

Ava Area CHAMBER of COMMERCE

Chamber Chat



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May 2019

What's Happening

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

5/13 Chamber Board
Meeting 5:15pm

5/14 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 infor-
mation 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
director@avachamber.org

Outstanding Citizen Recognized at Chamber of Commerce Membership & Awards Banquet

Nina Carter Receives 2019 John N. Dickison Award

The John N. Dickison Award recognizes a
Douglas County citizen, outstanding in lon-
gevity in community service and dedication
to the people of Douglas County. Nina
Carter was recognized and honored for her
many years and countless hours of dedicat-
ed service to organizations, projects, and
people in the Ava/Douglas County commu-
nity.

Marie Bristol, daughter of John N. Dick-
ison, is pictured at the right presenting the award to Nina.



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

GET YOUR SALE ON THE CITY-WIDE YARD SALE MAP!



Registration forms
available at the
Chamber office &
Ava City Utilities.

Fee: \$16.00 / Chamber Members \$14.00
\$2.00 refunded upon return of yard sign.

Must be registered by June 3rd to be included on Map.

Sponsored by the Ava Area Chamber of Commerce
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Spaces available to
hold your sale in
in town.

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!

Trinity Lutheran Church invites you to their Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, May 4th, from 7AM to 10AM. Pancakes, eggs, sausage, biscuits and gravy, and a drink. Donations accepted. Proceeds go to the local Meals on Wheels program.

Independent Copy Center has a great assortment of Mother's Day 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.

KKOZ Radio's annual Bids-For Bargains has begun and continues each Friday and Saturday through May! Tune into 91.2 FM at 9:30AM each week, right after Trading Post, to bid on great deals from local businesses, Branson, and more! So, tune in! You won't want to miss it!

Tri-County Trash Service now serving Douglas County with rural trash pick-up. Family owned and operated by John & Gloria Sterner since 2009. Bush-hogging and clean-up also available. Free estimates. Call 417-926-1958.

The Ava Art Guild will host their monthly workshop on May 11th and have a field trip to Glenna Freeman's cousin's bronze foundry at Bruner. Everyone is welcome! There will be a carpool or you can get directions. Attendees should meet at Gallery at 1 pm to have a light lunch, then carpool to foundry. For more information call 417-893-9638. The Gallery is located at 303 E Washington Avenue, off the east side of the Ava Square.

Chamber Member Spotlight



Advantage Gas Service

Propane and Natural Gas
Repair, Service, and Sales.

Commercial & Residential
Installation for Gas Appliances

CALL
Chris Verhage

417-683-0096



Ava Chamber of Commerce Business Appreciation Luncheon

Tuesday, May 14th, 12-1:30PM

*On the Ava Square
(Lions Club if raining)*

Come Enjoy a Complimentary Lunch!

All Ava Businesses Invited!

*It's the Chamber's way of saying "Thank You"
for doing business in our community.*

Chamber of Commerce Membership Banquet Highlights

Photos courtesy of Richard Sturgeon



2019 Chamber Volunteer of the Year, Janice Lorrain

The Chamber Volunteer of the Year Award was awarded to Janice Lorrain. Janice is an active supporter of the Ava Chamber of Commerce and serves on its Economic Development Committee. She continues to volunteer her time to Chamber projects and community events. Her efforts and dedication are much appreciated. She is pictured on the left receiving her award from Anita Madche, Chamber President, and Judy Shields, Chamber Director.

Special Thanks & Recognition



Special Recognition was given at the Chamber banquet to Max and Wanda Murphy, owners of United Country Area Land Realty. For the past 16 years, they have donated the office space that the Chamber resides in. The Ava Chamber of Commerce would like to say "Thank You" to Max & Wanda for their years of support and friendship.

2019 Will McFarlin Youth Award Recipient, Carter Crews

The Will McFarlin Youth Award was awarded to Ava High School senior, Carter Crews. Carter received this award for her outstanding character and volunteerism and for being an exemplary role model to the youth in our community. Will McFarlin is pictured at the right presenting Carter with her award.



2019 Treasure of the Ozarks GEM Award Recipient, True Brew-Bread of Life Giving and Sharing.

Pictured left receiving the award is the organization's Director, Tom Martincic, and Darlene Sorensen with the Chamber's Economic Development Committee.

- Musical entertainment was provided by students with the Ozarks String Project, directed by Barbara Deegan.
- Best Casserole went to Jess Harley. Best Veggie-Dish to Wes Wallace, and Best Dessert to Carol Cunningham.
- Voting for the Best Decorated Table revealed a 2-way tie between Massage & Body Works and the Douglas County Veterans Memorial Association.
- All 30 tables were sponsored and decorated by chamber member businesses and organizations!
- Approximately 200 people were in attendance, including Senator Mike Cunningham, State Representative Karla Eslinger, and City of Ava Mayor, Burrely Loftin. It was a wonderful evening!

