

# JUNE 2023

Happy  
Father's  
Day



## LOST AND FOUND

Black/gray Under Armour hoodie, 1 child's Cross shoe (Size 10)

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

If you have issues with police related matters, such as: someone knocking on your doors; ringing your doorbell late at night; solicitors --- please call the police department at 228-9044.

The Police Department would like to remind everyone that the speed limit on all secondary roads in town is 25 MPH unless posted otherwise.

Please pay attention to all speed limit signs as well as stop signs.

**SLOW DOWN!!!!**

## SWIMMING POOLS

School is out and summer is here --- if you are planning on having a swimming pool, remember: every swimming pool that is more than two (2) feet deep shall be enclosed by a wall or fence at least 3 ½ ft or 42 inches in height. The fence must be a rigid type fence. The passage through such wall or fence shall be equipped with a gate/

## GRASS CUTTING/YARD WASTE/DUMP

It's grass cutting time! Please do not blow your clippings into the street, in the curbing or on the sidewalks as it clogs up the sewer systems and if it rains, it gets very slick on the roads for cycles. Please cut the grass and blow it back into your own yards.

Please do not leave trash, limbs, and other debris piling up on your property.

You can bring yard waste (leaves, grass, bushes, plants) out to the dump east of the park. DO NOT put leaves and grass on the burn pile! They go east of the burn pile. There are signs posted where everything is to be put.

## BOY SCOUT NEWS

The Boy Scouts electronics shed is open 24/7. Please put items inside through the door on the south side. The shed is for electronics only --- no TV's! TV recycle is the first Saturday of even months from 8-10 am. Cost is \$25 per TV.

**Aluminum can pick up** is the first Saturday of the month, please put cans out on the curb by 9 am. If they miss your cans or you could drop them off yourself, the Scout trailer is located behind (east) of the American Legion. If you have any questions, please email [avistonlbersscouts@yahoo.com](mailto:avistonlbersscouts@yahoo.com).

## AVISTON AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

The American Legion Auxiliary is proud to announce that there were four (4) winners for the Scholarship Program this year. All of the applicants were outstanding and this year the unit was able to support a 2<sup>nd</sup> place recipient. Congratulations to these applicants. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors. Winners are: 1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$1,000 Veteran Scholarship: Kierstan Lampe; \$1,000 Community Scholarship: Candace Schomaker. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$500 Veteran Scholarship: Carter VonBokel; \$500 Community Scholarship: Melanie Hilmes

## AVISTON AMERICAN LEGION HEROES PUB

Did you know that the Heroes Pub (formerly 'Club Room') is open 5 nights a week right now and an afternoon/early evening. It opens at 6 p.m. Tuesday – Thursday, 4 p.m. on Fridays and 6 p.m. on Saturdays (sometimes earlier). IT IS NOW ALSO OPEN ON SUNDAYS!!! --- opens at 3:30. An easy way to tell if the Pub is open is to look at the marquee out front (you can read a catchy phrase on it also) ---- look at the top part of the marquee and if the 'Heroes Pub' light is lit ---- that means you can stop in and get a nice cold beverage, pizza or some snacks and also play the slots. Check it out! PASS THE WORD!!!

## ST. FRANCIS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

THEME: Stellar

DATE: July 10-14, 2023

TIME: 9 am – 12 noon

PLACE: St. Francis Parish Center  
GRADES: K-5 as of August 2023  
Registration forms at: [www.stfrancisav.org](http://www.stfrancisav.org)  
Additional information: call Janice Lampe (228-7709) or Sue Szoke (228-7811)

### **AVISTON ELEMENTARY**

Happy summer vacation, Aviston!

Students can keep their reading skills sharp by stopping visiting the school library. Summer hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 9-11 am June 6th until July 19th.

If you have not already registered students for this fall, please go to [www.teacherease.com](http://www.teacherease.com) and complete the registration process. Contact the office at 618-228-7245 if you have any questions. The following grades will need the required exams turned in to the school office prior to the start of the school year. Physicals must be turned in by October 15 per Illinois School Code.

- Kindergarten: physical (with updated immunization record), dental exam and vision exam (from an optometrist)
- 2nd Grade: dental exam
- 6th Grade: physical (with updated immunization record) and dental exam
- 5th-8th Grade Athletics: Sports physical needs to be on file to participate in tryouts

### **REAGLE EAGLE**

Mark your calendar! Aviston Grade School will be hosting the annual Reagle Eagle 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run on Friday, August 18th at the city park. We will also be hosting a family movie night immediately following. More details to come. Any family or businesses interested in sponsoring the event can contact Kelly Jackson at 618-303-5160 or Amber Markus at 618-978-3509. Thank you for all of your support last year! We look forward to another great event!

