

# Ava Area CHAMBER COMMERCE

## Chamber Chat



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June 2019

[www.avachamber.org](http://www.avachamber.org)

### What's Happening

**6/3** Chamber Economic Development Committee Meeting 5:30pm

**6/10** Chamber Board Meeting 5:15pm

**6/11** Chamber Luncheon 12:00pm

#### 2019 Chamber Officers

**President:** Anita Madche

**V P:** Richard Sturgeon

**Secretary:** Gail Huffman

**Treasurer:** Betty Ridenour

#### 2019 Board Members

Bart Ellison, Teresa Nash  
Kenny Fleetwood, Amy Porter  
Danny Letsinger, Glenda Little  
Brandi Stanifer, Bob Sorensen  
Caryl Stillings, Sheldon Shaver  
Richard Salgado

#### Office Staff

Judy Shields, Director  
Nina Carter, Office Assistant  
Bill Jones, Office Support

#### Chamber Board Meetings

are held on the second Monday of each month. To be a guest or add an item to the agenda, contact the Chamber office.

#### Chamber Luncheons

are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 12:00 and are complimentary to members. Contact the office for information on hosting a Luncheon.

#### Economic Development

Meetings held on the first Monday of each month at 5:30.

#### Contact Us

810 Collins Avenue  
PO Box 1103 Ava, MO  
417-683-4594  
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"Take Me Out to the Ballgame..."

Show some Ava Pride! Join your friends and neighbors in the "Ava Section" on the



3<sup>rd</sup> base line at the Cardinals game on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm! Tickets are just \$12.00 and include a free Cardinals cap! These special tickets are only available through the Ava Chamber office and are excellent for Father's Day gifts, staff/employee appreciation, church/youth groups, etc.

It is sure to be a fun afternoon, with two of Ava's own singing the National Anthem and throwing out the first pitch! The Douglas County Veterans Memorial Association t-ball team has been chosen for the Field of Dreams experience with the Cardinal players. Tickets are selling fast. So, get yours soon!



**Ava Community Day!**

**Saturday, June 15th, @ 6PM**

### Ava City-Wide Yard Sale June 6th-8th

It's time to clean out those closets and make some cash! The annual Ava City-Wide Yard Sale brings people into Ava from many surrounding counties and takes advantage of the influx of visitors attending the annual Fox Trotters Spring Show held the same week.



**Be a Participant!** Include your sale on the Ava City-Wide Yard Sale Map. Five-hundred maps are printed and distributed, listing each participant's sale location within the city limits. Participants will also be given a CWYS yard sign and benefit from the advertising of this city-wide event on radio and in printed publications throughout our region. Fees are \$14 for Chamber Members, \$16 for Non-Members. \$2 is refunded upon return of your yard sign. Registration forms with details are available at City Hall, City Utilities, at the Chamber office, or by visiting [www.avachamber.org](http://www.avachamber.org) and clicking on the area events calendar.

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## Pioneer Heritage Festival of the Ozarks (PHFO)

***Saturday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, Oct 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019***

The Pioneer Heritage Festival of the Ozarks will again be located at the New Haven Event Center (formerly Chapel Grove) located on Hwy 14 between Ava and West Plains, for their Third Annual Festival.

You will find MUSIC played by experienced musicians from our Main Stage, as well as areas where any one can join in our impromptu music jams. If you find your foot tapping, there is plenty of room for dancing!!

Learn firsthand about how things were done & made in Ozarks Past as you visit our ARTISAN EXHIBITORS. Take part in our Talent Show or enter in our Pie or Cornbread Baking Contest! How about dressing up and entering our Period Clothing Contest? Show off your muscles while Cross Cut Sawing! *Come on! It will be fun!!!* Students can enter a Heritage Art Contest where Scholarships will be awarded to winners. Did I mention the Scavenger Hunt? Such Fun! There will be a lot of Family Friendly Activities!

Oh, and the FOOD! Yum!! Lots of Food! -Burgers, Catfish, BBQ Pork & Brisket, Turkey Legs, Beverages & Baked Goods, and more!

PHFO was created to preserve & celebrate the culture & history of the Ozarks through educational activities, preserving traditional skills & acknowledging local artisans while creating new community traditions. Because of our mission, PHFO does not charge our Artisan Exhibitors for their space.

*We have space available if you are an Artisan that would like to share your expertise with Festival Attendees. You are welcomed to sell your hand-made items.*

Through support from our generous community, we cover our expenses.

*To learn more about a Booth Space or Festival Sponsorships/Donations or Marketing your business by placing your advertisement in the Festival Program, please contact Donna Eslinger 417/496-2711 [donna.eslinger@gmail.com](mailto:donna.eslinger@gmail.com) or Nina Carter 417/543-3401 [ninacarter65@gmail.com](mailto:ninacarter65@gmail.com)*

Take a minute to look at [www.heritage417.com](http://www.heritage417.com) or our Facebook Page for much more information.

**WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU & YOUR FAMILY AT THE FESTIVAL!!**

*\*Thank You to Jon & Cameron Cuff for designing our new Logo!!*



## DOCO Sheltered Workshop Provides Commercial Cleaning to Area Businesses

Our Cleaning Department currently holds contracts with the Ava Ambulance District and many other businesses in town and can be trusted to put a sparkle and shine on your office space, meeting room, business, etc. When you hire our team, you not only get bonded and eager workers, you also provide meaningful employment for our clients and an opportunity for them to be a productive and active part of our community.

Services include:

- ♦ Sweeping & Mopping
- ♦ Dusting
- ♦ Vacuuming
- ♦ Bathrooms
- ♦ Dishes
- ♦ And More!

**Contact Michelle Bristol for more information  
at 417-683-3915 or [michelleb.doco@gmail.com](mailto:michelleb.doco@gmail.com).**



## Chamber of Commerce Shows Appreciation to Ava Area Businesses

The Ava Chamber of Commerce held their annual Business Appreciation Luncheon on the Ava Square on May 14th and welcomed a steady flow of over 245 people from area businesses & organizations. The weather was beautiful, helpers were aplenty, the food was tasty, and friendly conversation filled the air! Folks enjoyed eating their lunches under the shade of the gazebo and soaking up the warm sunshine while chatting with friends and networking with legislative reps and business/organization leaders.



A special note of appreciation to Ava Lions Club Members for helping us set-up and clean-up and to Lions Sheila Wiley and Dick Salgado for keeping those burgers and dogs coming fresh off the grill!

This annual complimentary barbecue lunch is the Chamber's way of saying "thank you" to our local businesses and organizations. They are a vital part of

keeping our community vibrant and growing. Each of us can help keep our area businesses thriving and ensure that our local economy stays strong by shopping at home in our local retail stores and service-oriented businesses.



*Photos by Richard Sturgeon*

## City-Wide Yard Sale *Continued from page 1*



Register your sale today! The deadline is June 4th at 5PM.

**Pick up a Map!** Maps, listing participating City-Wide Yard Sale locations, may be picked up at

the following Ava locations beginning June 5th after 5PM: Signal Gas Station, McDonalds, and both Casey's General Stores. Pick up your CWYS map, then browse and shop with some friends, and make a day of it!

**Chamber Business Members!** If you wish to hold a sidewalk sale at your business during the City-Wide Yard Sale event, just call the Chamber office by June 4th, and we will place your business on the map FREE of charge! Just another way your Chamber membership is at work for you!



New Members Are Joining

**Cornerstone Contracting**

**Jack's Automotive**

**David & Dorothy Norman**

**J & L Tire**



## Independence Day Celebrations

**HOTO June 28th**  
from 6-10pm!

*This free community event is hosted by the Heart of the Ozarks Healthcare Center each year.*



Bring your family and friends out for an evening of fun, and enjoy these activities: browsing vendor booths, Bingo, Crystal Lake fishing pond, car show, dunking booth, inflatables and games for the kids, live music, delicious food, an amazing silent auction, and a spectacular fireworks show!

Parking available at the event or across from Casey's at the Hwy 5 & 76 intersection. Shuttle busses available to bring folks up and down the hill.

For more information or to have a vendor booth, call 417-683-4129 or contact Connie Burris on Facebook.

**Rockbridge July 4th from 5-9:30pm!**

Bring your family & friends to Rockbridge's Annual Independence Day Celebration. Come join us Thursday, July 4th from 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Enjoy live music, games for the kids, fishing, corral rides, train rides, several vendor booths, face painting, delicious food, and one of the area's best fireworks displays at dusk.

Bring your chairs and enjoy an evening of fun!

## Chamber Member News

**Lions Club Walk/Run for Sight and Diabetes-** Saturday, June 22nd, 2019. Sign-in Begins at 7:00AM. Start time is 8:00AM. \$15 Registration Fee pre-paid before June 4th receives free t-shirt. Children 6 & under free. Prizes and Medals Awarded to Top Finishers! Registration forms may be obtained at the Ava Chamber office, in the Douglas County Herald, or on the Ava Lions Club Facebook page. For more information contact Robert Sellers, 417-683-1796. Mail registration and check to PO Box 1314 Ava, MO 65608.

**Ava Art Guild** will hold its annual Spring Art Show, showcasing art from the Ozarks in many mediums and categories. Show will be held through June 15 from 10 am to 4 pm, as part of 2500 Miles of Art and Culture—Douglas County event. The show is free and open to the public. Come browse the art and vote for your favorite. The show is held at the Gallery at 303 E Washington Ave, across from the Douglas County Herald. For more information call 417-893-9638, visit [avaartguild.org](http://avaartguild.org) or follow us on Facebook.

