

**Ms. Tiffany Rogers, School Nurse for Madison Senior High School; Lifelong Resident of  
Madison, Illinois**

**Transcript of Interview for the Madison Historical Society Oral History Project.  
Interviewed by Ashanti Collins, Madison Senior High School Social Studies Student  
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**Ashanti Collins [AC]:** 00:00 [Recording Starts]: Hello, my name is Ashanti Collins and today is October 26, 2023. And I'm here with

**Tiffany Rogers [TR]:** 00:09 Tiffany Rogers.

**AC:** 00:10 And today I will be asking you about the Madison community. How long have you lived in the Madison community?

**TR:** 00:10 I have lived here all my life, which is 45 years.

**AC:** 00:12 Does any of your family still live in Madison?

**TR:** 00:22 Yes, the majority of my family lives right here in Madison.

**AC:** 00:32 Okay. What are some old places that used to be in Madison that you miss?

**TR:** 00:37 There's quite a few things that I miss. Growing up as a kid, we were able to walk to Busy Bee Bakery, which was a bakery that was right here in Madison, for fresh doughnuts. I miss the playgrounds in the park that were safe to play in.

**AC:** 00:57 Okay. Have you lived anywhere else besides Madison?

**TR:** 01:00 I have. I lived in Granite City for about three years.

**AC:** 01:04 Yes. Do you like how the Madison community has changed since then?

**TR:** 01:11 Yes, and no. I like the fact that Madison is now cleaner than it used to be. There used to be areas where people used to hang out on the corners and do bad things. But that's no more. There's a lot of nicer places to live in Madison. But the "no" for me is that there's no grocery stores, we have to drive far to get groceries, and there's not a whole lot for kids to do here in Madison.

**AC:** 01:48 Okay, how's the Madison School District?

**TR:** 01:52 For me, the Madison School District is not what it used to be. It is not what I would like it to be for my children. So, I have sent my children to different schools. I feel like they lack a lot of activities for kids to do. A lot of, I don't know, groups. I don't know, it's to me...there should be more for children to do here at Madison Senior High School.

**AC:** 02:30 Okay, and would you like to say anything else about the Madison community?

**TR:** 02:36 Well, Madison has its perks. It is not all that bad of a place to live. But if they improved on a few things, I think they could draw more people to live here in Madison. I've lived here all my life because I love the close-knit... the closeness of my family---being close and near to my family. So that's it.

**AC:** 03:00 Alright, and this concludes my interview with Tiffany Rogers.