

Ava Area CHAMBER COMMERCE *Newsletter*



August 2020

What's Happening

8/3 Economic Development
Committee meeting @ 5:30pm

8/10 Chamber Board Meeting
@ 5pm

NO August Chamber Luncheon

Office Staff

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

2020 Chamber Board

Members

President: Anita Madche

VP: Richard Sturgeon

Secretary: Gail Huffman

Treasurer: Betty Ridenour

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

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 65608
417-683-4594
director@avachamber.org



*Remember to cast your VOTE
on August 4th!*

ELECTION NIGHT BLOCK PARTY!

**August 4th 7pm-9pm
on the Ava Square**

This is a non-partisan event for our
community to come enjoy some good
music, food, and fun while hearing the election results come in from
the courthouse and broadcast live on KKOZ Radio.

Delicious Food: Hamburgers—Hot Dogs—Nachos—Kettle
Corn—Snow cones—Frito Pies—Snowballs & more!

Photo Booth: Blessed Reflections Photography offering
Snap-n-Take photos!

Music: Anyone interested in Playing Music in the gazebo
is welcome to come and Jam! Just let the Ava Chamber
office know at 683-4594.

So bring your lawn chairs and stay a while!

We'll be outside, so visiting at a safe distance will be easily possible.

Ava Chamber Continues to Grow

Welcome
New
Chamber
Members

The Ava Chamber of Commerce would like to extend a
warm "welcome" to our newest members, *Twisted Wrench
Garage, Edge Business & Realty Advisory Group, and Safe
Surroundings*. The addition of these new members brings
the Chamber to 224 members!

It is through the partnership and active participation of its members that the
Chamber is able to accomplish great things for the Ava community.

New Chamber Memberships ½ Price

New memberships are now pro-rated at half-price! Non-profits and businesses can join for the remainder of the year for as little as \$25.00 and \$40.00 and individuals for just \$17.00.

Share this great news with a business owner, manager, non-profit member, or friend, and receive 5 free e-Blast ads for yourself for each referral who joins! Help them begin to reap the great benefits of being a member of our growing and thriving organization.

Together, we accomplish great things as we pursue the common goal of growing our community and strengthening our local economy.



Serving Ava and Douglas County Since 1935

Celebrating 85 years of service to our community, the Ava Area Chamber of Commerce continues to

promote local businesses, tourism, and industry, and to further community growth and development.

The Chamber accomplishes great things for Ava and Douglas County through the active participation of its members and with the financial partnership of the City of Ava. Let us work together as we pursue the common goal of growing our community and strengthening our economy. Let us be intentional about supporting local businesses whenever possible. Our local businesses are the cornerstone of our community's economic stability. Together, we can keep our local economy strong and thriving for many years to come!



BUY MISSOURI Initiative Seeks Douglas County Businesses

Help put Douglas County on the BUY MISSOURI map and advertise your business free! Melancholy Roasting did, and you can too!

The Office of Lieutenant Governor has created a national BUY MISSOURI economic development initiative to actively promote to other states and the world the products that are grown, manufactured, processed, and/or made in Missouri.



BUY MISSOURI is an initiative created to recognize and promote Missouri companies and manufacturers to the public and strengthen our state's economy. The more we support and buy Missouri products, the better our entire state will do! Missouri has hundreds of products made within our borders. Our goal is to identify and compile these products so all Missourians, as well as the Nation will know, which will help our state.

Approved products and businesses will be listed at no cost in the Business Directory page and on the Business Map on the BUY MISSOURI website. Products must have a 51% or greater Missouri content to qualify. Local businesses in Wright, Webster, and Ozark Counties have already signed on. Let's add Douglas County too!

If you would like for your business to become a part of the BUY MISSOURI initiative, visit the website at <https://buymissouri.net/> and fill out the application for enrollment.

Chamber Member News

Ava Walgreens News- “Back-to-School” immunizations available now. No appointment necessary. Help our local teachers receive donated school supplies by purchasing a Hershey's Give Education Candy Bar where a percentage goes to the Me-To-We program. Cash donations are also accepted. 20% off on Teacher Appreciation Discount Day on August 1st. Nominate a Teacher - Come into the store or go online at Walgreens.com/WETeachers to give a local teacher a chance to win a \$500.00 Walgreens gift card. Flu shots will be available in mid August. Everyone stay safe.

Blessed Reflections Photography will be on the Ava Square on August 1st offering \$5 portraits at the Gazebo during the Farmer's Market. 4x6 photos (including 1 or 2 people) will be printed on location. Plans are to offer this twice a month as long as the Farmer's Market continues. Each time there will be a different backdrop or perhaps a theme. For more information, or to set up your personal photo shoot, call Dawn at 315-528-4805.

