

# Ava Area CHAMBER COMMERCE

## Chamber Chat

September 2021



### What's Happening

9/13 Chamber Board  
Meeting @ 12pm

9/14 Chamber Luncheon  
@12pm (see pg. 3)

#### 2021 Chamber Officers

**President:** Anita Madche

**V P:** Richard Sturgeon

**Secretary:** Gail Huffman

**Treasurer:** Betty Ridenour

#### 2021 Board Members

Bart Ellison, Patty Nelson  
Bob Sellers, Amy Porter,  
Danny Letsinger, Glenda Little  
Bob Sorensen, Wes Davis,  
Dick Salgado, Logan Little

#### 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 each month.

#### Contact Us

810 Collins Avenue  
PO Box 1103 Ava, MO 65608  
417-683-4594  
[director@avachamber.org](mailto:director@avachamber.org)

## 4th Annual Pioneer Heritage Festival of the Ozarks Friday & Saturday, October 1st - 2nd Fox Trotter Showgrounds—Ava, MO



Just think what it'd be like to live with-  
out today's conveniences! It's amazing  
what our ancestors accomplished and  
survived on by knowing some old time  
skills! Do you have the skills and  
knowledge it takes to live off grid?

Our festival will demonstrate some of  
those skills: candle and soap making,  
fiber spinning, weaving, quilting,

broom making, canning and food preservation, knife-smithing, horse/mule utilization,  
and much more!

Delicious food, and continuous old time Ozarks music throughout both days. Bring your  
chair or sit at our picnic tables and enjoy delicious food from some of our vendors while  
you listen to the wonderful music. Additionally, we will have a children's acoustical  
string talent show and an open Jam Session that will allow up-and-coming musicians to  
play on our stage with our music system and get recognized!

We are finalizing our schedule for other events that will be happening on stage such as  
cloggers and square dancers and a costume contest! So watch our Facebook posts or  
visit our website for further schedules, vendor applications for our festival, and direc-  
tions to the Fox Trotter Showgrounds. We also  
welcome your participation! There are many  
ways to get involved to help make this a suc-  
cessful event. Mark your calendars and come  
join the fun!

For information: Find us on Facebook @  
Pioneer Heritage Festival of the Ozarks, visit our  
website [www.heritage417.com](http://www.heritage417.com), or call 417-543-  
3401.



## Chamber Member News

**Touch of Healing Wellness Center is starting its Series-2 Macrobiotic Cooking Classes** in Ava. This series will focus on cooking for fall and learning how to regain health and maintain it. Get one-on-one, hands-on instruction! Classes are on Saturdays from 10am-1pm on 9/11, 9/25, 10/9, & 10/23 \$35 per class. Reserve your spot at 417-522-3647, by the Friday before each class. Touch of Healing Wellness Center is located just off the east side of the Ava Square, at 305 E. Washington Ave. (417) 522-3647

**Ava Art Guild's Gallery** is open Wed.-Sat. from 10-4 and is located 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.

**Ava Lions Club is having a Quilt Raffle** for two Beautiful Handmade Quilts! \$1.00 for 1 Ticket or 10 tickets for \$5.00. Photos of these two quilts can be seen on their Facebook page Lions Club of Ava. To purchase tickets or see the quilts, call Richard at 543-8939. Drawing September 20th.

## Options Pregnancy Center's Let's Glow Crazy Walk for Life!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2nd @7PM  
AT THE AVA CITY PARK!

Prizes for Teams & Individuals!

Most \$ Raised - Best "Glow" Attire

ADULTS \$20/CHILDREN \$10

AFTER SEPT. 10th ADD \$5

TEAMS OF 4 OR MORE \$5 OFF!

Free T-Shirt with Registration

Free Glow items

Call 417-683-2315 for more  
information or to register!



### Ribbon Cuttings

September 10th @ 12PM  
*At the Ava Chamber office*  
**M.C. Wayne's Welding**

September 16th @ 12PM  
*On north side of the Ava Square*  
**Shnurfy Goods**

## GRAND OPENING

September 16-18

**Shnurfy Goods  
Boutique & Mercantile**

*Ava Square*

**Swag Bags - Giveaways - Food**

**Rockbridge Gun Club** is having their Annual 5 Stand Competition on September 4th from 9am-4pm & September 5th from 9am-12pm. \$30 per round. Prizes awarded for every round! Grand Prize is a 2 Night Stay at Edith's Place at Rockbridge, 1 free round of 5 Stand, and a \$50 Rockbridge Gift Certificate. All proceeds benefit the Brixey-Rockbridge Volunteer Fire Department. Call 417-679-3619 to register or find out more information.

