

FEBRUARY 2026

LOST AND FOUND

Cell phone, Aviston ball cap

SUMMER HELP

The Village of Aviston is accepting applications for summer help. All applicants must be 16 years of age (with a valid driver's license) by May 1, 2026 and reside within the Village corporate limits. Applications can be picked up at the Aviston Village Hall M-F from 8-4. **Application deadline is Friday, March 20th.**

SOLICITORS WITHIN THE VILLAGE

All solicitors within Village limits are required to have a permit issued by the Village of Aviston. If someone is at your residence, **PLEASE** ask them for their permit. The Village will also advertise on the website and FB page who the permit holder is and what dates they will be in town.

OFF ROAD VEHICLES (ORV) PERMITS

2026 PERMITS ARE IN!!!

The 2025 permits expired 12/31/25. You need a sticker to legally drive ORVs on village streets. If you are purchasing a renewal sticker, please provide your 2025 sticker number. Cost is \$35 per permit and good through December 31, 2026.

REMINDER: You must be 16 years of age with a valid driver's license to operate an Off-Road Vehicle (ORV)/ Side-by-side/golf cart on village streets. Please obey all driving laws and be aware of your surroundings. BE CAUTIOUS!!

DID YOU KNOW?

Before you put/add ANYTHING to your yard, such as a fence, shed, deck, pool, concrete, plumbing and electrical in new homes, etc..... you will likely need a building permit. Call us first if you have any questions. The applications are available on our website or you can visit the Village Hall and pick one up.

BOY SCOUT NEWS

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, you can drop them off yourself. The Scout trailer is located on the east side of the American Legion by the shed. If you have

any questions, please email
avistonalersscouts@yahoo.com.

The shed on Brefeld Lane (east of the park) is for electronics only --- no TV's dropped off except on TV recycle day which has been changed to the first Saturday in April, August and December from 8-10 am. Cost is \$25 per TV.

AVISTON ELEMENTARY

Aviston Elementary is pleased to announce the recent hiring of Aviston Elementary's Principal for the 2026-2027 school year, Mrs. Amanda Beer. As an Aviston resident, school alumni and former teacher in the district, the school welcomes Mrs. Beer back to the Nest.

Calling all future Eagles! March 4-6, Aviston Elementary will hold Birth to 3 and Preschool screenings. A sign-up link is available on the website and Facebook page.

Kindergarten Screening will be on March 6. Please visit the website or Facebook page for the sign-up link. If you have any questions, feel free to call the office.

On Wednesday, March 5 and Thursday, March 6 Aviston Elementary will hold Pre-K and Birth-3 Screenings. A sign-up link will be available on the website and Facebook page.

Congratulations go out to all Quarter 2 Honor and High Honor Eagles along with big kudos to the Lady Eagles for taking 2nd in Basketball Regional play

Dates to Note:

February 13 - No School - Teachers Institute
February 16 - No School - Presidents Day
March 4 - Birth to 3 Screenings
March 4 - 6 PreK Screenings
March 6 - Kindergarten Screenings
March 10 - Lady Eagles 8th Grade Night

COLLECT YOUR ALUMINUM CAN TABS!!!

Please collect your aluminum tabs from soda and beer cans! Give them to any student or teacher at Aviston Elementary or Marge Thole. We are collecting them to give to the Shriners Hospital in St. Louis. The proceeds benefit the children and

families at Shriners Hospital. Please help with this community project! Any questions, please call Marge Thole at (618)604-0374.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 1239

There will be an additional fish fry on Ash Wednesday, Feb 18th from 4:30-7:00.

The Aviston American Legion invites you to their Spring Pork Sausage and Roast Beef dinner on Sunday, March 15th, serving from 10:30 AM to 6:00 PM. In addition to the meats, it includes sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, applesauce and dessert. The traditional pork and quilt raffles will also be conducted. It will be a carryout dinner made to order with sit-down dining space available event.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Aviston Community Blood Drive, sponsored by the Auxiliary will be held on Monday, March 2, 2026 from 1-6 p.m. at the Legion Hall. Food will be provided! For an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Aviston American Legion Auxiliary 1239 is proud to offer:

Scholarship program for 2026-2027

\$1,000 – For Veterans, Auxiliary, SAL or family members of Post 1239*

\$1,000 – An individual living within the Aviston CUSD 21*

Look for details and an application on our website:

www.avistonlegion.com OR

- Pick up an application during open hours at the Aviston Legion
- Apply online at Aviston American Legion Website
- See Guidance Counselors at Central or Mater Dei

You may apply for both scholarships if applicable

Deadline for the application is **April 1, 2026**

Let us consider helping you with your future!

