Regional Office of Education #41
Madison County

Dr. Robert A. Daiber, Regional Superintendent of Schools
Cynthia A. Gagich, Assistant Regional Superintendent of Schools

A Message from Regional Superintendent
Robert A. Daiber, Ed.D.

The end of each school year is highlighted by graduations, promotions, and retirements.

This next year there will be new district superintendents in Collinsville, Edwardsville, Madison, and Venice. The Regional Office of Education is proud to recognize one hundred and three retiring educators. Among them are two superintendents, Dr. Robert Green of the Collinsville District and Dr. Lynda Andre of the Edwardsville District. Mr. Brian Brink has resigned as Superintendent from Venice and will be relocating. Dr. Andrew Reinking assumed the duties of Superintendent at Madison April 1. This issue of Educational Benchmark highlights the service of these retiring educators.

Also, this edition recognizes twenty-eight educators who have received distinguished awards for outstanding educator accomplishments. These individuals should be commended for their achievements and dedication to the field of education. Congratulations!

On April 27, the Regional Office of Education celebrated the Young Author’s Awards program. Three hundred and eleven students from kindergarten to eighth grade participated. Mr. Bob Kann, a storyteller, was the featured presenter. He taught valuable lessons in writing and entertained with magic and humor. It was great to see the involvement of parents, grandparents, and teachers at this event interacting with the young authors.

A second feature event this past month was the fourth Conversation Towards a Brighter Future program. Middle school and high school teams of students presented their school activities at a joint conference. The program was highlighted with a presentation on the topic of “Forgiveness” by Ashley Monier and Abigail Halofits from SIUE. Ashley and Abigail are students who are part of the CALM program.

This issue of Educational Benchmark features a host of professional development opportunities this summer. These include the Directions Education Conference, online graduate courses, summer workshops, and camps. Hours of earned credit can be gained by being involved in any of the professional development sessions offered.

Most of the school staff in Madison County is aware that this will be my last year in office, and I will be saying farewell on June 30. This year marks my fortieth year of service to public education in Madison County. I have enjoyed my entire career and take great pride in the accomplishments which I have been part of over the years. I am especially proud of my former students who are teachers and administrators. I leave an office which has a great staff and is a model of public service. I will close with one of my favorite verses.

“I believe the children are our future
Teach them well and let them lead the way
Show them all the beauty they possess inside
Give them a sense of pride to make it easier
Let the children’s laughter remind us how we used to be…………..”

Farewell and thank you all for your support the past twelve years!

Gagich Named Assistant Regional Superintendent

Dr. Daiber named Cynthia Gagich as the next Assistant Regional Superintendent on April 1. Mrs. Gagich assumed these duties upon the resignation of Dr. Andrew Reinking who served in this position since 2009.

In his 20+ years with the ROE, Dr. Reinking served in a variety of roles including Director of the Alternative Education Program, Director of Regional Truancy Program, Homeless Liaison and School Improvement Specialist. He was appointed Assistant Regional Superintendent in 2009. Dr. Reinking left the Regional Office of Education to become Superintendent of Madison District #12. A farewell reception was held.

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Madison County Regional Superintendent

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Madison County Assistant Regional Superintendent

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On April 12, Dr. John Q. Walker presented Solving Alzheimer’s as part of the SIUE Arts and Issues lecture series.

Millions of people have symptoms of cognitive impairment, and test results can show their progression to Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. There are often dozens of factors that contribute to any person's cognitive decline — including genetics, blood chemistry, medications, medical history, diet and lifestyle. These vary widely from person to person. When addressed together, the progression of symptoms can be avoided, slowed, or even rolled back. Dr. John Q. Walker discussed pioneering work in this “multivariable” approach, bringing mathematics, statistics, artificial intelligence and bioinformatics to a medical topic that has failed to yield to a “one disease, one drug approach.”

Walker is the chief technology officer (CTO) and a founder of uMETHOD Health in North Carolina. His specialty as a computer scientist is working closely with experts in other fields – not computer scientists – to build highly complex systems to implement their vision.

