

MARCH 2026

LOST AND FOUND

Cell phone, Aviston ball cap

VILLAGE NEWS

For disposal of yard waste at the City Dump, please put yard waste in the proper location and absolutely no fires!!

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 8:00am -4:00pm. **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.

VILLAGE PARK CLEAN-UP DAY

Spring is around the corner and it's time to clean up our park. Clean-up day is scheduled for Saturday, March 28th from 8:30am-11:30am. Bring your trucks, ATV's, rakes, gloves ... whatever else you can think of that may help. All help is appreciated!!

TRASH/RECYCLING SERVICES

Trash rates are going up effective **April 1, 2026.**

In-town: \$22.97

Out-of-town: \$28.07

LARGE TRASH PICK-UP

The next large trash pick-up is scheduled for Monday, May 4th.

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!!

As a reminder, traveling on state and county highways is prohibited. This includes Clinton Street and Old Route 50 within the village limits. Please use the side streets to cross those streets.

As the weather warms up, our children will be riding their bikes more. Please remind your children that they must follow the rules of the road while operating their bike, including electric bikes and scooters.

DID YOU KNOW?

Before you make any change to your residence, such as a fence, shed, deck, pool, concrete, 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 9:00am. If they miss your cans or you could 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 avistonbersscouts@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 is the first Saturday in April, August and December from 8:00am-10:00 am. Cost is \$25 per TV.

AVISTON ELEMENTARY

Congratulations to 8th Grader Aiden Deien! Aiden was chosen to represent Aviston Elementary at the annual Illinois Principals Association Student Recognition Breakfast. Aiden was selected simply because he chooses to do what is right. He is impressive in meeting the expectations of junior high, models standout character traits – is mature, perceptive and inclusive. Aiden is also a high honor student and an asset to the school's scholar bowl, baseball, cross country, basketball and track teams, always giving his best!

In other news, please visit the school's website avistonk-8.org for the latest updates and opportunities to cheer on the Lady Eagles Volleyball, Bowling and Scholar Bowl teams!

Looking ahead, Aviston Elementary 8th Grade Graduation has been scheduled for May 14th @ 7:00pm. Dates to note include:

March 4-6 PreK Screenings

March 6 Kindergarten Screenings

March 6 School Improvement Day 11:45 Dismissal

March 9 No School Spring Break

March 10 Lady Eagles 8th Grade Night

May 14 Aviston Elementary Graduation @ 7:00pm

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

The Aviston American Legion invites you to their Spring Pork Sausage and Roast Beef dinner on Sunday, March 15th, serving from 10:30am to 6:00 pm. In addition to the meats, it includes sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, 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.

Chili/Soup Cook Off will be held Sunday, March 22nd at Aviston Legion Heroes Pub. Open to the public from 2:00pm – 5:00pm. Price \$5.00. Contest entries due by 1:30pm on day of contest. Any questions, call Ron Ratermann 618-520-4894.

50/50 Raffle drawing on the last Friday of each month at 8:00pm at Heroes Pub. Proceeds going to Lyle Rakers Charitable Foundation that benefits ALS Research at Washington University.
January winner: Whitey Kues

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY 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!

A Spring Craft Vendor Fair, “Sip n Shop” will be held on Sunday, March 29th from 10:00am – 3:00pm at Aviston American Legion. Lots of vendors and crafts. Food will be available.

A heartfelt **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped with the Auxiliary Rummage Sale. Every year, we have amazing volunteers who are willing to work, set up, tear down, buy, bring baked goods, or donate items. We could not have made it without your help. A BIG thank you to the Legion, SAL, Boy Scouts, CYM and the ladies and gentlemen (you know who you are) who are not members of our Legion organization but chose to lend a hand.

Not only is the Rummage Sale a major source of income for the Auxiliary but it also helps support our military, local schools, community organizations and outside charities. No items went to waste. Anything remaining was donated to over 13 different charities or organizations.

We are extremely fortunate to be part of not only a great organization but also this amazing community and left in awe of what we can accomplish when we pull together as one group.

**IT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS AND IT'S ALL
BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY! THANK YOU
AVISTON!**

Sincerely,
The Aviston Auxiliary Rummage Sale Committee

ACIC Upcoming Events:

May 14 - 16 - City Wide Garage Sale

To be listed on the map, email ACIC at avistongaragesale@gmail.com by April 30. Please include your address and a description of what you will be selling. Maps with house locations will be posted on our Facebook page and will be available for pickup at village hall starting May 12th.

CITIZENS FOR AVISTON

Thanks to everyone who supported our CFA event this year! Funds raised are given directly to our park for improvements.

2026 Citizens for Aviston Drawing Winners • \$100 – Bryan & Brett Beer • \$100 – Chris & Kristin Schlautman • \$100 – Cindy & Mark Wiegmann • \$100 – David & Emily Litteken • \$200 – Mike & Marjorie Poettker • \$200 – Angie & Randy Rule • \$300 – Jeff & Tara Sulcer • \$500 – Denise & Eric Zurliene • \$1,000 – Jayne & Neal Arentsen -
Grand Prize – \$2,000 Alex & Justin Venhaus

Mark your calendars for January 30, 2027 – it's never too early to get your tickets! Please contact us via Facebook or 618-513-3483 to purchase.


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
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
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CENTRAL FFA & ALUMNI

Central FFA & Alumni will be hosting a Drive Through Pork Chop Dinner on March 25, 2026. Dinner includes a smoked butterfly pork chop, German potato salad, corn, dinner roll, and cookie. Dinners can be picked up at the school from 4:30pm-6:30pm at the west circle drive at Central High School. Presale dinner tickets are available for \$15.00 from FFA & Alumni members and at the Central High School office. Tickets are also available via text to 618-977-3832 and 618-972-1627.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

- 15 – Legion Pork Sausage & Beef Dinner
- 20 – Deadline for Summer Help Applications
- 28 – Park Clean-up Day
- 30 – Park District Meeting
- 31 – Zoning Board Meeting

APRIL

- 1 – Trash/recycling increase takes effect
- 1 – Deadline for Auxiliary Scholarships
- 4 – Boy Scout TV Recycle Day
- 6 – Village Board Meeting
- 27 – Park District Meeting
- 28 – Zoning Board Meeting

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