**Rockbridge** is also having a Wrangler Meet & Greet on September 18th from 5-7pm. Come on out and meet the herd and the wranglers! There will be Horseshoes, Stick Horse Barrel Races, & Cornhole!



## DOCO is Excited to Announce a New Department - Lead with Kindness!

DOCO Inc. Sheltered Workshop is committed to providing dignified and meaningful employment to the handicapped and disabled workers of Ava and Douglas County in a safe, supportive, and productive environment allowing them to reach their own full potential.

At DOCO, we have a motto - Lead with Kindness. We believe that we all have a right to our feelings but must lead with kindness in all we do. Whether that feeling be anger, sadness, or excitement, we try to lead with kindness in our actions. We believe that leading with kindness should be common place and want to share our motto with everyone!

Our new Lead with Kindness t-shirt department will celebrate DOCO's heart - our disabled employees! Along with the Lead with Kindness mission, we will also be honoring their diagnoses. Our initial shirts will include the Lead with Kindness logo as well as Autism Spectrum disorders, Down's Syndrome, and Fragile X awareness. Please visit our new Lead with Kindness store at [www.leadwithkindness.store](http://www.leadwithkindness.store) or our Facebook page for more information and to place an order!

## DOCO Contributes to our Community!

Founded in 1974, DOCO prides itself on being the largest employer of adults with varying developmental disabilities in our five county area. Along with the new Lead with Kindness t-shirt department, DOCO also employs disabled in five other departments - factory tray wash/stacking, commercial cleaning and laundry, beverage destruction, Easter Egg snapping, and pallet manufacturing. Please contact Dawn Cox (417-683-3915) for more information on how DOCO can help your business.



### Mark Your Calendars!

Springfield Cardinals Ava  
Community Night:  
*September 11<sup>th</sup>*

Fall Ava City-Wide

Yard Sale: *September 30<sup>th</sup> – October 2<sup>nd</sup>*

Pioneer Heritage Festival of the Ozarks:  
*October 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup>*

Glade Top Trail Flaming Fall Revue:  
*October 16<sup>th</sup>*

## September Chamber Luncheon

CREATING CONNECTIONS

**September 14<sup>th</sup>  
at 12PM**

Hosted by:  
**The Ava Lions Club**  
at the Ava Lions Club

*Upcoming Luncheons*

*October – Great Southern Bank  
November - VFW & VFW Auxiliary*



# Ava's Fall City-Wide Yard Sale Sept. 30- Oct. 2, 2021

Let us do the advertising for you!

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_

2. Physical Address to be printed on the map (*Only if inside the city limits. If outside, see Option 2 below.*)

\_\_\_\_\_ (mark location on map on back)

3. What days will you have your sale (circle): Thursday Friday Saturday

4. List some large or popular items at your sale:

\_\_\_\_\_

5. Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Y\_\_ N\_\_

**OPTION 1:** \$16.00/Non-Member \$14.00/Chamber Member (\$2 refund for returned sign)

Yard sales participants within the city limits will receive a City-Wide Yard Sale participant sign, their sale location listed on the City-Wide Yard Sale map and will benefit from advertising done in surrounding area newspapers and on radio and Facebook.

**OPTION 2:** \$25.00/Non-Member \$22.00/Chamber Member

If you live outside the city limits and need a space in town, there will be spaces available to rent on Springfield Road at the junction of Hwy 5 and Hwy 14. Participants will have their sale location listed on the City-Wide Yard Sale map and will benefit from advertising in surrounding area newspapers and on radio and Facebook. Feel free to bring your own tables, canopy, etc.