Online Graduate Course:
Teaching Lincoln, K-12
July 8 to August 10, 2019

CI 568-504 Course Description: Social studies teachers will examine the functions, practices and problematic issues of the Lincoln era as related to social studies education. This examination uses a critical perspective, which implies the ability to describe, analyze and synthesize the history of the Lincoln era using common core, C-3 and social studies standards as background for teaching in the schools.

Course Format: This online course requires a self-organized field-trip to historic sites, including the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield, Ill., and environs. Teachers taking this course will reflect on their site visit and readings, and develop three lesson plans relevant to their grade level, K-12. This course does not include the cost of trips, site entrance, parking or any additional materials, fees or costs.

To register for CI 568-504 Teaching Lincoln, K-12, visit www.siue.edu/apply. (Click on “Select Program of Study” in the Graduate box, and choose “Unclassified Graduate Student” at the bottom of the drop-down list)

Current SIUE students should visit www.siue.edu/apply. For more information, contact: Dr. Caroline Pryor capryor@siue.edu.

Former Triad Supt. Passes Away

Robert Rogier, former Triad Community Unit School District Superintendent, passed away on March 16, 2019.

Mr. Rogier began his career in the Triad School District as a music teacher from 1965-1966 and then as the building principal of Triad High School from 1966-1976. In 1976, Rogier was promoted to assistant superintendent for one year and then to superintendent of the Triad School District from 1977-1989. Many remember Mr. Rogier as a dedicated individual who cared for his students and their music.

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was held for Dr. Reinking on March 29, his last day at the ROE.

Cindy Gagich recently retired as the Director of Secondary Education after 33 years of service in education (6 years at Freeburg Community High School and 27 years in the Granite City School District). For 22 years she held various administrative positions in the Granite City School District, including vocational director, assistant principal, vice principal/curriculum, high school principal, and the last 5 years at central office as the Director of Secondary Education. Throughout her career, Cindy has been committed to improving student achievement and opportunities for personal and academic growth. Her focus has been on strengthening curriculum, building the instructional capacity of staff, improving programs, and partnering with community organizations for the benefit of students and families. Cindy’s goal is to build on this foundation, to embrace her new responsibilities as the Madison County Assistant Regional Superintendent, and to match the level of enthusiasm and professionalism currently evident in the Regional Office of Education. She is excited to be part of this team which serves and supports the school districts in Madison County ROE 41.

Cindy brings a great deal of school experience to the Regional Office of Education. She is available to answer your questions and assist you with issues as they arise. Please feel free to reach out to her.

Many of our school districts and bus companies are looking to hire bus drivers. Pass this on!
Congratulations to the 2019 Retirees

Thank you for your years of dedicated service to the students of Madison County!