### **NICK BLEDSOE MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

*ALWAYS REMEMBERED.....Donnie, Vickey & Hanna Bledsoe have donated \$2,500 each to Aviston Elementary and Aviston Park District. Their son, Nick, was killed on a farm on March 3, 2011. The Bledsoe family want to continue to carry on Nick's name. Nick will always be remembered*

*for his giving spirit, leadership in his community and helping others whenever possible. The Bledsoe family keeps his spirit alive by giving back to kids.*

There is a golf tournament every year in his honor and this year it will be the 13<sup>th</sup> year and it is scheduled for June 24<sup>th</sup> at Roland Barkau Memorial Golf Course in Okawville. Tee-off is at 1:00.

There is also a silent auction. If anyone has something they'd like to donate, be a hole sponsor, or would like to golf in the tournament, please contact Vickey Bledsoe at 618-304-6268.

### **AVISTON GUN CLUB**

The Aviston Gun Club announces a 3-gun raffle with the proceeds to fund hunter safety courses and outdoor related youth activities. Wouldn't it be great for young people to learn and participate in activities beyond looking at their phone???

Prizes are: **1<sup>st</sup>:** Semi-automatic 12 gauge 3 ½ chamber, 28" barrel Winchester Super X 4 Hybrid Shotgun  
**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Ruger American Rifle, caliber 450 Bushmaster synthetic stock O.D., (this caliber is legal for IL Firearm Deer hunting (new this year)  
**3<sup>rd</sup>:** Smith & Wesson, Shield, EZ, M 2.0, 9 MM, Thumb Safety w/range bundle  
Donation \$5 ea. or 5/\$20. Drawing will be held on September 17<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. in conjunction with the Aviston Gun Club Shooting Match held at Aviston American Legion.

Tickets are available from all Aviston Gun Club members or call Dave at (618) 920-2671.

Thank you in advance for your support!

### **COLLECT YOUR ALUMINUM CAN TABS!!!**

Aviston Elementary students are collecting aluminum can tabs for Shriners Hospital for Children in St. Louis. Please keep your tabs and give them to an Aviston student or a teacher so Marge Thole can collect them and give the tabs to the Shriners. This is a service project for Aviston Elementary --- doing good for other children and families at Shriners Hospital. If you have any questions, please call Marge at (618)604-0374.

## **AVISTON GUN CLUB**

The Aviston Gun Club will be sponsoring a Hunter Safety Course on August 18 (6:30pm-9:30pm) and August 19 (8am-4pm) at the Aviston American Legion. The cost is \$35/person and includes food and drinks. Please call 618-228-7405 to reserve a spot. This event fills up quickly.



## **COMING EVENTS**

### **JUNE**

- 24 – Nick Bledsoe Memorial Golf Tourney
- 26 – Park District Meeting
- 27 – Zoning Board Meeting

### **JULY**

- 4 – Holiday (Village Offices closed)
- 5 – Village Board Meeting
- 10-14 – Vacation Bible School
- 25 – Zoning Board Meeting
- 31 – Park District Meeting

### **Electric Aggregation Information for Ameren Customers:**

In December 2022, the Village of Aviston entered into a municipal aggregation agreement with Constellation Energy. The purpose of this agreement was to provide a electric supplier rate that offered stability amongst a volatile energy market. The competitive agreement for which Aviston and other municipalities entered into was for a fixed rate of \$0.1189 per kWh through December 2024. If you did not opt out of this agreement before December 30, 2022, you would have been automatically enrolled into the program effective with your February 2023 meter reading. Ameren recently published their June-September 2023 supply rates which have decreased to \$0.07877 per kWh, which is approximately \$0.04 less than the municipal aggregation agreement amount. The terms of the municipal aggregation allow a user to terminate their agreement anytime, but existing customers should be advised that if you elect to terminate your participation in the aggregation program and return to Ameren, they must remain with Ameren for 12 months (1 year). The Village cannot, and will not, advise any customers on which electric supplier to utilize, but would advise that IF you are currently participating in the aggregation program, that you review your electric bill carefully before deciding to terminate your agreement. The municipal aggregation rate does offer stability amongst a volatile market and customers should evaluate the risk/benefit before terminating their participation in the municipal aggregation program. Customers wishing to terminate their agreement may contact Constellation directly at 833-618-0296.

