings of hopelessness, despair, or inability to escape an unbearable problem
- Intense feelings of anxiety or feeling overwhelmed
- Preoccupation with death, feelings of worthlessness, or being a burden to others
- Preparing for death, such as preparing a will or getting other affairs in order, giving away possessions, acquiring lethal means to harm oneself (e.g., buying a firearm, stockpiling pills or medications, internet searches for ways to die)
- A significant change in behavior, including withdrawal from friends/family, inability to function, decreased self-care.

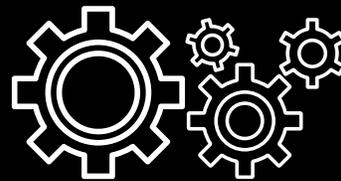
Additional Risk Factors

- Increased drinking or substance use
- A history of previous suicidal behavior or attempts.
- A history of diagnosed depression, PTSD, alcohol-use disorder, or other mental health condition.
- Social factors: relationship loss, social isolation, being bullied

Navigating a Mental Health Crisis

- Talk openly and honestly. Don't be afraid to ask questions like: "Do you have a plan for how you would kill yourself?"
- Remove means such as guns, knives or stockpiled pills
- Calmly ask simple and direct questions, like "Can I help you call your psychiatrist?"
- If there are multiple people around, have one person speak at a time
- Express support and concern
- Don't argue, threaten or raise your voice
- Don't debate whether suicide is right or wrong
- If you're nervous, try not to fidget or pace
- Be patient

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Gateway Registered Apprenticeship reaches 1-year mark

Madison County's Employment and Training Department (MCETD) continues to make progress through the Gateway Apprenticeship Hub program, one year after the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) awarded a \$5.8 million grant.

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Fuhrmann said through August 15, they have registered six new apprenticeship programs for healthcare and education positions and enrolled 45 individuals into the programs.

Training providers from across the region, which include the University of Missouri- St. Louis, Southern Illinois University- Edwardsville, McKendree University, Southwestern Illinois College, Lewis and Clark Community College, Jefferson College, the Special School District of St. Louis County, and St. Louis Community College, among others, utilize the grant's resources to develop pre-apprenticeship training programs.

"These pre-apprenticeship programs will allow the individuals seeking apprenticeships to gain the skills and knowledge necessary to begin the apprenticeship programs," Fuhrmann said.

Fuhrmann said that MCETD collaborated with BioSTL and the regional workforce development boards to establish relationships with employers and training providers. The employers include BJC, SSM, HSHS, Washington University, Hazelwood School District, St. Louis Public Schools, and Stillwater Senior Living.

"Several apprenticeship programs have been registered for these employers, with additional programs still in development," Fuhrmann said.

Visit GatewayApprenticeshipHub.com or contact the MCETD at (618) 296-4992 for more information about the program.

Madison County grants Meadowbrook Fire Protection District \$60,000 in ARPA funding



Meadowbrook Fire Protection District will be breathing a little easier thanks to \$60,000 in ARPA funding from Madison County.

County Board member Terry Eaker of Bethalto said the county granted the fire district the funding for new self-contained breathing apparatus and air tanks.

Meadowbrook Fire Chief Curt Troutman said the district spent \$107,000 on the new equipment.

“We replaced our SCBA gear that was 15 years old,” Troutman said. “Each firefighter will get a new air pack and each tank has an extra bottle of air.”

He said the district purchased 13 SCBA packs and 26 air bottles. The new gear also includes amplified masks.

“The masks allow firefighters to have hands free communications,” he said.

Troutman said the new masks are an important tool in fire ground

communication and safety. He said the district will keep the old masks as a backup.

He said the new SCBA gear also includes a buddy breather system.

“A buddy breather system is the last line of defense for a firefighter who is down or running out of air,” he said.

A buddy breather system is a rescue technique for two people to share one air source, alternately breathing from it. The old SCBA gear was not equipped with the system,

The fire district’s annual levy is around \$164,000. There are 13 volunteer firefighters, including one who is active duty military.

Eaker said the county wanted award ARPA funding to taxing districts/agencies that would impact the most amount of taxpayers.