Roxana

Julie Bateman - 28 Years
Grade 2 Teacher
South Primary

Jane Goss - 26 Years
Grade 5 Teacher
Central Intermediate

Chris McFarlane - 19 Yrs.
Social Worker
Central Intermediate

Charlotte Mathis - 28 Years
PE/Drivers Ed - High School

Kathy Strickfaden - 25 Years
Grade 4 Teacher
Central Intermediate

LaVonne Timmins - 33 Years
Grade 5 Teacher
Central Intermediate

Triad

Debbie Addington - 32 Years
Special Ed. Teacher
Triad High

Judith Atwell - 10 Years
Custodian
Triad High

Darrell Butler - 32 Years
Teacher
Triad High

Diane Custer - 19 Years
Library Aide
Triad Middle

Monique Liguori-Weinberg - 30 Years
Teacher
Silver Creek Elementary

Peggy Masterson - 34 Yrs.
Special Ed. Teacher
Triad High

Elizabeth Meyer - 30 Yrs.
Teacher
Triad High

Bonnie Mitchel - 37 Years
Social Worker
Triad High

Nancy JoAnn Mitzel - 20 Years
Special Ed. Teacher
Triad High School

Deborah Wiens - 16 Years
Building Secretary
St. Jacob Elementary

Highland

Ray Busch - 14 Years
Maintenance
District

Gary Frutiger - 18 Years
Custodian
Highland Primary

Larry Jones - 26 Years
Agreement Teacher - Highland High

Kim Mesle - 34 Years
Grade 3 Teacher
Highland Elementary

Donna Plocher - 33 Years
Guided Reading Teacher
Highland Primary

Don Schmitz - 26 Years
Agriculture Teacher
Highland High

Connie Sparlin - 30 Years
Early Childhood Teacher
Highland Primary

Jane Wessel - 33 Years
Grade 2 Teacher
Highland Primary

Edwardsville

Lynda Andre - 28 Years
Superintendent
District

Lisa Dobbet - 24 Years
Principal Secretary
Worden Elementary

Paula Edgar - 20 Years
Grade 1 Teacher
Midway Elementary

Stanley Gray - 12 Years
School Safety Officer
Glen Carbon Elementary

Debra Johnson - 18 Years
Assistant
Lincoln Middle School

Jeanette Mallon - 15 Years
Monitor
Woodland Elementary

Leshandra Shaw - 28 Yrs.
Assistant
Edwardsville High

Edward Szekely - 34 Years
Science Teacher
Liberty Middle School

Diane Walkenbach - 17 Years
Board of Ed. Secretary
District

Bethalto

Theresa Bohnenstiehl - 21 Years
Title I Reading Teacher
Parkside Primary

Teri Campbell - 31 Years
CTE- Foods Teacher
Civic Memorial High

Deborah Cope - 21 Years
Cashier (Food Service)
Civic Memorial High

Janet Craig - 12 Years
Social Worker
Civic Memorial High

Ellen Dyer - 14 Years
Teacher Aide
Trenpe Middle

Kyla Voyles - 26 Years
Kitchen Manager
Meadowbrook Intermediate

Brenda Woelfel - 34 Years
Choir/Music Teacher
Civic Memorial High / Trenpe Middle

