

# Ava Area CHAMBER of COMMERCE *Chamber Chat*



## What's Happening

**11/8** Chamber Board  
Meeting @ 12pm

**11/9** 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

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

## Glade Top Trail Flaming Fall Revue – A Douglas County Tradition for Over 60 Years



It was a beautiful fall day in the Ozarks!

Since its beginning in 1960, hundreds of people, both local and from various parts of Missouri and Arkansas, have gathered each fall to attend the Glade Top Trail Flaming Fall Revue. This annual fall celebration is held at Caney Picnic Area on the Glade Top Trail Scenic Byway, just south of Ava, Missouri. Attendees of this traditional event are not only greeted with friendly smiles and conversation, breathtaking views, and great food, but can also enjoy an array of fall activities and musical entertainment.

This year's event, held on October 16th, began at 10:30 with Dwaine Moore officiated the morning church service and Missy Breshears singing several beautiful hymns and worship songs, against the backdrop of the beautiful Ozark Hills and a vibrant blue sky.

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## Chamber Member News

**Touch of Healing Wellness Center** is continuing their Fall Macrobiotic Cooking Classes. 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 11/6, & 11/20. \$35 per class. Reserve your spot at 417-522-3647. Touch of Healing is now also selling beautiful crocheted afghans in many different sizes, including baby blankets, and some country/primitive items. Love to Craft?! Sell your items/products in my shop.

**YOU are invited** to A Christmas Celebration Chamber Luncheon December 14th, 2021,



sponsored by ART by Katie West and Pastor Bob & Darlene Sorensen, Bethany Baptist Church. Please come a little early (11:30am) to view a Special Christmas Art Show by Katie West, along with Joy-filled Christmas Music, Chili Feast, Pumpkin Pie with whipped cream, and a Special

Art Presentation. Katie West will also be donating some of her books and framed art pieces for a special drawing! Lunch Will Be Served at High Noon according to Sheriff Gary Cooper.

Bring your Best Smile and Festive Christmas Spirit; Bethany Baptist Church, 302 SE 18th Avenue, Ava, MO. We look forward to seeing YOU there!

**Blooming Blessings** invites you to their

★ ❄️ Blessed Christmas Open House!  
November 11th (9-6), 12th (9-7), and  
❄️ 13th (9-4). Stop by for amazing sales, giveaways, tasty treats, samples, door prizes, holiday cheer and more! 417-683-6800

**The Douglas County Historical Society** is having a book signing by Tim Ritter at the Museum on Nov. 13, 2021 from 1 pm till 3 pm. He has just released his new book "Sarah Burning" Come join us for an interesting time.

# WELCOME to our newest MEMBERS!

## Senior Health Matters Ava Rural Fire Department Southern Belle Salon Hero's Rest

**Ava Ministerial Alliance** is having the annual Ava Community Thanksgiving Service at First Southern Baptist Church on November 21st at 6pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Turkey Shoot at Rockbridge** November 6th 8am-3pm. Everyone welcome! Competition begins at 8am with hourly start times. The last shooting time is 3pm. While no live turkeys will be harmed during this event, we will be giving out frozen turkeys for the highest shooter of each round! Entry fee is \$30 per round, no limits on rounds per shooter. Guns and ammo are available. All proceeds benefit the Brixey-Rockbridge Volunteer Fire Department. Call 417-679-3619 to book your shooting time!

**Breakfast with Santa** will be held on December 4th & 11th from 8-11:30AM. Visit [www.rockbridgemo.com](http://www.rockbridgemo.com) for information.

**Ava United Methodist Church** is now

accepting **Angel Tree** applications November 1st-5th from 8am - 5pm. Open to Douglas County kids ages 18 and younger. For more information, you may call 417-683-4460.







**Senior Health Matters** insurance agent, Michelle Funk, can help you with your Medicare or Health Insurance choices.

She is committed to help you every step of the way AND she comes to YOU! She is now taking personal, one-on-one appointments for November 4th, 5th, 7th, 8th, & 9th!

Spots are filling fast, and open enrollment closes soon. Call her to set up your appointment today! She can help with Medicare and Much More! She also offers assistance with:

- Missouri Medicaid • Individual Health Insurance
- Small & Large Group Health Insurance
- Market Place-Affordable Care Act • Life Insurance
- Accident and Hospital Plans • Home Healthcare Plans and Dental & Vision Plans. Call Michelle at 417-324-7600.

**Set Free Ministries** has a "Winter Wonderland Craft Fair" planned for November 6th from 9am-4pm. Want to be a vendor? There is still space available and time to sign up at



<https://www.setfreeava.org/upcoming-events> or call Cassie at 417-543-6971. Current vendors will have items such as T-shirts, candles, jewelry, hand-made soaps, scrubs, and lotions, baked goods, crocheted & sewn items, home decor, boutique, self defense, resin art, and more!! Lots of opportunity to find the perfect Christmas

gift for every special person in your life! This will be an indoor event, so you'll be nice and cozy as you shop. And, there will be delicious food and raffles too!