RUMMAGE SALE

The Aviston American Legion Auxiliary Rummage and Bake Sale will be Thursday & Friday, February 19th and 20th from 9am – 7pm and Brown Bag on Saturday, February 21st from 9am – noon.

Dates to bring donations to the Legion are:

Friday, February 13, 4pm - 7pm

Saturday, February 14, 9am - noon

Sunday, February 15, noon - 4pm

Monday, February 16, noon - 6pm

We cannot accept any TVs or bed mattresses.

We need **LOTS** of help! Even if it's only for a couple of hours, we encourage everyone to lend a hand. You do not need to be an Auxiliary, SAL or Legion member to help. Volunteers are needed Sunday, February 15th noon-4pm; Monday, February 16th noon-6pm; Tuesday, February 17th noon-6pm to sort and price donated items, and Saturday, February 21st at noon to help clean up.

ALL volunteers who lend a hand and/or bring baked goods will be **GREATLY** appreciated!

If you have any questions, please call or text Debi Luebbers at (618)581-1950.

Thank you in advance!!!

Aviston American Legion Auxiliary

AVISTON GUN CLUB

The Aviston Gun Club would like to thank everyone who helped make our January 6th raffle a success. The income from this raffle allows us to offer our youth programs at no cost to the participants.

Raffle winners were:

1st Prize Val Nicoson

2nd Prize Sharon Wuebbles

3rd Prize Ron (Rocky) Ratermann

4th Prize Josh Ritzheimer

A Hunter Safety Course is offered on March 20th and 21st, 2026 at the Aviston Legion. Sign up is done on I.D.N.R website ONLY.

For assistance and times, call Rick at 618-792-0251.

RATERMANN TRUST SCHOLARSHIPS

St. Francis Parish is happy to announce that scholarships are available for high school seniors enrolling as full-time students in an accredited institution of higher education (College, Vocational or Technical). The funds have been made available via the Dorothy and Wilhelmine Ratermann Trusts

for higher education scholarships and are awarded in their memory. Scholarship amounts are variable. Scholarships are based on need, satisfactory academic performance, community and Church involvement, letters of recommendation, a short essay and an interview. Find more information and application forms on the parish website at www.stfrancisav.org Click on "PARISH LIFE" then "YOUTH". Deadline is March 1, 2025.

AVISTON KHOURY LEAGUE

For any children, pre-K to 6th grade, interested in playing t-ball/baseball/softball this summer, please scan the QR code or visit

<https://forms.gle/1F9reGswB2PBqvqJA> for registration. For any questions, contact Larry Hilmes at avistonyouthleague@yahoo.com.



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UPCOMING EVENTS:

FEBRUARY

- 13-16 – Bring donations to Legion for rummage sale
- 18 – Ash Wednesday Fish Fry at Legion
- 19-21 – Rummage Sale at Legion
- 23 – Park District Meeting
- 24 – Zoning Board Meeting

MARCH

- 1 – Deadline for Ratermann Scholarships
- 2 – Blood Drive at Legion 1-6 p.m.
- 2 - Village Board Meeting
- 15 – Legion Pork Sausage & Beef Dinner
- 20 – Deadline for Summer Help Applications
- 30 – Park District Meeting
- 31 – Zoning Board Meeting

APRIL

- 1 – Deadline for Auxiliary Scholarships

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AVISTON & ALBERS CUB SCOUT BREAKFAST

**Come support PACK 255
and have a great breakfast!**

Sunday, March 8, 2026
Aviston American Legion
7:30am-12pm

- Biscuits and Gravy
- Pork Sausage
- Pancakes
- Scrambled Eggs
- Hash Browns

Dine in or Carry Out



SAVE THE DATE!