Granite City

Pamela Allen - 25 Years
Teacher
Coolidge Jr. High

Marlyn Boatwright - 16 Years
Cafeteria
Frohardt 3-4 Center

Margaret Cooke - 23 Years
Paraprofessional
Maryville 1-2 Center

Joyce Davis - 13 Years
Cafeteria
Coolidge Jr. High

Susan Hollingsworth - 13 Years
Teacher
Mitchell 3-4 Center

Constance Holtmann - 24 Years
Teacher
Granite City High

Linda Ignatz - 17 Years
Paraprofessional
Grigsby Intermediate

Debra LeMaster - 30 Years
Cafeteria
Granite City High

Linda McFarland - 16 Yrs.
Paraprofessional
Grigsby Intermediate

Carla McGinnis - 26 Years
OTA
Prather Prel/Kdg. Center

Constance Schwendemann - 19 Years
Paraprofessional
Granite City High

Tina Sheppard - 24 Years
Teacher
Grigsby Intermediate

Dawne Tyler - 25 Years
Teacher
Grigsby Intermediate

Leslie Verschuy - 24 Yrs.
Teacher
Mitchell 3-4 Center

Cynthia Wielgus - 13 Yrs.
Cafeteria
Coolidge Jr. High

Kimberly Woodard - 23 Years
Secretary
District

Collinsville

Cynthia Church - 19 Years
Bilingual Translator
District

Jane Clarkston - 32 Years
Speech Language Pathologist
Dorris Intermediate

Nancy Gerstenecker - 32 Years
Educational Assistant- Collinsville High

Shirley Gray - 22 Years
Secretary
Collinsville Area Vocational Center

Robert Green - 8 Years
Superintendent
District

Mary Anne Hemsted - 15 Years
Teacher
Renfro Elementary

Gregory Hobbs - 25 Years
Teacher
Kreitner Elementary

Michael Hollingshead - 25 Years
Dir. of Building & Grounds
District

Emma Housham - 5 Years
Teacher
Collinsville High

Linda Locando - 29 Years
Teacher
Renfro Elementary

Mary Sue Noeth - 19 Years
Teacher
Collinsville High

Jerry Pilcher - 20 Years
Teacher
District

Karen Schemerhorn - 31 Years
Secretary
Collinsville Middle

Calixto Ulloa - 9 Years
Bilingual Translator
District

Alton

Jeff Alderman - 17 Years
Athletic Director
Alton High

Sheila Alexander - 22 Yrs.
Teacher Assistant
Alton High

Helen Andrews - 17 Yrs.
Special Ed. Teacher
West Elementary

Annice Brave - 32 Years
English Teacher
Alton High

Catherine Brockman - 15 Years
Music Teacher
Lewis & Clark Elementary

Gladys Caldwell - 13 Years
Teacher Assistant
Alton Middle

Lisa Craig - 19 Years
Math Teacher
Alton Middle

Richard Dansizen - 11 Yrs.
JRROTC Instructor
Alton High

Jayne Goskie - 8 Years
Vision/Hearing Tech.
Special Ed. Center

Debra Hoefert - 17 Years
Grade 3 Teacher
East Elementary

Lisa Holland - 21 Years
Science Teacher
Alton Middle

Christine Jones - 24 Years
Grade 1 Teacher
Eunice Smith Elementary

Mark Medlock - 38.5 Years
Maintenance
District

Denise Nosce - 10 Years
Kindergarten Teacher
Lovejoy Elementary

Michele Peretti - 24 Years
Math Teacher
Alton Middle

Brenda S. Powers - 19 Years
Kindergarten Teacher
Eunice Smith Elementary

Bud Summers - 30 Years
Job Coach
Alton High

Michael Webb - 32.5 Yrs.
Maintenance
District

Madison

Ethel Branch - 13 Years
Bus Monitor
District

Lisa Walker - 22 Years
Bus Driver
District

East Alton

Margaret Cohl - 17 Years
Parent Educator
Washington Early Childhood Center

Karen Federle - 26 Years
Cafeteria Worker
East Alton Middle

East Alton-Wood River H.S.

Lea Hawkins - 23 Years
Secretary
EAWR

Patricia Scott - 29 Years
Special Education
EAWR

Joni Taylor - 33 Years
English Teacher
EAWR

Wood River-Hartford

Cydni Duncan - 17 Years
Teacher
Lewis & Clark Elementary

Susan Steinmann - 20 Years
Teacher
Hartford Elementary

Region III

Kathy Evans - 28 Years
Classroom Aide
Region III

Mary Pearson - 34 Years
Principal
Journeys

Kathy Sales - 18 Years
Bookkeeper
Region III

Private Schools

Teri Lyons - 40 Years
Kindergarten
SS. Peter and Paul
With just a little over a month until the annual New Directions in Education Conference in O’Fallon, Illinois, the Area 5 Regional Offices of Education are finalizing details for this event, sponsored by Otus. Tuesday’s speakers on student engagement promise to engage you as well, and Wednesday is packed full of experts from around the country who will share their expertise on school and student safety. Keynote speaker Lisa Dinhofer will also moderate a panel of local administrators and professionals as they share their stories involving student deaths and how that affected their schools and themselves. Breakout sessions include Stop the Bleed training, digital safety for all ages, mindfulness, building safe schools in a digital world, and how to safely involve students in your school’s social media program. We will be hosting a screening of The Heroin Project which highlights the epidemic in Madison County. After the film, parents and professionals featured in the film will participate in a panel discussion. Speakers will be coming from the St. Clair County States Attorney’s Office, the Illinois State School Safety Information Sharing Program, SIU-E, Missouri, Illinois, and Nebraska. The conference will be held June 11-12 at the Regency Center in O’Fallon, Illinois. An optional Administrator Academy #1050 (Homelessness) will take place on Monday, 6/10 from 9 - 3.

Alton Teams Dominate National Math Games Competition

“The partnership between the Alton School District and Southern Illinois University Edwardsville to create and sustain the Alton Math Games League is simply one of the most successful in the country. It shows what is really possible when school districts and universities work together for the benefit of students.

The learning gains we’ve observed in the students involved in the League are amazing, and will be the subject of peer-reviewed research publications, because they are so important. On top of all that, the two Alton teams and their high school coaches had a chance to go the Washington D.C. for the National Math Festival. They came away with both 1st and 2nd place in the National Championship! This is the third year in a row a team from Alton has won the National Championship. It’s all due to the hard work of the students and the great support of the Alton School District.”

