

NEWSVIEW

EXCHANGE CLUB of MATTOON

REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION #11

Regional Office of Education #11 Superintendent Dr Kyle Thompson provided a detailed summary of the activities this office has or will or will be providing to the regional school districts. In June 2025 Annual report indicated that there were seventy-one buildings inspected serving the 19,995 students in our twenty-four public school districts. In addition to buildings, the 1589 teachers support and licensing is under the regional oversite were Issuing licenses, providing professional development, and disseminating information on vacancies. The regional office will function as a vital link between state education boards and local schools, offering support through professional development, legal guidance, and resource sharing, while also ensuring compliance by overseeing building safety, teacher licensure, and district organization.

As the regional office is also responsible for maintaining the state requirement for 176 attendance days in a school year. The district addresses student needs, including those of homeless students, students with special needs, and truancy issues—by offering alternative education options such as GED programs and preventive education. Areas in this region need dual language instructors. AI and cell phone studies are currently two of the newest challenges facing our education system.



Dr. Thompson is shown here with President Elect Larry Maxedon and President Lucy Perkins.

JANUARY 2026

AI Has been employed in developing some of this NEWSVIEW data



Covenant of Service

Accepting the divine privilege of single and collective responsibility as life's noblest gift, I covenant with my fellow Exchangites:

To consecrate my best energies to the uplifting of Social, Religious, Political, and Business ideals;

To discharge the debt I owe to those of high and low estate who have served and sacrificed that the heritage of American citizenship might be mine;

To honor and respect law, to serve my fellowmen and to uphold the ideals and institutions of my Country;

To implant the life-giving, society-building spirit of Service and Comradeship in my social and business relationships;

To serve in Unity with those seeking better conditions, better understandings, and greater opportunities for all.

MATTOON WATER DEPARTMENT UPDATE

The Mattoon Water Department, a public community water system under the City Department of Utilities, provides water for about 19,000 residents living around Mattoon. Established in 1865, the Mattoon Water System is currently obtaining its supply from a blend of surface water sources: Paradise Lake and Lake Mattoon.

The Mattoon Water Department has received the **best-possible grade** because the amounts of contaminants found in the water supply were better than the Public Health Goal. Toxins from harmful algal blooms (HABs) are increasingly contaminating source water, as well as the drinking water treatment facilities that the source waters supply.

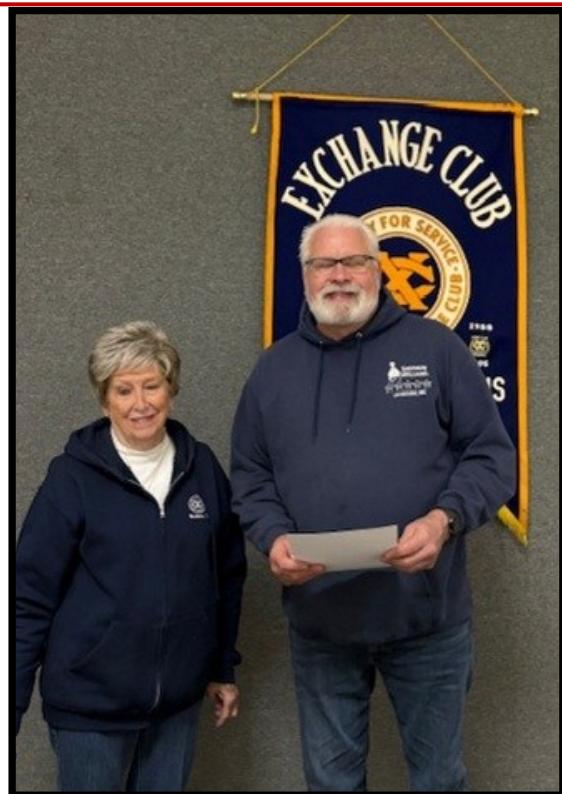
The City of Mattoon conducts testing at the Water Treatment Plant. While the City continually monitors the



water quality, testing for specific harmful algal bloom (HAB) toxins, such as microcystin, can only be performed by the IEPA. The IEPA typically completes sampling and testing monthly of the raw lake water from Lake Paradise, Lake Mattoon, water treatment plant intake (raw) water, and treated tap water. The city has always followed the IEPA's recommendations regarding the frequency of testing.

Shown with A J Cobble is President Lucy Perkins and President Elect Larry Maxedon presenting a token of appreciation.

EXCHANGE MAKES MEMBERSHIP OFFICIAL



Members welcomed the newest Exchange Club of Mattoon's member Robert "Bob" Plush at the January 14th meeting with a unframed membership certificate, membership pin and a warm handshake.

LAKELAND vs. PARKLAND



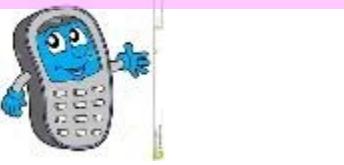
Club outing with no discrimination just great basketball.

LAKE LAND vs. GREENVILLE



CELL PHONES
OFF OR SET
TO VIBRATE
@ MEETINGS

Thanks!



EXCHANGE
www.mattoonexchange.org

Wednesday Mornings
7:00 am American Legion



Exchange Club of Mattoon
P O Box 1452
Mattoon, Illinois 61938

Lucy Perkins

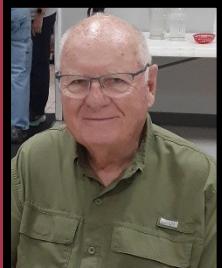


2025-2026

OFFICERS

EXCHANGE CLUB
of MATTOON

Larry Maxedon



Robert Riggert



Dennis Booker



Dave Coen



President

Lucy Perkins

President Elect

Larry Maxedon

Secretary

Dennis Booker

Co-Treasurers'

Robert Riggert & Dave Coen

March 27, 1976

49 YEARS OF SERVICE

CLUB ACCOUNTS

December 31, 2025

Operations Account:

\$2,184.29

Project Account:

\$8,521.86

Scholarship Account:

\$103.78

Scholarship CD

\$8,473.77

Cash Account:

\$311.08



EXCHANGE

www.mattoonexchange.org



OLD GLORY



MAXEDON HAS PLANNED

FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

Feb 4

St. Johns Archery

Coach Larry Miller

Feb 11

Polar Plunge

Vanessa Duncan

Feb 18

ASH WEDNESDAY

First Presbyterian Church

Feb 25

Bikers Against Child Abuse

B.A.C.A.

RAMBLINGS

Mahatma Gandhi, as everyone knows, walked barefoot most of the time, which produced an impressive set of calluses on his feet. He also ate very little, which made him rather frail, and with his odd diet, he suffered from bad breath. This made him a-----ready?



super-callused
fragile mystic
hexed by halitosis.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 25th

50TH
ANNIVERSARY



MARCH 25, 2026 | WEDNESDAY
MATTOON COUNTRY CLUB, MATTON IL

5PM COCKTAILS | 5:45 DINNER | 6:30 PROGRAM

\$25 Per Person

RSVP by 3/1/26 to Bob Riggert

With Money and Names