

# Ava Area CHAMBER of COMMERCE



October 2020

## What's Happening

**10/12** Chamber Board Meeting 5PM

**10/13** Chamber Luncheon 12PM at DOCO (pg. 2)

### Office Staff

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

### 2020 Board Members

**President:** Anita Madche

**VP:** Richard Sturgeon

**Secretary:** Gail Huffman

**Treasurer:** Betty Ridenour

Bart Ellison, Teresa Nash,  
Amy Porter, Danny Letsinger,  
Glenda Little, 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 information on hosting a Luncheon.

### Economic Development

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

### Contact Us

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## Glade Top Trail Flaming Fall Revue has been canceled.

At their monthly meeting on September 14th, the Ava Chamber Board of Directors reluctantly, but unanimously, decided it best to cancel this year's Glade Top event. This decision was based on other area fall festivals cancelling and on the rising coronavirus cases in our county. Their main objective was to make a responsible choice based on the safety of others. Plans are already underway for an amazing Glade Top celebration next fall, including live music, great food, and fun activities! So, mark your calendars for October 16, 2021, and plan to join us!



## Ava Fall City-Wide Yard Sale October 1st-3rd

Maps available at Casey's General Stores,  
Chamber Office, and Signal.

## It's a Dog's Life at Rockledge Kennels



Greetings from Leopard Horse Ranch & Rockledge Kennels!

We recently held a little party/get together and photo shoot to celebrate our new dog barn and clinic. This facility is state of the art in every way. People that see it say, "It's nicer than my house". It's all knotty pine and cedar logs, and not only houses our dog care facility for bathing, grooming and veterinarian work with all stainless steel equipment, but it also is a

photography studio and has a break room for the employees.

The break room includes a full kitchen and bathroom. We also have just completed a complete restoration of our whelping house. Our whelping house has five climate controlled cubicles with dog doors opening to roomy outside runs for the mamas.

Everything is concrete and porcelain tile for safe and easy clean up.

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Pictured in the photo above, from left to right, are owners and employees: Regina Lafferty, Kennel Assistant; Jennifer Kirklin, Kennel Operations Manager; Heidi Kirklin, Junior Trainee; Evelyn Weber, Owner and CEO; Ed Weber, Owner and Senior Advisor; Dr. Eddy Transano, DVM, Kennel Veterinarian; Kay Transano, Veterinarian Assistant; Heath Kirklin, Minister and Kennel Maintenance; Rhona Elliott, Veterinarian Assistant and the young guy kneeling in front is Hayden Kirklin who aims to be a professional football player and will be supporting all the rest of us when we retire.

# Ribbon Cutting



## October 8th @12PM

for

### Whiddon's Air & Electrical

At their new Ava location 1011 N. Jefferson

# October Chamber Luncheon

## Tuesday, Oct. 16th - 12PM

Hosted by:

### DOCO Sheltered Workshop

1306 Prince St.

(behind Hurricane Bay Car Wash)

See their ad below for details.

Upcoming Luncheons

November - Ava Lions Club

December - Evergreen Handyman

Service & 2BHealthy

January - OPEN

New member, Safe Surroundings, cut a ribbon at the Chamber office in September!



Pictured are: Brad Lohuis, Beulah Koenig, Carolyn Myers (owner/consultant, Safe Surroundings), Steve Koenig, Jean Koenig, Judy Shields (Chamber Director), and Max Murphy.



# Member News and Happenings . . .

**Missouri Job Center-West Plains and Ozark Action of Ava** offers funding to help eligible individuals attend training programs that lead to employment in “in-demand” career fields. You might be eligible for this tuition assistance if you qualify for food stamps, have been laid off from your job, or were honorably discharged or retired from the military. Other qualifying requirements must be met. Call WIOA case manager Teresa Bruffett today at 417-204-1405 for more information and to find out if you are eligible!

