

DECEMBER 2025

This is the 20th year the Elves have been decorating the Village.

LOST AND FOUND

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VILLAGE NEWS

The Village offices will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Please enjoy the holidays! Vintage Hall & Park Bookings – all bookings are on a rolling calendar year, to the date. Please keep this in mind when you call to reserve. Please remember to shop local this holiday season....every dollar spent locally helps our communities.

TRASH & RECYCLE

Please know the difference between garbage and recycling! **Recycle:** Boxes and tissue paper, gift bags (uncoated and unembellished), wrapping paper (if plain and uncoated), clean plastic bottles, most clean plastic to-go cups & lids, aluminum beverage cans, clean paper containers, clean plastic food containers.

Trash: bows, ribbons, cellophane, gift bags (if coated or embellished), wrapping paper (if glossy or embellished), polystyrene foam cups & containers, used napkins or food containers, plastic utensils & straws, paper cups, plastic bags.

AVISTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Street Parking: Please obey rules for parking your vehicles on the streets. Do not park in the yellow-curb areas nor park on the wrong side of the street. This is especially important near the school, during activities, to ensure safety for all.

Derelict Vehicles: The Village is trying to curb the inoperable/derelict vehicles in our corporate limits. Inoperable/derelict means any motor vehicle from which, for a period of 7 days, the engine, wheels or other parts have been removed or damaged, the vehicle is incapable of being driven on its own OR the vehicle does NOT display a current registration sticker. Fines for these offenses start at \$350.

CHRISTMAS DISPLAYS

The Christmas lights are glowing; the displays are beautiful! New additions are out. As displays & lights go bad, the Elves are out trying to fix them the next day. Please stay out of the displays to avoid getting hurt or damaging them. Thanks to the generous cash donations from Dave & Jeannine Mueller, Dan & Carol Imming, Dale & Kim Haukap, as well as a few anonymous donors. Thank you to Ruth Lager who has such a generous heart and has helped the Elves for the last 3 years. This Elf has hung up her hat and will be dearly missed. If you like what you see, think about dropping off a donation in one of the mailboxes set out. Let's make Aviston brighter! And if you see one of the hard-working Elves, please let them know you appreciate their hard work.

AVISTON ELEMENTARY

It is difficult to explain how December brings whirlwinds of excitement to our Eagles. All of us AGS hope the community experiences the same magic, Happy Holidays! Aviston Elementary kindly asks the community to follow pick up procedures put in place this past fall for safety reasons. **PARKING ON FOURTH STREET** to pick up students is **NOT ENCOURAGED**. Fewer pedestrians result in a safer environment.

Dates to note:

12/10 - Christmas programs

12/19 – 1:45pm dismissal

1/5/26 – Blood Drive from 2-6:30pm

1/6/26 – School resumes

CITIZENS FOR AVISTON

CITIZENS FOR AVISTON **SAVE THE DATE**

The next Citizens for Aviston Dinner & Dance will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2026 at Aviston American Legion!

A \$90.00 ticket admits two and includes monthly drawings that will continue up until the event, dinner for two, free draft beer & soda, live music from The Cheers Band, along with chances to win up to \$2,000 the night of the event. Only 500 tickets are sold! Get yours before they are gone! You do not need to be present to win any of the drawings & your name is thrown back in each month. The next drawing will be mid-December.

-October Drawing Winners (\$90):

Cathy Markus

Luke & Rejina Tebbe

Keith & Brooke Langenhorst

-November Drawing Winners (\$90):

Randy & Kim Voss

Jason & Cassandra Deering

Brandon & Megan Holtmann

Tickets can be purchased by visiting the Citizens for Aviston Facebook page or contacting a committee member at 618-513-3483. Payments are accepted via Venmo (@Citizens4Aviston), cash, or check.

All proceeds will benefit Aviston Park, helping to support our community for years to come.

AVISTON LEGION POST 1239

Friday, December 12th, the Legion will host the Kringle Krauts for a Christmas Sing-Along, along with a 50/50 drawing and attendance prizes. Admission is free, cash bar is open! Come enjoy the fun!!

If you know of anyone who would like to go on an Honor Flight, they need to sign up. Contact Carl Huels at Standing Proud Museum. He can assist with any info you might need.

Any active-duty Veteran who LIVED in Aviston at the time of entry into the military OR currently resides in Aviston and is not represented by the "proudly serving"

signs along Clinton Street and would like their sign signifying your service, please contact Dave at 618-920-2671. Also, anyone who has a sign up and is no longer active duty, please contact Dave to have your sign removed.

AUXILIARY NEWS

The Legion Auxiliary is seeking a kitchen manager and cook. This is a part-time, paid, position on an as needed schedule. This individual would manage special events and all aspects of the Legion Auxiliary kitchen. For more information, please contact Mary at 618-830-7721 or Shelly at 618-979-2125.

CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Michael J. Haukap Knights of Columbus will once again recognize the best nativity scenes in the Aviston Elementary School District that expresses keeping Christ in Christmas. Two winners will receive \$25 each and a sign designating them as a winner. Judging will be done on December 21st. Contact Ken at 618-971-8364 with any questions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

- 10 – Christmas programs at Aviston Elementary
- 12 - Kringle Krauts @ Legion
- 16 – Zoning Bd mtg @7pm
- 19 – School release for winter break
- 21 – Best Nativity Light Judging by K of C
- 22 - Park District Meeting @ Lantern
- 25– Christmas (Village Offices closed)

JANUARY

- 1 – Village Offices Closed
- 5 – Blood Drive at AGS
 - Village Board Meeting
- 6 – School resumes

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Current Resident



D Tours & Travel Announces Relocation to Aviston on Dec 1, 2025

D Tours & Travel, owned by **Donna and Daniel Mondt**, is excited to announce its move from Breese to a new location at **4989 Old Highway 50 in Aviston**. The updated office offers a professional, welcoming space created to enhance the overall client experience.

Formerly known as EZN Travel and Lampe Travel, the agency has now proudly served the community for 43 years, 3 of those as D Tours & Travel. Since 2022, the team has grown from 2 advisors to more than 6, prompting the need for additional space, including a private conference room for individual or group consultations.

We sincerely thank our clients for supporting a local business rooted in trust, reliability, and community. When you book with us, you keep your dollars local and gain peace of mind knowing your travel plans are handled by experienced professionals who you can get to know and trust.

We look forward to continuing to serve you from our new location and assisting you with all your travel needs. Stop by, say hello, and let us help you plan your next great adventure!

New Location Details:

Address: 4989 Old US Highway 50, Aviston

Phone: 618-526-2201

E-mail: info@dtoursandtravel.com

Website: www.dtoursandtravel.com



Meet the Aviston Office Team



Angie Winkeler, Donna Mondt (owner), Kristen Shubert and Coleen Klein

Office on Old Hwy 50 West