“The county granted fire districts \$1.56 million in revenue replacement funding,” he said. “Each district was awarded \$60,000 for reimbursement of equipment they purchased.”



Madison County Board Member Terry Eaker presents a \$60,000 ARPA check to Meadowbrook Fire Protection District Chief Curt Troutman. Troutman shows Eaker the equipment the funding helped purchase



It's never too early to prepare for a disaster

September is National Preparedness Month

When disasters strike — be prepared!

Every year, the United States observes National Preparedness Month in September to remind Americans to be ready for any disaster — man-made or natural — that could affect them, their homes, communities, or businesses. This year's theme is "The life you've built is worth protecting."

"People should prepare for any disaster," Madison County Emergency Management Agency Director Fred Patterson said. "Especially one that could have them leaving their home."

Patterson said the month long event is to create awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time.

"One of the first things people should do is build an emergency kit," he said.

An emergency kit should include:

- Non-perishable food and water that will last for several days,
- Manual can opener
- Flashlights
- Radios and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Medications
- Sanitation and personal hygiene items
- Copies of personal documents (birth certificates, insurance policies, list of medications, proof of address, passport, license)
- Emergency blankets
- Multi-purpose tool
- Cell-phone chargers
- Extra cash
- Family and emergency contact information
- Whistle (to signal for help if needed)
- Pet supplies (food, a selfie with them in case you are separated, medicine and grooming items, collar with ID and leash)

"People should also consider any special needs your family may have," Patterson said. "Make sure your kids know important phone numbers and who to contact if they are separated from you."

Protect your family
and your property
from disasters.



Patterson said when youth prepare and practice for an emergency; it improves their ability to take immediate and informed action during a disaster.

Visit the [Madison County EMA](#) online to learn more and remember preparing for disasters is about making sure you are keeping a lasting legacy for you and your family.

M provides emergency relief to first responders



Madison County Transit provided buses as cooling centers during a salvage yard fire last month in Pontoon Beach.

As firefighters battled a blaze around 8:30 p.m. on Aug. 20 Madison County Emergency Management Agency Director Fred Patterson reached out to MCT about providing air-conditioned cooling buses near the site to provide critical relief for the personnel from more than 20 area fire departments who were working to extinguish the fire. The location of the fire was a 10-acre salvage yard east of IL-111, between the Alton and Southern Railroad tracks and the Cahokia Canal.

MCT Lead Road Supervisor Ed Sims, Director of Operations Pam Ruyle and Fixed-Route Operations Manager Delanders Crochrell worked to find drivers and deploy buses to the site as quickly as possible.

MCT Managing Director SJ Morrison commended the efforts of the three.

"Throughout the many hours that a bus was present at the scene, we also had four bus drivers who I want to acknowledge for staying late and working extra hours," Morrison said. "Those drivers were David Finegar, Marlas Camp, Amy Powell, and Wayman Ingram."

"I want to commend Ed Sims, Pam Ruyle, and Delanders Crochrell for their quick action and the extra time they spent coordinating these efforts," MCT Managing Director SJ Morrison said. "Throughout the many hours that a bus was present at the scene, we also had four bus drivers who I want to acknowledge for staying late and working extra hours."

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More than 180 first responders, including police and fire fighters, were on the scene and took shifts in the air-conditioned buses to escape the extreme heat.

"Madison County Transit provided buses on-scene which were staged as essential cooling stations for our first responders," Patterson said. "This help was instrumental in keeping them from being overheated. Our partnership with MCT in serving our community is second to none."

Morrison said MCT respects the brave men and women in fire and police departments who are willing to run toward an emergency in order to protect our communities and get the situation under control.

"We're pleased that we could play a small role to keep them safe and comfortable throughout this incident," he said.

The emergency relief effort was led by the Madison County EMA. EMA coordinated the emergency response and provided water and other support to the on-site first responders.

"Once again, the MCT team was impressed by Madison County Emergency Management," Morrison said. "Their quick and efficient coordination efforts were critical in this emergency situation. Our thanks to Fred Patterson for his ongoing leadership and commitment to the safety of Madison County communities."