**Ava Farmers Market has Moved!** The construction on the Ava square is beginning this week. So starting this Saturday (October 3rd), the Ava Farmers Market will be in the Ava Community Center parking lot (also called the Senior Center), located a block north-east of the square. If you have any questions, message them on the Ava Farmers Market Facebook page or call Caleb at 417-543-5078. We'll see you at the Market!

**Ava United Methodist Church will host a Trunk or Treat** on the evening of October 31st. For more information, call 417-683-4460.

**Douglas County Republican Committee (DCRC)** is hosting a Trump-Train Campaign Caravan on Saturday, October 3rd at 10:30 AM. The Trump Caravan will be leaving the DCRC Headquarters in Ava and traveling to West Plains by way of Mansfield, Mtn. Grove, Willow Springs before heading back to Ava. Any Trump supporters are welcome to join in the fun! Decorate vehicles with signs, banners, flags, etc. Some will be available for purchase at the DCRC office. They are located in the back of the Sho-Me Real Estate building, across from Walmart. They will also host an Election Night Watch Party beginning at 7PM on November 3rd at the DCRC headquarters.

**The Ava Art Guild** will host their monthly workshop on Saturday, October 10th. Social time including a light lunch starts at 1 pm, with business meeting at 1:30 and workshop at 2 pm. Everyone is welcome. It is free, and all supplies are provided by the Art Guild. For more information call 417-893-9638. The Gallery is located at 303 E Washington Avenue, off the east side of the Ava Square.

The *Ava Christmas Parade* will be held Saturday, December 12, with the theme “Winter Wonderland”.

**Fall Festival and Turkey Shoot at Rockbridge! Fall-Fest** October 17th 3-7pm. Live music, corral rides, kids’ fishing, lawn games, campfire with cowboy stories, and more! Rain-out date is October 24th. For vendor applications, email Kristi at mod1@rockbridgemo.com. See you there! **Turkey Shoot** November 7th 8AM-3PM. Everyone welcome! Call 417-679-3619 or visit [www.rockbridgemo.com](http://www.rockbridgemo.com) for more information.

**Ava United Methodist Church invites** you to their County Store October 1st and 2nd from 8AM-6PM. Handmade crafts, baked goods, and silent auction. Great for gift-giving! Come get a jump on your Christmas shopping!

## It’s a Dog’s Life *Continued from pg. 1*

We raise AKC Irish Terrier dogs which we sell all over the world for many different purposes. They can be trained and used for everything. We have them on two police forces, on boarder patrol, in the forestry service, and can serve as hunting dogs, therapy dogs, and just plain pets and companions. Their temperament and loyalty make them wonderful family dogs and great with children.

Best Regards,  
Evelyn Weber

*Leopard Horse Ranch  
Rockledge Kennels*



A Rockledge Kennels AKC Irish Terrier stud dog at show circuit

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## Annual Halloween Costume Contest has New Location!

Due to the work being done on the Ava Square, the Ava Lions Club will be holding their annual Halloween Costume Contest at the Lions Club building on N Jefferson at 5:30pm on October 31st. The contest is open to anyone ages newborn and up. Prizes will also be given to the youngest and oldest contestant. 1st-5th place prizes will be given in each age category, and all 1st place winners will then compete for the “Grand Prize”!



There are other Halloween activities and trunk-or-treats taking place. Visit the Ava Chamber Facebook page for updates. Have a safe and happy Halloween!



## OPEN HOUSE FUNDRAISER

**Where:** City of Ava Fire Station

**When:** Saturday October 10<sup>th</sup> at 4pm- 8pm

**What:** Free Event- Open to the community

Guests can stop by to meet the firefighters, tour the fire station, see equipment, and learn safety information.

**Activities Include:**

Chili Cookoff- Judging at 6pm

Dessert Auction- 7pm

Cruise In Car Show

*Taco Dinner Plates will be available for purchase*

*All funds raised will go towards purchasing new Air packs(SCBA) units*

