

# Ava Area CHAMBER COMMERCE

## Chamber Chat



April 2022

### What's Happening

**4/11** Chamber Board Meeting at 12pm

**4/12** Chamber Luncheon 12PM (Pg. 3)

**4/23** Chamber Banquet 6PM (Pg. 4)



Welcome aboard!

The Chamber would like to welcome Colton Hall, with Home Pride Bank, to the Ava Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Colton joined Home Pride Bank as a teller in 2014 and has been a loan officer there since 2017. We are excited to have him join our team. Welcome, Colton!

#### 2022 Chamber Officers

**President:** Richard Sturgeon

**V P:** Dick Salgado

**Secretary:** Gail Huffman

**Treasurer:** Betty Ridenour

#### 2022 Board Members

Amy Porter, Danny Letsinger, Glenda Little, Bob Sorensen, Bob Sellers, Wes Davis, Logan Little, Colton Hall, Patty Nelson

#### 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 information on hosting a Luncheon.

#### Economic Development

Meetings held each month.

#### Contact Us

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## Live Life IN FULL bloom

### Ava Chamber of Commerce Banquet

### Saturday, April 23 @ 6PM

Banquet venue - Ava Middle School Cafeteria

#### Dinner & Silent Auction

Live Music & Door Prizes  
Awards & More!

*Be sure to Dress in  
your Springtime Best!*

Main Entrée Provided. Please bring a Side-dish, Casserole, or Dessert to share!



# Thank You

## Bart Ellison - 10 Years of Dedicated Service

We would like to say thank you to Bart Ellison, for serving on the Chamber's Board of Directors for the past 10 years. His involvement and dedication to the Ava Chamber of Commerce during his time with us is much appreciated. Bart was a vital part of our team. He will be greatly missed. We wish him well as he dedicates his after-work hours to some very important things.



Gift Shop selling souvenirs from Israel. Judaica items to celebrate Shabbat and feast days. Books. Bibles. Jewelry. Wedding gifts. (417) 278-6633



**New Chamber Members**

Ava Rx

Ava Church of Christ

Cross Point Church of Ava

Globe Life Family Heritage  
Division - Micca Simms

Find out more about these businesses in the Business Directory on the Ava Chamber website.

## Ozarks Small Business Incubator

will host its annual Pitch Fest beginning April 17th at OzSBI.



The ultimate goal of Pitch Fest. The winner of OzSBI's Pitch Competition will receive the top cash prize of \$350, 3 mentoring sessions and 1 year access to coworking space. The first prize is valued at over \$1,500. Second and third place winners also receive cash and mentoring prizes.

Pitch Fest will consist of student and community divisions. The student division is open to high school and college students.

The deadline for entering Pitch Fest is April 12.

For more information about Pitch Fest or EPIC 2019, visit OzSBI's Facebook page or website at [www.ozsbi.com](http://www.ozsbi.com), or call 417-256-9724.



**April 12th @ 12PM**

Hosted by:

**Walmart**

At the Ava Lions Club

### **Upcoming Luncheons**

May 10th – Business Appreciation Luncheon

June 14th – Heart of the Ozarks & Ava Place

July 12th – Douglas County Veterans  
Memorial Association





# Together

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BUCKIN A & Buck Your Club  
are proud to be partnering with DOCO.

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



Our mission is to bring the power of the horse to everyone. We do this by providing assistance to disabled, military, and low income riders.

Your donations keep this mission alive and we greatly appreciate it.



[BUCKIN A](#) came to visit with River and Jimmy Donk! Amber, along with her crew, did a presentation on Buck Your Club - their non-profit that provides assistance to disabled/low income/military riders as well as talk about the power behind animal therapy. They will be back tomorrow as well to ensure our employees who didn't work today will have the chance to see the animals as well as hear their opportunities.

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## We Are Here For You!

Representative *Travis Smith*, a Republican, represents Douglas, Ozark and Taney counties (District 155) in the *Missouri House of Representatives*.



**Karla Eslinger**

**Missouri State Senator, District 33**

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## How Can We Help?

Senator *Karla Eslinger*, a Republican, represents Douglas, Howell, Oregon, Ozark, Ripley, Texas, Webster, and Wright counties (District 33) in the *Missouri Senate*.



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