MOCH Clinic is offering Sports Physicals at no cost now through September 15th at all of their clinic locations. Call for an appointment at 683-5739.

Chamber Luncheon

August Chamber Luncheon
is Cancelled

Upcoming Luncheons

September - Set Free Ministries

October - DOCO Sheltered Workshop

November - Ava Lions Club

December - Evergreen Handyman
Service & 2BHealthy



Twisted Wrench Garage is looking for a qualified, experienced Mechanic. Competitive pay depending on experience. Must be able to pass a drug test and have good references. For more information or to apply, stop by the garage on Jefferson Street across from the Ava high school or call 683-0834.

Penmac Ava says “We are Hiring!”

2nd and 3rd shifts available now! Starting at \$11.00/hr. Call us @ 683-2272 and we will schedule an appointment. We ask that you bring your proof of education, a valid, state-issued photo ID, and either a birth certificate or Social Security card with you.

Koala Bear Daycare & Learning Centers

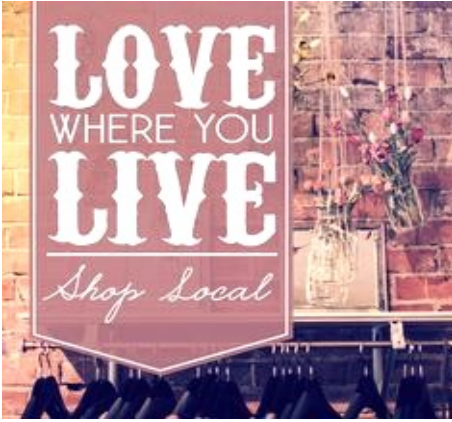
Ava/Gainesville is now hiring for the full-time position of Certified Childcare Director for their Gainesville location.

Required License: State of Missouri Childcare Director Certification for up to 20-60 children required. Salary based on experience.

Qualified applicant will have good supervisory and staff-management skills, be familiar with childhood milestones and development, be willing to teach and/or assist in classrooms as needed, and have good problem solving skills and a friendly attitude towards staff and parents. Our preferred applicant will have experience teaching, lots of patience, must be knowledgeable about state licensing rules and regulations, and have experience with CACFP program.

Qualified applicant must be willing to be fingerprinted and have background and drug testing prior to start of employment.

Send resumes to koalakidsavamo@outlook.com.



Ways to Help Our Small Businesses Survive During These Uncertain Times

Our Local Businesses Need Our Help

The uphill battle that small businesses and their owners face has gotten exponentially more difficult due to the impact of the coronavirus. They have been thrown into confusion and uncertainty as orders and events are cancelled, foot traffic vanishes and people hunker down, tightening their budgets and keeping activity to a minimum.

Here are some simple ways we can support our small businesses during these unprecedented times.

Create Your Own Stimulus Package

Look at all the groups you are a part of—industry, business, alumni, women, hobby, religious, nonprofit, community — and agree to support and buy from each other directly and refer business proactively to each other.

Buy Direct

You can help support smaller businesses and sometimes save yourself money by buying from them directly — from their own website, FB site, or in-store.

Give the Gift of Small Business Products

Some of the best gifts are from locally owned businesses. Supporting small businesses in your local area boosts the economy and creates jobs. Gifts given from small, locally owned businesses tend to be unique and even hand-crafted. Quit giving run of the mill gifts that anyone can buy at big box stores and give a gift that requires thought.

Share on Social Media

One great way to show your appreciation for a small business is by sharing a well-loved product on social media. Snap a picture of the product being used in the real world with a caption about it. Tagging the business and providing a link gives them value from the post. Word of mouth is a powerful component of marketing.

So if you want to show your support for your local businesses — don't just be a consumer, be an advocate.

The majority of this article was taken from the SeekCapital blog written by Laira Martin, June 25, 2020.

Easy - Effective - No-Cost Advertising!

FREE ADVERTISING

How does it sound to have your advertising message, coupon offers, sales, and promotional items delivered to new Ava/Douglas County residents at no charge? Want to attract new customers? The Ava Chamber has a great opportunity for you!

The Chamber's Welcome Team will soon be assembling a new batch of "New Resident Welcome Bags". Each bag is full of area information and goodies to help new residents feel at home in their new surroundings and encourage them to get involved in our community.

If your business or organization would like to be among those reaching out to new residents, please drop off your items (gift certificates, coupons, small welcome gift items, or promotional items) in a quantity of 25, to the Ava Chamber office by 5pm on Monday, August 17th.

WELCOME to our newest MEMBERS!

Safe Surroundings

Twisted Wrench Garage

Edge Business & Realty Advisory Group