

NEWSVIEWS

EXCHANGE CLUB of MATTOON

VETERANS SUPPORT COALITION

Now in their ninth year the Veteran Support Coalition has the commitment to provide for local Veterans in immediate need of assistance. Some veterans in our community are found in need of food, shelter, or support for independent living. The Veterans Support Coalition can provide immediate financial assistance and lifetime support to current military members and veterans of all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces, and their families of Coles County Illinois, ensuring that they have the resources they need during their recovery and transition back to their communities.



They are proud of the Hero's 6 program. Hero's 6 (we've got your back) serves more than forty-five veterans residing in Coles County nursing homes, some in hospice care. Their team of volunteers are trained and supply comfort and snacks to those in end-of-life stage. This program admires our "national treasures" and strives to provide comfort and compassion to them.

Shown with President Lucy Perkins and accepting a Exchange Club support check is Connie Jones Vet Support Chair and winner of the:

2026 BOOK of GOLDEN DEEDS AWARD

JUNE 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 Comradship in my social and business relationships;

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

St. JOHNS FFA PROGRAM



Learning to Do
Doing to Learn
Learning to Live
Living to Serve



The National FFA Organization is a youth leadership and agricultural organization that aims to develop students' potential for leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education. St. Johns has started the program that will be growing with the growth of the school.

Locally, FFA is a student leadership organization that complements a student's classroom/laboratory instruction with Career Development Events that cover agricultural career skills such as agricultural communication, public speaking, growing food and plants, meat evaluation, food preparation, and service. The SJE group brought home third place awards in state competition. The FFA program develops students in individual and team activities. These competitions can happen at a local or district level, state level, and on the national level.

The Exchange Club President elect Larry Maxedon is shown presenting a support check to FFA members, Liz Herzberg, William Smith and Jamie Jones.



ACCESS RAMPS of COLES COUNTY

The Access Ramps of Coles County is sponsored by The Rotary Club of Mattoon, Catholic Charities, and the First United Methodist Church. Volunteers support this effort by building ramps in eight-foot sections on Mondays at the Catholic Charities warehouse then transporting to the homeowner's location for assembly.

All ramps are constructed after inspection of the requested ramp home, in Coles County, and written permission is obtained. A written need must be obtained from a medical professional and a request for funding is requested from the Mattoon Rotary Foundation. Most ramps require more than six hundred dollars of material and labor is by volunteers. There are current-



ly fifteen requests that have been processed this year and twelve have been completed. Ramps remain the property of Access Ramps and when no longer needed are removed, salvaged and reinstalled satisfying a request.

Exchange Club of Mattoon President Elect Maxedon is shown presenting the program with a \$250 check to Mike Snow.

EXCHANGE CLUB of MATTOON 2026-27



Board member Larry Gutzler, Secretary Dennis Booker, President-Elect Dave Coen, Treasurer Robert Riggert, Board member Lindsay Sewell, Board Member Brian Gillaspie, President Larry Maxedon, Past-President Lucy Perkins. {Division Director Max Jaeger shown in preparation}



2025-26

PRESIDENT

LUCY

PERKINS

What started as a “...okay I will help ...” ended up to be an exciting year for our outgoing President.

Special Celebration of 50 years of service and endless questions of what 2026-27 will be.

The club members extend many many thanks for your service.

LINCOLNLAND DISTRICT AWARDS



DISTRICT AWARD 2025-26

Division Director

Max Jaeger

Presents the

DISTRICT

**ROOKIE of the YEAR
AWARD**

to

ROBERT PLUSH

DISTRICT AWARD 2025-26

Division Director

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Presents the

DISTRICT

**TOM WILLIAMS SR COMMUNI-
CATIONS AWARD—SOCIAL MEDIA**

To

EXCHANGE CLUB of MATTOON

**BOB HANDSHY ACCEPTED THE
CLUB AWARD**



EXCHANGE CLUB of MATTOON 2025-26 AWARDS



CLUB AWARD 2025-26
President Lucy Perkins
Presents the
CLUB
ALL AMERICAN
VOLUNTEER
AWARD
to
ROSALEE MYERS

CLUB AWARD 2025-26
President Lucy Perkins
Presents the
DISTINGUISHED
SERVICE
AWARD
to
ROBERT RIGGERT



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FRIDAY NIGHT
SOCIAL

What started as a club social to support the American Legion that supports our Wednesday Morning Meetings continues with members and wives enjoying a social conversations

Once a month, Rhonda provides the menu many times bacon wrapped porkchop or steak, Catfish filet or fish or shrimp or chicken is usually on the menu.



EXCHANGE
CLUB LUNCHEON SOCIAL

The lady's have been having a great lunch at restaurants around Mattoon. Rosalee has been seeking luncheon locations.



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CELL PHONES
OFF OR SET
TO VIBRATE
@ MEETINGS

Thanks!



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Wednesday Mornings
7:00 am American Legion

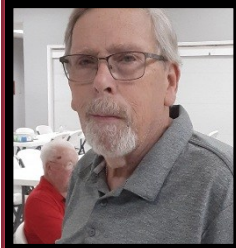


Exchange Club of Mattoon
P O Box 1452
Mattoon, Illinois 61938

Lucy Perkins



Robert Riggert



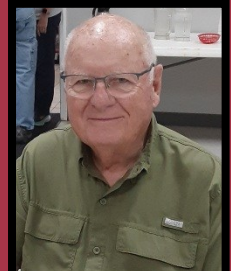
Dennis Booker



Dave Coen



Larry Maxedon



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

50 YEARS OF SERVICE

CLUB ACCOUNTS

May, 2026

Operations Account:

\$2470.16

Project Account:

\$9869.49

Scholarship Account:

\$103.82

Scholarship CD

\$8628.28

Cash Account:

\$140.20



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Wilford "Pill" Fisher

Wilford D. "Pill" Fisher, age 88.

Pill was born on May 30, 1938, in Odin, IL, he married Kathryn "Kitty" F. Risinger on June 7, 1958, in Odin, IL. He is survived by his wife, Kitty Fisher of Mattoon, IL; son, Dr. Jeff Fisher and wife Rita Crawford of San Jose, CA; two daughters, Lynne Wolf of Mattoon, IL, Elaine Fisher of Champaign, IL; two granddaughters, Tiffany Sproles and husband Austin of Tallahassee, FL, and Kira Kanski and husband Tyler of Bloomington, IL.



Pill honorably served our country in US ARMY 101st Airborne from 1956 until 1959. He has had various businesses over the years. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, 32nd Degree Shriner, member of the Hiram and Danville Exchange clubs, and charter member of the Mattoon Exchange Club. He was a devoted volunteer at Mattoon Food Center and Exchange Club. Pill enjoyed being a doting grandfather and was always present for his granddaughters' activities.

EXCHANGE

JULY PROGRAMS

July 4

Parade 8 :00 am

July 8

**BOOK of
GOLDEN DEEDS**

July 31 10 am

**Mattoon Library
AMEICAN FLAG
CELEBRATION**

RAMBLINGS

One benefit of old age is that your secrets are always safe with your friends



... because they can't remember them!