Sheriff's Office makes drop off in RX4 Safety Initiative



Deputies from the Madison County Sheriff's Office made their drop off in regard to the "RX4 Safety" prescription drug initiative.

Sheriff Jeff C. Connor, in partnership with Madison County Building and Zoning and ALL the Police Chiefs of Madison County, in this collection, collected more than 1,600 pounds of prescription and over-the-counter medications. These medications have been disposed of at a federally regulated location, approved by the E.P.A. (Environmental Protection Agency). Since implementation of the RX4Safety program in April 2015, the Sheriff's Office has disposed of over 14 tons of medication.

This is a collective effort between the community and law enforcement to protect the environment from the improper disposal of medications/drugs and to keep our prescription medications from being accidentally ingested, stolen, or misused.

Secured drop off bins are located at the following Police Departments: Alton, Collinsville, East Alton, Edwardsville, Glen Carbon, Granite City, Highland, Madison County Sheriff's Office, Maryville, Roxana, SIU-E, Troy, and Wood River. These bins were provided by CVS Pharmacy, Republic Waste and the American Water Company.

The outstanding part of this initiative is that these drop off locations are available to the citizens 24 hours a day 7 days a week. Citizens don't have to wait for a specific date to get these items out of their homes.

These are the items we CAN accept:

Any over the counter medications, vitamins, liquids, narcotics, cough syrup, prescription medicines, hormones, painkillers, antibiotics, ointments, oils, and any unidentified pills.

These are the items we CANNOT accept:

Oxygen tanks, asthma inhalers, mercury thermometers, hearing aids, household waste, and sharps or needles.

If you have any questions regarding this initiative, or the information provided in this release, please feel free to contact Jaimie Linton, Administrator of Business Affairs, for the Madison County Sheriff's Office at (618) 296-4850.

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Dirty Mugs Performs at 8 p.m.

Noon-11 p.m. - Saturday, Sept. 9
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1-5:00 p.m. - Sunday, September 10
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9am: Bocce Ball at Glidden Park
11am: Little Miss & Mister Pageant
MC by Deluxe DJs & Entertainment

12-12:30pm: Raiders Cheer

4pm: Parade
5-8pm: Shotgun Creek
8:30-10pm: Brady Seals

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2pm: Pizza Eating Contest
3-5pm: Alex Rich
7-10pm: Baywolfe



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Leadership Council gives Aviation Industry updates to county leaders



Madison County officials attended an Aviation Industry event in August hosted by Leadership Council of Southwestern Illinois, learning about the various aviation companies and the hundreds of new jobs landing in the region.

“We are a very robust aviation environment in southwestern Illinois,” Director Kyle Anderson said. “Recruiting can be difficult and awareness isn’t here, but it’s growing.”

Anderson welcomed the crowd of around 80, which included Chairman Kurt Prenzler, County Administrator Dave Tanzyus, Community Development Director Chris Otto, Economic Development director Holly Klausung and Employment and Training Director Tony Fuhrmann on Aug. 22 in Collinsville.

Anderson said the leadership council made the decision to host the event during National Aviation Week (Aug. 19 to 25) so it could showcase the region and its aviation environment.

“Our region has a lot of different opportunities and we want to help people find their love and passion for aviation,” he said.

He said there are plenty of job opportunities in region for aviation enthusiasts. Boeing announced it is adding 300 jobs, Gulfstream 200 and West Star 85, he said

“When talking to these companies, the talent pipeline isn’t always there,” he said. “We want to change that.”

Representatives from Boeing, Scott Air Force Base, West Star Aviation and Gulfstream spoke to the group

Joe Meyer, Boeing’s field marketing lead for Scott AFB Strategic Marketing Office, said there is growth in the aviation industry, including the St. Louis region.

“Boeing has a deep history in the St. Louis region and its footprint is largely defense,” Meyer said.

Meyer said in 2011, Boeing started transitioning some of its manufacturing work from Missouri to Illinois.

Meyer said as a company, Boeing focuses on:

- Investing in Innovation
- Investing in the Region
- Investing in Employees
- Investing in the Community
- Sustainability

He said the company is continuing to invest in its Illinois location and is bringing 300 jobs that will include everything from ramp to manufacturing.