RESERVE YOUR SPOT!

Ad Spaces are filling up fast in the
2019-2020 Ava Community
Guide/Chamber Membership
Directory

Contact us today to reserve yours!

Invoices won't go out until June!



Chamber Business Members! If you wish to hold a sidewalk sale at your business during the City Wide Yard Sale event, let me know by June 5th, and I will place your business on the map, FREE of charge!

May Chamber Luncheon

DATE: May 14th at 11:30-1:00

LOCATION: Ava Square

HOST: Ava Chamber of Commerce

Upcoming Luncheons

June 11th – Heart of the Ozarks Healthcare Center
& Ava Place

July 9th – Impressions Floral and More



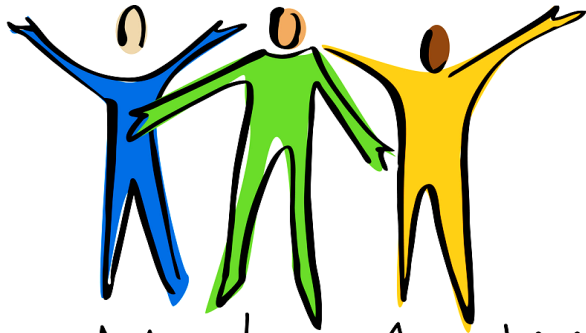
Chamber Member News

Job Fair to be Held in Ava- Missouri Job Center is putting together a regional Job Fair in Ava on Saturday, May 4th at MOCH. So, mark your calendar today! If your business would like to participate, please give Teri Ebel a call at 417-853-4418 to reserve your free spot! More info on the back page.

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.

Joanne Coutchie, Broker of the Murney Associates Realtors Suburban Office received the Greater Springfield Board of Realtors® Platinum Award for 2018. This prestigious award is given to an individual realtor for over \$12 million in sales for that year. Obtaining this award shows proficiency in the real estate profession. The awarded certificate was received at the Awards Celebration on March 22, 2019, at the White River Conference Center and recognized as an honoree in the Class of 2018 at the Annual Awards Celebration! Murney Associates Realtors - Hwy 60 & C Seymour, MO 417-935-4360

Ava Art Guild will hold its annual Spring Art Show, showcasing art from the Ozarks in many mediums and categories. The gallery will be open to receive entries from 10 am to 4 pm until May 27th. Show will be held May 29 to 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 303 E Washington Ave, across from the Douglas County Herald. For more information call 417-893-9638, visit avaartguild.org or follow us on Facebook.



New Members Are Joining

Ava Springs

Ava Country Club

Sho-Me Real Estate

J Brothers/Cooper Lumber



May 2nd @ 12PM

Thomas Heating & Air

207 N. Jefferson Street - Ava

May 17th @ 12PM

Sho-Me Real Estate

1203 Airport Road - Ava

May 24th @ 12PM

Maranatha Health &

Wellness Centre -

126 East Washington Avenue - Ava

Chamber Member News

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.

Ozarks Small Business Incubator-OzSBI in West Plains will host its sixth annual National Small Business Week celebration on May 9th, 2019.

Aspiring entrepreneurs, business owners and community leaders are welcome to gather at the incubator and be inspired by the journey of successful entrepreneurs and network with other business owners during EPIC (Entrepreneur Potential and Innovation Collaboration) 19, which will kick off at 1 p.m.

EPIC 19 will feature keynote speaker Ellen Rohr, the nationally recognized "Business Makeover Expert." Rohr's presentation will discuss "Rockin' Referral Marketing."

A Business Pitch Competition will be held after the round-table discussion. Finalists from OzSBI's preliminary pitch competition in April will present a six-minute pitch to a panel of judges for a chance to win a first-place prize with a cash value of over \$300, professional mentoring sessions and one year of coworking space at OzSBI, having an overall value of \$1,500.

An Entrepreneur of The Year Award will be selected by a people's choice vote during the event. Attendees will be able to vote from a list of nominees nominated by fellow community members. The award recognizes business growth, sustainability, innovativeness and community involvement.

EPIC 2019 tickets are \$35 and can be purchased online at www.ozsbi.com/events/epic-19. For more information, visit OzSBI's Facebook page, www.ozsbi.com, or call 417-256-9724.



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Ava Community Day! **Saturday, June 15th, @ 6PM**

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 1st!*

Sponsored by the Ava Chamber of Commerce

JOB FAIR

LET'S GET TO WORK!

Sat., May 4 10 a.m. - Noon
MOCH Wellness Center
603 NW 10th St. Ava, MO

Wilson Industries
Penmac
Heart of the Ozarks Health Care Center
And more to come!

Local employers will be there looking for new employees,
so dress for success, bring your résumé, show up early and be ready to find a new job!

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program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with
disabilities. Missouri TTY users can call (800) 735-2966 or dial 7-1-1.