IT’S RENEWAL SEASON!

The license renewal window began April 1st and is open until June 30th. For instructions on how to renew your PEL, visit our website at www.roe41.org. Select “Registration & Renewal” under the ‘Licensure’ tab. Questions? Contact our office M-F between 8:30 and 4:30 at (618) 296-4530. Our Licensure Specialists are happy to help!
Congratulations to Our Retiring School Administrators

Dr. Lynda Andre
Superintendent of EUSD #7

Dr. Lynda Andre is retiring as the Superintendent of Edwardsville CUSD #7. She has spent most of her professional career in the Edwardsville School District. She began as an elementary teacher at Nelson Elementary School in 1991, moved to Central Office administration in 1996, and was named Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum in 1999. She assumed the role of Superintendent in 2015.

Dr. Andre graduated with a B.S. from Western Illinois University. She earned a Master’s of Science degree in Education in 1991 and an education doctorate (Ed.D.) in 1998, both from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. She holds an Illinois Superintendent’s Endorsement.

Dr. Andre co-wrote the District’s first early childhood grant in 1992 and developed and managed the program for four years. She became the District 7 Coordinator of Federal and State Grants in 1996, overseeing Title I, the Early Childhood Block Grant, and other grant programs.

She has served as adjunct faculty in graduate school classes at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville in the Curriculum & Instruction Department and the Educational Leadership Department since 1995 and co-authored two college textbooks used in education courses. Dr. Andre is married and has four children all whom have graduated from District 7.

Mary Pearson
Principal
Journeys School / Region III

Mary Pearson has worked in public education for over 30 years. For the past seven years, she has served as the principal of Journeys School, an alternative school run by Region 3 Special Education Cooperative. Before this time, she worked for many years as a school psychologist for Southwestern School District and prior to that as a school psychologist in Minnesota. Other public employment includes work as a grant writer for the Madison County Education to Careers System and as a unit psychologist at the St. Louis Developmental Disabilities Treatment Center in St. Louis. Mary also worked for other non-profit organizations including work as a pre-school teacher at The Nursery Foundation in St. Louis and as a consultant for small residential facilities for the intellectually disabled.

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Mary is a long time resident of Edwardsville Illinois, where she lives with her husband Bob. She has three children, Genevieve, Robert, and Anna, a daughter-in-law, Lara, and a grandchild, Emilia.

Dr. Robert Green
Superintendent
Collinsville CUSD #10

Dr. Robert Green will be retiring as Superintendent of Collinsville Community Unit School District #10 after 45 Years in education - eight spent leading CUSD 10. His career began in Oklahoma where he was a social studies teacher and principal in several school districts. He became an assistant superintendent in Coffeyville, KS and served as superintendent in Loogootee, IN and Greencastle, IN before coming to Collinsville in 2011. He holds a B.S. in History from Indiana University and an M.S. and Doctorate in Educational Administration from Oklahoma State University.

During his time in Collinsville, Dr. Green focused on measuring student growth and implemented a 1:1 technology program in grades 5-12. Despite Illinois funding challenges, CUSD 10 maintained a fiscally responsible budget and was able to expand services to students and families. He was especially proud of student and teacher academic achievement.

Dr. Green enjoys history, space, antiques, gardening, fishing and sports. In retirement, he and his wife Jill plan to travel and spend more time with their three grandchildren. They have plans to visit Israel this fall and spend next winter in South Texas.

“Working with students, staff, and the community has been a pleasure. We have great people and have worked together to improve schooling in Unit 10. My mission as an educator has been to teach and improve students, adults and the community. Hopefully, the school system is better than I found it and the next superintendent will make it better than it is now,” said Green.

Math and Machining Work Together

THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2019
8:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

Day-long Seminar Schedule:

8:30 - 11 a.m.
8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.
Lunch
8:30 - 11 a.m.

11:30 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.

2 - 3 p.m.

1:45 - 3 p.m.

TO HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS.

Funded and housed a computer system is used to program a CNC machine.

Two day Math and Machining Workshop June 20-21, 2019

Dr. Lynda Andre
Dr. Robert Green

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You may be several years away from retirement, but it’s never too early to start learning about your TRS benefits.