Kyle Rutner, public affairs state director for Gulfstream, said the Savannah, Ga. based company was excited to invest in southwest Illinois.

“We are creating value for our customers,” Rutner said. “We have 3,000 gulfstream aircraft in service around the world.”

He said the company is creating value for its customers by building private business aircraft. In 2017, Gulfstream moved into the St. Louis Downtown Airport where it customizes the aircraft.

He said the company also focuses being sustainable and it’s committed customer support. Gulfstream also is partnering with local high schools for leadership training, apprenticeship and intern programs.

“We also have a great partnerships with technical college systems, Rutner said. “We know at the end of the day we are committed to southwestern Illinois.”

He said transitioning military veterans make up 25 percent of the company’s workforce.

Bryan Bauwens, general manager for West Star Aviation said the company focuses on MRO, or maintenance repair and overhaul. There are four locations, including one at St. Louis Regional Airport in Bethalto.

There are 1,800 employees between its Bethalto and Colorado locations.

“We operate in 420, 000 square feet of space in Bethalto and just broke ground on a new 40,000 square foot hanger,” Ballens said.

Ballens said the Leadership Council’s event is about showcasing the regions aviation industry and getting the next generation into the workforce.

“Are we taking the right steps so the employees wants to come to work?” he asked. “People think about working on airplanes to make them fly, but there is so much more when it comes to the aviation industry.”

He said job include everything from aircraft maintenance technicians and avionics technicians to carpenters who work on building out and customizing aircraft.

“We offer jobs that high school students can enter the workforce after graduating,” he said. “Starting salaries can be anywhere from \$20 to \$40 from skill set to training and more.”

Scott Raether, employment program manager for Scott Air Force Base’s Military and Family Readiness, said they will be hosting Aviation Industry only job fair at Scott Air Force on Friday, Sept. 29.

Following the speakers, industry leaders held a panel discussion, which included representatives from Madison and St. Clair Counties, Lewis and Clark Community College, Southwestern Illinois College, Scott Air Force Base and the directors of St. Louis

Regional Airport in Bethalto, St. Louis Downtown Airport in Cahokia Heights and Mid-America Airport in Mascoutah.

The panel discussed the job availability in the aviation industry in Illinois. One of the issues the leaders talked about was the workforce and educational opportunities to include apprenticeships.

SWIC is currently the only college to offer aviation degrees and certificate programs in Madison and St. Clair counties.

President of LCCC, Dr. Ken Trzaska, said the community college was in the exploratory stages of an aviation program.

One of the questions asked during the panel was "What would you tell parents today to overcome the hurdle of parents who say 'my kids are going to college no matter what'?"

"I think getting into high schools more often and talking about the aviation industry," Trzaska said. "Tell (parents) its a remarkable opportunity and there are multiple pathways into this industry."

The panel agreed and said that a 4-year is not needed to find a job in the aviation industry, including one that pays well.

"There is everything from skilled labor to management," Director of St. Louis Downtown Airport Sandra Shore said.

"This is no longer your grandfather's factory job," Rick Stubblefield, executive director St. Clair County Intergovernmental Grants and Economic Development Department.

Fuhrmann said that part of learning about the aviation industry is for companies/ high schools to connect with Workforce Development.

"Part of learning about the aviation industry is the amount of career and technical education (CTE) that is needed.," Fuhrman said. "We are spending less than our neighboring states. We need to learn how to be better partners in the industry."



Bryan Bauwens, general manager for West Star Aviation



Community Development Director Chris Otto, Chairman Kurt Prenzler, HOME/Economic Development Program Coordinator Holly Klausung and LCSI Director Kyle Anderson.

Fuhrmann said that federal house members voted to eliminate funding for workforce programs for youth, which is the opposite from what the industry is needing.

"We need industry support and a push to increase funding," he said. "Help us push the state to provide CTE funding. The days and generations to push for everyone to go to college is ending and people are seeing different pathways for their future in the workforce."

Tezaka said the educators need to reimagine the model because not everyone wants to go to school for four years. He said there are programs that allow people to get hired in the industry and "hop on and off" the education train by taking certification classes as they go.

