

# Ava Area CHAMBER of COMMERCE

## Chamber Chat Newsletter

Ava Area Chamber of Commerce



Serving Ava/Douglas County Since 1935

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January 2021

### What's Happening

**Chamber Closed 12/31  
& 1/1**

**1/11** Chamber Board  
Meeting 5pm

**1/12** Chamber  
Luncheon 12pm

#### 2021 Chamber Officers

**President:** Anita Madche

**VP:** Richard Sturgeon

**Secretary:** Gail Huffman

**Treasurer:** Betty Ridenour

#### 2021 Board Members

Bart Ellison, Teresa Nash  
Bob Sellers, Amy Porter,  
Danny Letsinger, Glenda Little  
Bob Sorensen, Caryl Stillings,  
Sheldon Shaver, Dick 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 65608  
417-683-4594  
director@avachamber.org

## Maximize Your Benefits in 2021

As your Chamber of Commerce, we are proud to provide benefits that add value to your business or organization and foster a sense of connectedness in our community.

Membership with the Chamber often leads to new business contacts that can result in new business opportunities and resources and support as you grow your business or organization.



Take a look at some of our benefits that will help you along the way:

- **Membership Directory & Community Guide** - Two free listings in our annually published business directory; opportunity for additional paid advertising. This is a member only opportunity.
- **Chamber Newsletter** - Include announcements, news, or event information for your business or organization.
- **Weekly "E-Blast" Ad Page** - Publish your ad at a low-cost, members-only rate for great exposure to local customers.
- **Website** - Your business listing is easy to find in our online Business Directory with map location. Banner ad spaces also available.
- **Chamber Referrals** - We receive multiple inquiries each day and always refer our Chamber business members first.
- **Chamber Luncheons** - Our complimentary monthly luncheon meetings offer networking opportunities to all Chamber members.
- **Online Events Calendar and Facebook Page** - Your events can be added for more exposure.
- **Lobby Service** - Display business cards, brochures, and flyers.

Contact Judy or Nina at the Chamber office. They are more than happy to help you maximize the use of these and many other benefits available to you as a member!



*Thank You*

*Ava Businesses and Organizations, for partnering with us. We look forward to working with you and for you in 2021.*

## Chamber Member Spotlight



**Sunday School 10am  
Worship 11am**

**Hymnal Service:** Sunday @ 6pm.

**Prayer Brunch:** Tuesdays at 10:30 am.  
Prayer and fellowship over brunch.

**Music Team:** Wednesdays from 5-7 pm.

**Women's Group:** 3rd Sunday of every month right after service. All women welcome!

**Visit Ava United Methodist Church on Facebook or at [www.avaumc.org](http://www.avaumc.org)**

**417-683-4460**

# Welcome

New Member

**Moore Hampton Trucking**

Dump Truck Hauling for Hire - 543-5029



**2021 Chamber Membership Dues** need to be in our office by January 15th!

We look forward to partnering with you again in the coming year!

## Chamber Luncheon

**January 12th 12:00**

**Hosted by: State Representative, Travis Smith**  
@ the Ava Lions Club



*Upcoming Luncheons*

February 9th - First Southern Baptist Church

March 9th - Ava R-1 Schools



Happy New Year from the  
Ava Area Chamber of Commerce  
Staff & Board of Directors.

**U.S. Small Business Administration**



**Your Small Business Resource**

**The Small Business Administration (SBA) Website is Essential to New and Established Businesses**

The Small Business Administration website, [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov), offers business owners and entrepreneurs thorough information and helpful tips on starting, growing, and managing a business.

# Thank You, Christmas Parade Sponsors!

Ava Ambulance District  
Ava Building Supply  
Blessed Reflections Photography  
Century Bank  
Clinkingbeard Funeral Homes  
David and Dorothy Norman  
Davis Automotive  
Douglas County Fox Trotters  
Forest Pump Service  
Friends of Mike Cunningham  
Heath & Son Feed & Supply



Home Pride Bank  
Hurricane Car Wash  
Jean's Healthway  
LaTour Advisory Group  
Norma Stillings  
Penmac Staffing Services  
Tarrant Insurance  
Thomas and Douglas CPA  
Town and Country Bank  
VFW Post 5993

**The Ava Chamber of Commerce also wishes to thank:** The City of Ava, Parade Judges, Joe Corum and KKOZ Radio, Chamber of Commerce Board Members, Volunteers and Parade Participants, Teresa Tost and Willie Cornelison, and the Ava Police Department for keeping our parade route safe.





**Free Services to Businesses!**

**Visit [jobs.mo.gov](https://jobs.mo.gov).**

Greetings, Chamber Members.

My name is Rodney Crewse. I am the new veteran's representative at the Job Center in West Plains. I represent 6 counties: Wright, Douglas, Ozark, Howell, Texas and Oregon. I work with veterans, especially veterans with barriers to employment. I help them to get job ready and find a job. I also work with employers.

Missouri has several programs that reward employers who hire veterans. Something to keep in mind; Veterans often have the following skills:

Highly Trainable - Problem Solvers - Resilient - Creative - Responsible - Adaptable

I too am a veteran. Some things I personally gained in the Air Force are Discipline and Resolve.

When you have job openings, please reach out to me so that I can see if I have a veteran who is qualified for the job. If you are a veteran looking for work, I am happy to assist you.

Be sure to visit [jobs.mo.gov](https://jobs.mo.gov) for more information on our veteran job program and career resources.

Sincerely,

Rodney Crewse, Veteran Representative

417-853-4426

## **Greetings from the Ava/Cassville/Willow Springs Ranger District Mark Twain National Forest**

*Fire/Fuels-* We are continuing with the prep work for prescribed fire burn units and continue to respond to wildfires. Smokey Bear made several appearances in some of the local Christmas parades. Work will continue on clearing the site for the new Mark Twain National Forest helibase that will be built on the Houston/Rolla/Cedar Creek Ranger District.

*Missouri Dept. of Conservation-* The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) is preparing to begin sampling deer for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in Stone County. Over the past two years, three deer testing positive for CWD have been harvested by hunters near Table Rock lake in Stone county. MDC is partnering with the US Forest Service on this sampling effort and will soon be reaching out to work with Stone County private landowners located in CWD core areas to see if they too would like to take part in these culling efforts.

Winter culling operations are set to begin January 16 and will run through March 15. All deer culled will be tested for the disease and the processed meat from those deer in which CWD is not detected will be returned to the landowner or donated to the Share the Harvest program to help feed Missourians in need.

If you would like to learn more about this CWD operation, please join us for a virtual public meeting set for 7:00 pm on Monday, January 4, 2021. Please email [Warren.Rose@mdc.mo.gov](mailto:Warren.Rose@mdc.mo.gov) for more information and a link to join the virtual meeting.

*Administration-* The Ava office is cognizant of the impact of the Coronavirus and we are taking precautions locally. With this in mind, we are assisting visitors to the office outdoors, as much as possible, or by telephone. Access into the buildings is limited and a mask must be worn.

In honor of New Year's Day and Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday the Ava and Cassville District Offices will be closed. Please feel free to call the Ava District Office at 417-683-4428.