



OFFICE OF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY
MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

157 North Main Street
Suite 402
Edwardsville, Illinois 62025

Thomas D. Gibbons
State's Attorney

Voice: 618 692-6280
Facsimile: 618 296-7001

Contact: Stephanie Smith
618/692-6280

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
September 6, 2012

PRESS RELEASE

Edwardsville—Madison County State's Attorney Tom Gibbons has announced that he is once again sponsoring an Anti-Drug Poster Contest in honor of 2012's Red Ribbon Week which runs October 23-31, 2012. Students in grades 3 through 5 are encouraged to submit a poster which conveys this year's Red Ribbon Week theme "The Best Me is Drug Free".

Local elementary schools in Madison County are being notified about the poster contest. One winner from each grade will be chosen by a committee within the State's Attorney's Office. Besides having their winning entry displayed in the lobby of the County Administration Building, the winners will also receive a pizza luncheon for their class delivered by the State's Attorney.

Hundreds of Madison County students in grades 3 through 5 participated in last year's poster contest. Winners from North Elementary School in Godfrey, Woodland Elementary School in Highland and Mitchell Elementary School in Granite City had pizza delivered to their class by State's Attorney Gibbons.

"I'm excited to sponsor the contest again this year. I enjoyed seeing all of the posters and meeting the children," Gibbons said. "More than anything, we want our kids to learn how to make the right decisions in life and I believe the Red Ribbon campaign and its themes can serve as a positive guide for them."

The Red Ribbon campaign began in support of a murdered DEA agent who was killed in 1985 by drug traffickers. Displaying a red ribbon demonstrates support of a drug-free America. The annual Red Ribbon Campaign, held every October since 1986, is one of the largest drug-prevention campaigns in the country. More information can be found at <http://www.nfp.org/>.

Posters must be on white poster board and artists should use crayons, watercolors, or markers. Posters will be judged on the basis of originality and on their effectiveness in presenting this year's theme. Posters are due at the State's Attorney's Office in Edwardsville by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 9, 2012. Full guidelines for the contest are posted on the Madison County State's Attorney's Office website at www.madco-sa.org.

###