- 10X15 Booth Space \$25.00 Each additional space \$10.00 # of spaces needed \_\_\_\_\_  
(These prices are for all three days)

6. Total Amount Due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

7. Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*Office use only*

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ or Cash Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Yard Sign Given \_\_\_\_\_

Received by: \_\_\_\_\_ Yard Sign Returned \_\_\_\_\_ (\$2 refund given) \_\_\_\_\_

Submit this form and payment to Ava Chamber of Commerce on or before September 27th at 5:00 PM.

PO Box 1103 Ava, MO 65608 417-683-4594 [director@avachamber.org](mailto:director@avachamber.org)



# Ava Community Night!

Saturday, September 11th @ 6PM

**Tickets \$14**  
**Section M - 3rd base line**

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

Let's Fill the Ava Section & Show  
Our Home-Town Pride!



FREE Replica  
Championship Ring to  
the First 2000 fans!

Free Cardinals Cap  
with each ticket!



Fireworks at the end of the night!

Tickets Available at the Ava Chamber  
Office until Sold Out!

Sponsored by the Ava Chamber of Commerce 683-4594

## Chamber EDC Meets Monthly

The Ava Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Committee meets monthly and is looking for any interested citizens to join them. The committee's goals are to improve our community, both esthetically and economically, bring new business to town, and strengthen the existing businesses in our area. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. Call Dick Salgado at 417-872-6287 for more information.



New Chamber Members

**Shnurfy Goods  
Boutique & Mercantile**

(417) 683-1512

**M.C. Wayne's Welding**

(573) 476-9045

**Mt. Zion Bible School**

(417) 683-4600

## Chamber Member Spotlight



From the moment you step on our lot until the time you drive away in your next car, your buying experience with Davis Auto Sales is our number one priority. We encourage you to use the expertise and resources of our sales staff to help you find the right car at the right price. Call us today to schedule your test drive!

**Visit our virtual showroom of  
inventory at [autosbydavis.com](http://autosbydavis.com).**

Come visit us at 404 N Highway 5  
between the two stoplights.

**417-683-1988**

# DOUGLAS COUNTY SMART START: DEVELOPING A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS

Learn the first steps involved in creating a successful and sustainable business, how to write a business plan and manage finances from the start.

**SEPTEMBER 10, 2021**

**THE BOARD ROOM**

**305 EAST WASHINGTON AVE, AVA, MO**

**3-5 P.M.**

**FREE TO ATTEND!**

Must pre-register at [www.ozsbi.com](http://www.ozsbi.com) or call 417-256-9724.

Please note registration deadlines listed online.



**Promote your business!**

**Gain customers!**

**Advertise in the Chamber's  
weekly E-Blast!**

**Just \$5 a week for Members!**

**Need help creating your ad?**

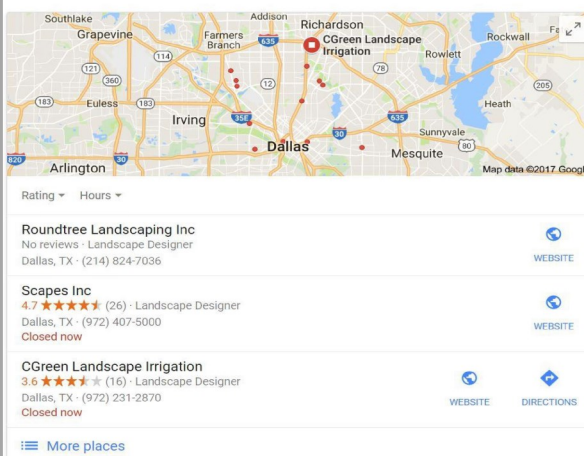
**No problem!**

**We've got you covered!**

**Contact us today at**

**[director@avachamber.org](mailto:director@avachamber.org)**

## Online Reviews - Who would you call first?



### Key Factors In Reviews

- ★ Average Star Rating
- ★ Total Number of Reviews
- ★ Or total lack of them!
- ★ Review Frequency
- ★ Age of Reviews
- ★ Average Ratings Across Multiple Sites
- ★ Response to Negative Reviews
- ★ Sentiment of the Reviews

### What Does This Mean For You?

Use reviews to Influence more people to choose your business over your competitors.



Most businesses don't have a reliable process to ask their satisfied customers for positive reviews. We have a systematic approach to help you get more reviews for your business. Call us at 417-686-8345 or you can send us a request at <https://www.omdm.agency/services#Reviews>.