As an Illinois educator, you’re not in Social Security, so your TRS pension will be the most significant part of your retirement income. The more you know now about how your TRS benefits work – and what you can do now to strengthen those benefits – the better your future will be.

This summer, we’re going to try something new. We’re going to bring TRS to You. A TRS representative will set up shop your area and meet one-on-one with Tier 2 members. This is a quick, convenient way to learn about your specific benefits and what you can do to help yourself.

In conjunction with your area Regional Superintendent of Schools, we would like to invite you to meet with one of our TRS counselors. A counselor will be at 157 N. Main, Suite 438 in Edwardsville during July 9-11, 2019.

In a month or so, we will notify you with an email that online registration is open in your TRS secure member account so you can choose a specific time for your one-on-one session. To prepare for this, if you have not established an account, please use your Member ID and follow the steps at this site to set up your account.

https://www.trsl.org/AccessingTRS-AccountOnline

We recommend that you provide us with your home email so you can get notices over the summer about Bring TRS to You and other helpful information from TRS.
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Written by Melissa Beck, Edwardsville High School

New Friends Prom started about 9 years ago when a teacher friend had a daughter with Down’s Syndrome spoke about a prom that she took her daughter to in St. Louis. It was such a wonderful event. She had been so excited to share the pictures from this event and was so happy that her daughter had enjoyed having a night to be dressed up and enjoy dancing and companionship. Knowing that I sponsored Student Council, she suggested to me that we could probably do a similar event for the students in the area. I spoke about this with my students and they loved the idea. I worked closely with one of our teachers who met on a regular basis with other teachers who taught students with special needs. We decided to call this prom our “New Friends Prom” because we would be making new friends with students from schools in the area and because we wanted parents to be able to attend as well, it would give parents a chance to make new friends with other parents from the area as well.

Each year the theme of the dance has been centered around friendship. This year's theme was, “You've Got a Friend In Me” and we decorated with sets of friends from the Pixar movies. The students begin working on this event in January every year and make decorations that fit the theme. Students from about 7 area schools are invited along with students that are their buddies. It is a semi-formal event and we take song suggestions from the teachers because we want to play the favorite music of the kids.

The evening begins usually with a dinner that has been made by the Food and Nutrition classes at Edwardsville High School or Triad High School. After kids have had a chance to arrive and get some food, we line up each school behind the “Entrance way” and everyone forms a greeting line. Students are announced formally and everyone cheers as they enter. After every student has been announced, we start the dance. Students have a great time dancing to all kinds of music with their old friends, their new friends, their parents, you name it. At some point ‘n the evening, kids all gather in a circle and students will get in the middle to show off their dance moves while everyone else cheers them on. There is usually a dessert table to snack on during the night, a photo backdrop for our new friends to take pictures and at the end of the evening, everyone walks out with a “Swag bag” with their New Friends Prom t-shirt and a few other trinkets. The atmosphere is just lovely that night. Students have a night of fun and relaxation and smiles fill the room. Even though you have rival schools and people who never met in the room, everyone enjoys each other’s company and become family that evening.

Our EHS Student Council kids are so proud and excited to be able to host this event each year and many claim that it is their favorite event of the year. It’s certainly mine too!
A BIG thank you to all our Madison County educators for making this an excellent year for Madison County students. We wish you a joyful and relaxing summer!
TRY YOUR HAND IN THESE HIGH-TECH FIELDS:

- SolidWorks
- 3D Printing
- Mastercam
- CNC Machining
- PLC Programming
- Plasma Cutting / Welding

Contact SWIC Industrial Technology Coordinator Mark Bosworth at mark.bosworth@swic.edu or 618-931-0600, ext. 7457.

