

MATTOON SHOP WITH A COP

The "Mattoon shop with a cop" event, where police officers shop with underprivileged children for Christmas gifts. While the local Mattoon WALMART has been outstanding in supporting and hosting for many years.

This event gets bigger and better each year. Last year the Officers spent approximately \$32,000 on gifts and clothing for over one hundred kids. Each family received a gift card for Niemann Foods as well.

The community deserves all the credit for this event. Generous donations every year make this program possible. We greatly appreciate everyone that helped us shop with the kids. They included area residents, pizzas from Villa Pizza, the Coles County



Queen, Miss Mattoon, Lake Land College PD, Mattoon Community Unit School District 2 employees, Omega Nu - Epsilon Sigma Alpha Community Chapter, Exchange Club of Mattoon, and Walmart employees.

Officers Kepley and Wilson received a \$250 check from President Perkins and President-Elect Maxedon.

NOVEMBER 2025



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.

EXCHANGE CLUB of MATTOON NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE

Exchange Club members worked at Catholic Charities retail store assembling Christmas trees for store displays.



G A K A F T W

Exchange Clubs as a part of the National Americanism Program supports by walking in parades recognizing Independence Day or Veterans Day by passing out United States Flags to the community along the parade route.

Give A Kid A Flag To Wave



THE BIG DIG

Chris Suerdieck, the curator of the Mattoon History Museum provided the history of the expansion of the City of Mattoon and construction of the railroad expansion during the mid-1800's in his new book "The Big Dig" which is now available, and all funds is donated to the Mattoon Public Library.

Mattoon was founded around the intersection of the Illinois Central Railroad and the New York Central (Big Four- Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis Railway) Railroad. The railroads were the lifeblood of the community, leading to rapid growth and the establishment of businesses and infrastructure.

During the Civil War, this railroad junction became a major source of support, and its importance enabled the development of engine round houses, maintenance facilities, and fueling facilities. During the early 1900's wrecks and delays of trains at this juncture caused the start of the relocation of tracks at Mattoon.



Chris has assembled the history of this major construction project with facts and photos that will answer the questions that arise as one might stand on a bridge in the city and observe the current train traffic through the city.

Chris is shown here with President Lucy and Pres-Elect Larry.

BUY A BOOK AND SUPPORT THE LIBRARY



ONE STOP COMMUNITY SERVICE

Currently there are 7 communities included in the families selected for this effort to provide help and hope for families at Christmas time. In 2024, there were 1027 families that this service helped provide a positive experience for more than 2675 kids.

There are over 200 area organizations that provide the needed products as well as the manpower to organize and distribute these products for this one day.

The needs are many. Volunteers are needed at Lake Land College to set-up, be a personal shopper and to tear down. Giving provides the items that are needed to complete a table. Help events within our community for drives that are organized to provide funds to purchase items for the tables.

The Exchange Club has encouraged members to provide Mens clothing and cleaning products. Here is a picture of Kim Henness accepting the \$250 check from Exchange Club of Mattoon at the morning meeting.



* 100% of donations stay local
* Every gift, big or small, makes a difference





CELL PHONES
OFF OR SET
TO VIBRATE
@ MEETINGS

Thanks!



EXCHANGE
www.mattoonexchange.org

Wednesday Mornings
7:00 am American Legion

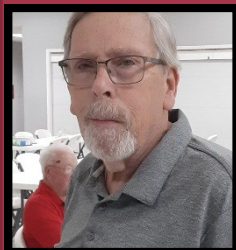


Exchange Club of Mattoon
P O Box 1452
Mattoon, Illinois 61938

Lucy Perkins



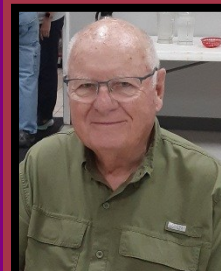
Robert Riggert



Dennis Booker



Larry Maxedon



Dave Coen



2025-2026
OFFICERS
EXCHANGE CLUB
of MATTOON

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

October 31, 2025

Operations Account:

\$2,119.29

Project Account:

\$7,791.44

Scholarship Account:

\$103.78

Scholarship CD

\$8,473.77

Cash Account:

\$309.58



EXCHANGE

www.mattoonexchange.org



THE QUEEN WAS FOUND

\$425 DONATED BACK



MAXEDON HAS PLANNED

DECEMBER PROGRAMS

Dec 3

Dr. Heide Larson

Freshman Connections—EIU

Dec 10

Operation Sleighride

Dec 17

Robert High

Hearing

Dec 24

CHRISTMAS

PARTY

\$10 Food Pantry

RAMBLINGS



**WHEN YOU
GET AN A ON
THE TEST AND
DIDN'T STUDY.**