Anderson said he felt the aviation event went well and he felt there would be continued discussions about the aviation industry's future in Illinois.

"We live in a region that we work together, Anderson said.

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The Race
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Madison County Employment and Training continues to serve as lead agency



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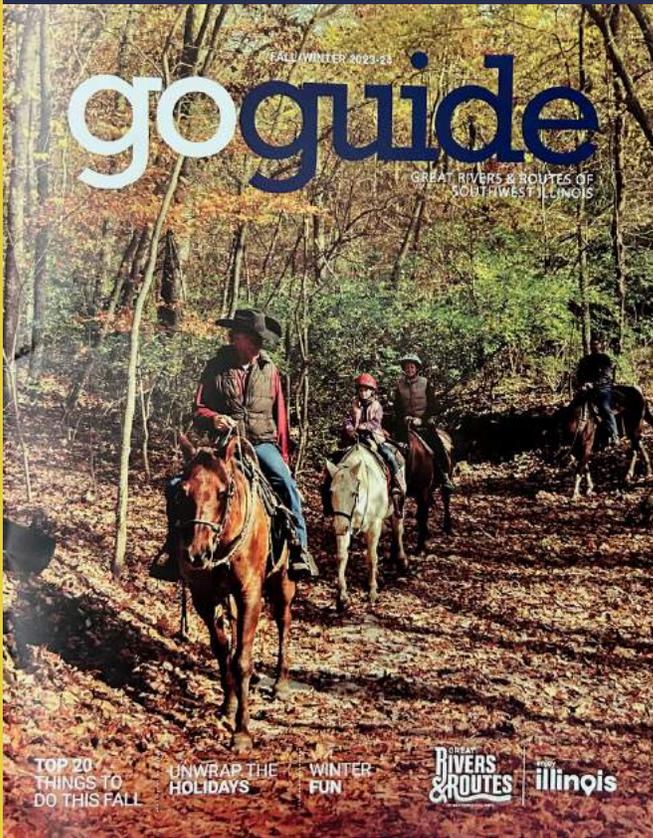
"The St. Louis metro region is home to an incredible number of leaders in the healthcare, bioscience and education industries," Employment and Training Director Tony Fuhrmann said. "We're pleased that this grant has allowed us to collaborate with employers and education providers on both sides of the river to provide individuals with opportunities to begin careers in these fields."

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Fuhrmann said through August 15, they have registered six new apprenticeship programs for healthcare and education positions and enrolled 45 individuals into the programs.



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MADISON COUNTY offering resource toolkits



Communities around the globe are coming together to make a difference in keeping their neighborhoods and outdoor spaces clean and more enjoyable.

Madison County wants to offer residents the opportunity to join them with Building and Zoning's Clean Communities Resource Program.

"National Cleanup Day is Sept. 16," Madison County Building and Zoning Director Chris Doucleff said. "We hope people will get outside and pick up trash and debris, even if its just in their neighborhood. We continues to offer free cleanup resource tool kits for volunteers who who need it."

September is National Cleanup Month and its held in conjunction with National Cleanup Day, which more than 180 countries take part in. The day is about focusing on cleaning up litter, trash and "free range" plastic.

"Madison County wants everyone to focus on reducing the amount of litter and trash in their communities," Doucleff said.

The county continues to coordinate with residents, schools and community groups to target problem areas. Since inception in March 2021, the county has distributed more than 3,700 resource tool kits residents.

"There have been a lot of people take part in this program," Doucleff said.

He said that studies show that the highest indicator that someone will pick up litter is if they witness someone else picking up litter.

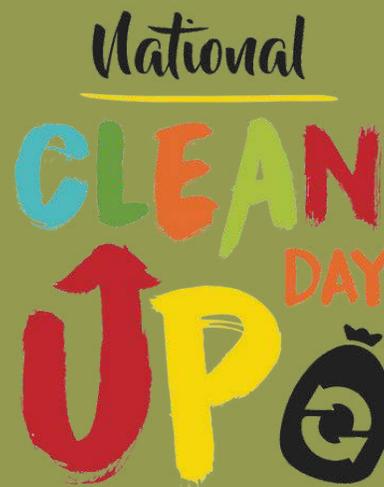
"Volunteering not only encourages others to join in, but it helps support local communities," he said.