SUMMER CAMP

Monday – Friday • June 10-14
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Industrial Technology Center
SWIC Sam Wolf Granite City Campus

Students ages 14-16
Cost: FREE

45th ANNUAL Regional Office of Education Teacher Appreciation Golf Tournament

Sponsor: T. Olen Golf Course • 4 person scramble
Wednesday, June 5, 2019 • Registration 7:30 a.m.
8:00 a.m. Shotgun Start • $59 per player ($220 per team)

Paid entry will receive:
- One re-play card for a free round of golf
- Lunch and catered meal
- Refreshments on the course

Please help us plan by pre-registering by mail. Send in your registration form and check (payable to ROE 441) to ROE 441, 157 N. Main St., Ste. 438, Edwardsville, IL 62025. For more information please call Rachel Lewis at 296-4535, email: rilewis@co.madison.il.us. All registration forms with fees are due in by May 31st, 2019.

Registration Now Open for all ROE Summer Workshops!

Topics include:
- Classroom Management
- Restorative Practices
- ADHD
- Dyslexia
- Successful Feedback
- Engaging Students
- Mindful Instruction
- Underprivileged Students
- Deeper Reading
- Kindergarten Round-up
- and many more

For complete details and to register for upcoming workshops, please visit our website at www.roe1.org (select workshops/events tab).

Any questions contact Anna at 618-692-5560 or adyson@roe41.org.

Follow us on Facebook and Twitter for additional information and year round for more professional development opportunities.
Madison Historical: The Online Encyclopedia and Digital Archive of Madison County, Illinois

In the last couple of weeks SIUE’s Madison Historical staff has enjoyed working on location in our community. Among the many locations visited were two local schools: Worden Elementary in the Edwardsville District and Civic Memorial High School in the Bethalto District. During these visits students were able to learn about and even participate in the history of Madison County. Students enjoyed exploring how close the history of our county was to them and their families.

Worden Elementary

The elementary level lesson is designed to introduce students to the concept of an archive, what archives do, and to teach them how to place historical archival items in a local and larger historical context.

Civic Memorial High School

The high school lesson is designed to teach students how to digitally archive items and to conduct oral histories. To achieve this students bring in their own artifacts and conduct their own oral histories. They not only learn about the archival process but also are able to connect to local history on a personal level as they learn about how their own families connect to and impact the county.

The Madison Historical sent three research assistants and its tech developer to Civic Memorial High School where they introduced U.S. history students to their community’s place in the history of the twentieth century. Brendon Floyd, Benjamin Ostermeier, Lesley Thompson, and Kelli West instructed students in Suze Gibson’s U.S. history class in the skills of digital archiving and oral history. Students brought historical artifacts from home and collected oral histories of parents, grandparents, and neighbors. Brendon, Ben Lesley, and Kelli processed the artifacts and oral histories for publication in the digital archive.

The lesson plan, created by Brendon Floyd and Lesley Thompson, is part of a broader initiative by Madison Historical to include the county’s teachers and students in the production of content for the online encyclopedia and digital archive.

This summer, Jeff Manuel and Jason Stacy, two editors of Madison Historical, will offer a course called “Community Engaged Digital History” for the county’s teachers to introduce them to the pedagogical opportunities of the online encyclopedia and digital archive.

This lesson helps further SIUe’s “High Impact Campaign” to integrate student learning and community development. Madison Historical is supported by the Madison County Regional Office of Education—Regional Superintendent Robert Daiber, the College of Arts at Sciences, and the Department of Historical Studies.

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- Informs the community about the history and culture of Madison County, Illinois.
- Provides an authoritative and accessible resource for students, genealogists, scholars, and others who are interested in Madison County and local history.
- Creates a framework for ongoing documentation of Madison County history by providing a user-friendly digital collection of historically significant documents and oral histories.

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- Write and encyclopedia article.
- Share digital copies of historical materials like old photographs or letters.
- Share memories with an oral history interview .
- Join the mailing list.
Students Compete in Madison County Junior and Senior Olympiads

In March, the Madison County ROE welcomed more than 200 students to the Junior and Senior Olympiads. Teams of four students competed in a variety of projects and activities designed to test their problem solving skills using minimal resources. Teams consisted of students who excel across the disciplines. If you are interested in sponsoring a team from your school or have any questions related to the Olympiads, please contact Anna Dyson, School Improvement Services at 692-5560 or adyson@roe41.org.

Junior Olympiad - 1st Place
Triad Middle School - Team #2

Senior Olympiad - 1st Place
Highland High School - Team #1

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