**Rockbridge Trout Ranch Events:** Make plans now to spend Sunday June 16th at Rockbridge. We will have special features in the restaurant from Noon to 8 p.m. Looking for the perfect Father's Day present? Rockbridge has first class accommodations, adventurous trout fishing, horseback riding, guided hunting & fishing, and our gun club offers sporting clays, 5 stand, trap, & wobble trap. Give Dad something extra special this year... a gift card from Rockbridge!

### June Chamber Luncheon

**DATE:** June 11th at 11:30-1:00

**LOCATION:** Ava Lions Club

**HOST:** Heart of the Ozarks Healthcare Center & Ava Place



### Upcoming Luncheons

*July 9th – Impressions Floral and More*

*August 13th— Douglas County CHART*

## Chamber Member News

**Ava Lions Club** Gun Raffle for a Ruger American Rifle and cash prizes going on now! Purchase your tickets, \$5 a ticket or 5 for \$20, from Lions Richard Sturgeon( 543-8939) or Bob Sorensen(880-9342). Cash prizes are \$200 & \$100. Lions Club meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Mondays at noon. Anyone welcome!

**Independent Copy Center** has a great assortment of Father's Day cards for 95 cents and under (does not include Leaning Tree cards). Most cards have Scripture verses. They also carry a regular assortment of other cards and office supplies. Independent Copy Center is located on the East side of the Ava Square.

**The Ava Art Guild** will host their monthly workshop on June 8th. Wanda Nava will lead attendees in a Sumi-e painting. SUMI-E is the Japanese word for Black Ink Painting. East Asian Painting and writing developed together in ancient China using the same materials — brush and ink on paper. Sumi-e painting is a 2000 year old painting technique. Anyone welcome to attend. All supplies provided. Social time starts at 1 pm with a light lunch, business meeting at 1:30 and workshop at 2 pm.

For more information call 417-893-9638. The Gallery is located at 303 E Washington Avenue, off the east side of the Ava Square.

### **Douglas County Public Library Events:**

Thursday, June 6, at 10 am, magician Marty Hahn will be performing an "Out of This World" magic show for children at the library.

Tuesday, June 10 at 1pm Genealogy Workshop as part of the 2500 Miles of Arts and Culture.

Tuesday, June 11 at 7pm Kathy Reser will share some Stories of Yesterday as part of the 2500 Miles of Arts and Culture.

Wednesday, June 12 at 7pm author and former educator Marsha Thauwald will also share some Stories of Yesterday as part of the 2500 Miles of Arts and Culture.

Thursday, June 20 at 10am Walking Stick Studio will present a puppet show for children called "Monkeys on Mars".

**Ozarks Small Business Incubator-OzSBI** in West Plains offers the following workshops: Introduction to Excel for Business: Tuesday, June 4th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This one-day workshop is for beginning to intermediate users. Learn how to set up Excel to meet your personal needs at work or home and customize its many features so you can boost your productivity. Smart Start: Developing a Successful Business: Monday, June 17th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. This workshop will outline the first steps you need to take to create a successful and sustainable business, how to create a business plan and how to get a handle of business finances from the start. Advanced Excel for Business: Tuesday, June 2rth from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This one-day workshop is for intermediate to advanced Excel users. Learn more complex features of Excel to make your productivity at work or home even stronger. For more information or to register, visit [www.ozsbi.com](http://www.ozsbi.com), or call 417-256-9724.

**Douglas County Herald:** New Offerings from the Douglas County Herald.

#### *1. Email Newsletter*

It's free. It's weekly. It's a quick editor-curated list of the top headlines. Subscribe by visiting: [douglascountyherald.com/newsletter](http://douglascountyherald.com/newsletter).

#### *2. In-Office Subscription*

For \$19/year (pre-paid) you can pick up your paper here at the Herald office, starting at 7:30 AM on Thursdays. We'll have it waiting in the lobby. Right by the coffee. That's less than 37 cents an issue! Give us a call or stop by to sign up.

#### *3. Photo Gallery*

Want one of our photos on your wall? Download a high-resolution digital version from our new Photo Gallery. For \$6/each you get a DRM-free digital file usable at a photo center of your choice. Check it out at [douglascountyherald.com/photogallery](http://douglascountyherald.com/photogallery)

**Thursday Nite Music's** summer program is in full-swing and continues each Thursday through October. Come join the fun every Thursday night at the Douglas County Veterans Memorial Association building at 402 W Washington, across from Ava Post Office. Kitchen opens at 5pm, music starts at 7pm. No cover charge. Door prizes will be given away at intermission.

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**Tickets \$12**

**Section M - 3rd base line**

Let's Fill the Ava Section & Show Some Ava Pride!

Great for Employee Appreciation, Church Groups,  
Youth Groups, Clubs, Family Day, etc.!



**Free Cap  
with each ticket!**

*Great Father's Day Gift!*



Tickets Available at the Ava Chamber  
Office until June 10th!

Sponsored by the Ava Chamber of Commerce

**Ava City-Wide  
Yard Sale**

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Maps available in Ava at  
McDonald's, Signal, or  
Casey's General Stores  
after 5pm June 5th.