The kits include trash bags, reflective vests, gloves and litter grabbers.

Volunteers can pick up their resource tool kit, which includes ash bags, reflective vests, gloves and litter grabbers, at the Madison County Administration Building, Suite 254, 157 N. Main St., Edwardsville. Up to six tool kits will be available for individual households and small groups. Up to 24 kits will be available for larger scheduled clean-ups and organizations.

To receive your tool kits simply fill out the short online form <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CleanToolKit> or email recycling@co.madison.il.us to request the number of tool kits needed. For more information, please call (618) 296-5237 or visit our website at www.madisoncountybz.com

Like Madison County Clean Communities Facebook page and share your volunteer cleanup with the hashtag #MadCoClean.





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TO BE FEATURED IN MADISON
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Madison County Board Meetings



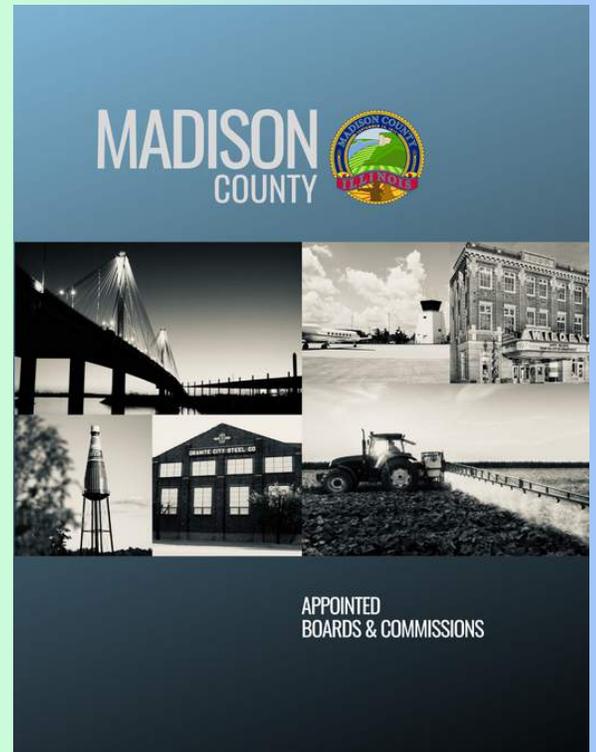
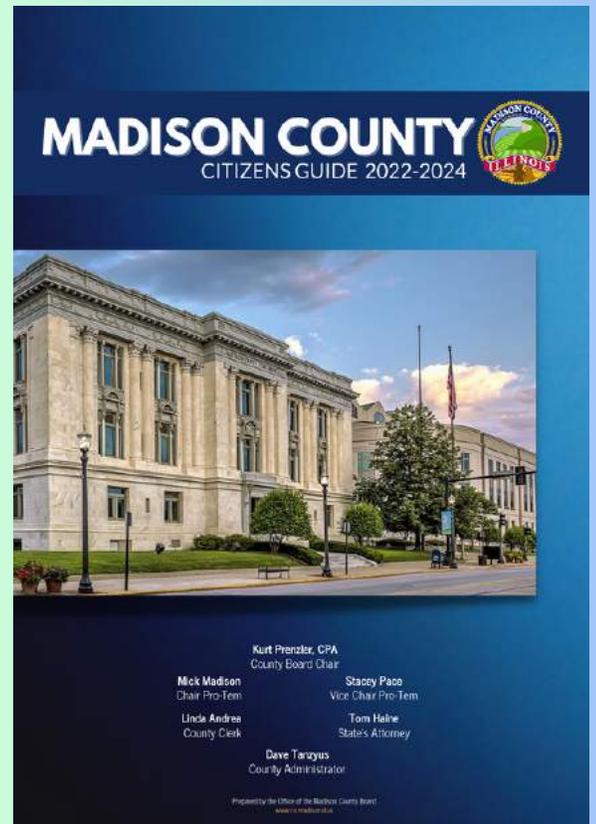
Check out the calendar to view upcoming County Board and Committee meetings.

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, Ill.

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