# November Chamber Luncheon



**November 9th @ 12PM**

Hosted by:

VFW G.L. Adrain Owen  
Post 5993 & Auxiliary  
VFW Building, Ava Square

## **Upcoming Luncheons**

*December - Art by Katie West*

*January - Senior Health Matters*

*February - First Southern Baptist Church*

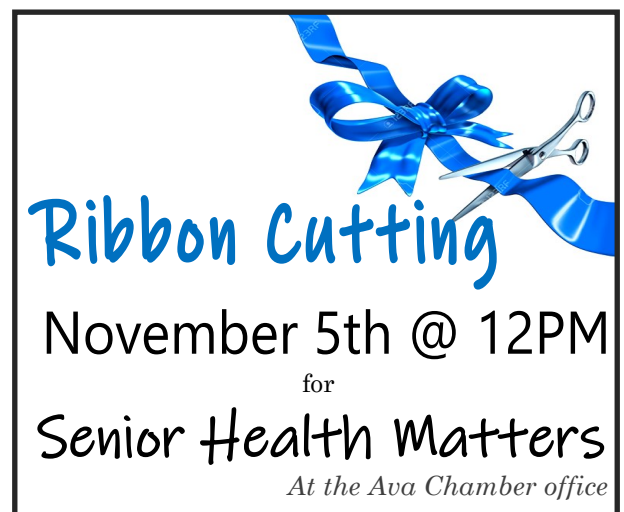
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## **WE WILL BE CLOSED ON VETERANS DAY**



**Ava Chamber of Commerce**

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## 2021 Ava Christmas Parade - Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM



Decorate Floats with the Parade Theme, "A Country Christmas",  
for chance to Win Cash Prizes!



**Anyone can participate! Check out the categories below!**



Just \$10 Per Entry!

- Entry forms must be received by **December 7<sup>th</sup>**, at 5PM to be eligible for any cash prizes or awards.
- All entries will be judged according to this year's theme. **All floats, and others wishing to be judged, must be in their designated spot in parade line-up at 12PM sharp**, so please be set-up and ready before then.
- **All parade participants** enter off N 5 HWY onto Industrial Road and **must check-in at check-in table**.
- There will be a marked designated area to drop off participants for floats, etc. A representative for each float will need to be in charge of making sure that kids make it from the drop off point to the designated float. Safety is TOP priority. Anyone that enters the parade driving anything motorized **MUST** have a valid driver's license.
- If mailing or faxing your form, please call to make sure we have received it. Thank you for your entry!

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### 2021 CHRISTMAS PARADE ENTRY FORM

Name: (Individual/Club/Organization/Business)

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Tell us some information about your Club/Organization/Business to be announced during parade:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell number (if available) during parade: \_\_\_\_\_

Total length of the float (trailer) and the vehicle pulling the float \_\_\_\_\_

**Entry Type:** (Circle one) FLOAT \* HORSE \* GOLF CART/ 4-WHEELER \* BICYCLE \* BAND \*

COSTUMED PET (on leash) \* WALKING GROUP \* CAR/TRUCK/TRACTOR - Make/Year \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

I, as the representative of the above-named business, group, or organization, understand that participation is at our own risk and hereby release the Ava Area Chamber of Commerce, its Board of Directors and staff, and the City of Ava from any and all liabilities or damages that may occur while participating in the above-mentioned event.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

For more information, contact: Ava Area Chamber of Commerce, at (417) 683-4594

**Please return this form and \$10 by December 7<sup>th</sup> at 5PM to:**

PO Box 1103 Ava MO 65608, or fax it to 417-683-9464, or bring it by our office at 810 Collins Avenue.



*Continued from page 1* **Glade Top Trail Flaming Fall Revue**

Over the next several hours, local musicians Dan & Betsy Herrell and the Jam Dandy Band and Bob Hammons and the Good News Boys, livened things up with guitar picking, great vocals, and upbeat bluegrass and country music. It is always wonderful to see folks clapping along or, from time to time, grabbing a partner and dancing the two-step!

Kids, and kids-at-heart, enjoyed free fall activities such as pumpkin painting, fall craft projects, pumpkin ring toss, and turkey calling. Delicious desserts were auctioned off to the highest bidder, and local handcrafters & artisans were set-up to display their handmade items. Blessed Reflections Photography was even there taking photos of folks with the beautiful Ozark Hills as the backdrop. Folks from Crystal Lake Fisheries also came out to demonstrate and teach the youngsters some turkey calls and awarded trophies to the best boy and girl callers.



And, let's not forget the food! The Ava Chamber of Commerce volunteers served up some delicious lunches: Hucklebuck's BBQ pork plate, hot dog and chips, and John Sutton's famous ham & beans with cornbread.

All in all, it was a beautiful and enjoyable day for everyone! The Ava Area Chamber estimates from 300-500 people attended throughout the day.



The Ava Chamber of Commerce is very appreciative of all the many volunteers who helped with this event and its sponsors, Home Pride Bank, Century Bank, Town & Country Bank, Great Southern Bank, and Stockmens Bank. Without them, the event couldn't go on.

Ideas are already being discussed to make next year's Flaming Fall Revue even better!



We hope you'll help keep this tradition going and make plans to join us for next year's Glade Top Flaming Fall Revue on Saturday, October 15, 2022.

## Glade Top Trail Flaming Fall Revue Sponsors & Volunteers!



**Thank you from the Ava Chamber of Commerce!**

## Ava Area Chamber of Commerce

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### Hero's Rest

A retreat center exclusively for first responders, military, and their families. Hero's Rest is honoring our nation's heroes.

### Senior Health Matters

Assisting with all Health/Life/Accident/Medicare/Medicaid Insurance Benefit Options. Personal 1-On-1 Service year-round!

### Southern Belle Salon

A family full-service salon with 29 years' experience! Offering chemical services, nails, facials, and spray tan.

### Ava Rural Fire Department

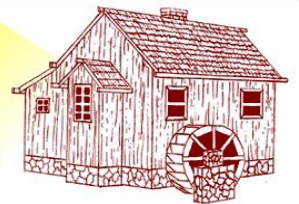
Volunteer Fire Department; membership by subscription.

## Chamber Member Spotlight



**MILL COUNTRY TITLE**

Buying?  
Selling?  
Refinancing?



Mill Country Title serves all of your Title Insurance and Closing needs in an accurate & professional manner and has been serving our community since 2001.

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Call them today!

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