

Ava Area CHAMBER of COMMERCE

Chamber Chat



August 2022

What's Happening

8/8 Chamber Board
Meeting at 12pm

8/9 Chamber
Luncheon 12PM
(See details on pg. 3)

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, Katie West, &
Mindy Johnson

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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Passionate about Promoting!

*Ava Area Chamber of Commerce Office Assistant,
Nina Carter, happily assembles packets containing
information on the Ava and Douglas County!*

The Chamber office mails out approximately 50 packets a year to individuals and families planning to relocate to, or visit, our wonderful town. The packet is full of area maps, brochures on businesses, events, and places to see, and also contains an Ava Community Guide and Business Directory published annually by the Ava Chamber. The Ava Chamber also has a Welcome Team that assembles and distributes Welcome Bags to new residents moving in! These welcome bags are full of promotional items sent in by our local business and organization members to reach new potential customers and welcome new residents.





Mark Your Calendars!

- Fall Ava City-Wide Yard Sale: *October 6th - 8th*
- Discover the Ozarks

Civil War Cemetery Tour: *Sept. 29th*

- Pioneer Heritage Festival of the Ozarks: *September 30th - October 1st*
- Glade Top Trail Flaming Fall Revue: *Saturday, October 15th*

Fall City-Wide Yard Sale Scheduled



The Fall Ava City-Wide Yard Sale will be held October 6-8. Chamber members receive a discount on the fee to have their yard sale printed on the CWYS Map, and business members can advertise a sidewalk sale for free! So, start sorting and tagging those unwanted items that will bring you some welcomed cash! More details to come!

Pioneer Heritage Festival of the Ozarks - PHFO

Friday, September 30th & Saturday, October 1st - AVA, MO

The Pioneer Heritage Festival of the Ozarks will once again be held at the Fox Trotting Horse Breed Association Showgrounds for their 5th Annual Festival!

You will find MUSIC played by experienced musicians from our Main Stage, as well as areas where any one can join in our impromptu music jams. If you find your foot tapping, there is plenty of room for dancing!!

Learn firsthand about how things were done & made in Ozarks Past as you visit our Artisan Exhibitors. There will be lots of Family Friendly Activities!

Oh, and the FOOD! Yum!! Lots of Food, Beverages, & Baked Goods!

PHFO was created to preserve & celebrate the culture & history of the Ozarks through educational activities, preserving traditional skills & acknowledging local artisans while creating new community traditions. Because of our mission, PHFO does not charge our Artisan Exhibitors for their space.



We have vendor spaces available if you are an Artisan that would like to share your expertise with Festival Attendees. You are welcomed to sell your hand-made items.



We cover our expenses through support from our generous community.

To learn more about a Vendor Booth Space or Festival Sponsorships/Donations, please contact Nina Carter at 417/543-3401 or ninacarter65@gmail.com

Take a minute to browse the festival website at www.heritage417.com or visit our [Facebook Page](#) for much more information.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU & YOUR FAMILY AT THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL!!



MR Ranch Trash Services

PSC Cleaning Services

The Hitching Post RV Park

A-1 Total Services

Ozark Self Defense Academy

Find out more about these businesses here:

[Ava Chamber Business Directory](#)



Free Services to Businesses!

Visit jobs.mo.gov.

The Job Center has cost-saving programs to support employers, too. We're here to help your business thrive! In addition to free job postings on job.mo.gov, Missouri Job Centers will host your hiring events and job fairs - at your location or at the Job Center. We can help you screen applicants, provide interview/orientation space, give you up-to-date labor market information, and save you money through cost-saving employment programs:

- * Work Experience On-the-Job Training (OJT)
- * Incumbent Worker Training (IWT)
- * Shared Work Unemployment Compensation Program
- * (WOTC) Work Opportunity Tax Credit Program
- * Missouri Federal Bonding Program

All Missouri Job Center services and programs are FREE. For more information, please contact Missouri Job Center-West Plains at 417-256-3158.



August 9th 12PM

**Hosted by Travis Smith
at the Ava Lions Club**

Upcoming Luncheons

September 10th (Saturday) – Buckin A

October 11th – Senior Health matters

November 8th – VFW/VFW Auxiliary

December 13th – Touch of Healing Wellness

Lions Club of Ava—Monthly meetings are the 1st & 3rd Mondays at 12pm. Everyone is welcome! Do you have a heart for our community and want to contribute to making it a better place? Come and see what the Ava Lions are all about. Call Richard at 417-543-8939 for more information or to rent the Lions Club building.

DOCO Inc. Sheltered Workshop Snack Shack. Everything is \$1! They are serving ice cream treats, frozen coffee, and snow cones Monday through Thursday from 11am-3pm. DOCO is located on Prince Street behind the Hurricane Bay Car Wash. Stop on by and get your cold summer treat today!



Chamber Member News!


Ava Art Guild's monthly workshop will be held on Saturday, August 13th. It will be led by Wanda Nava. She will teach attendees the art of Origami and making a paper-folded kimono.

Social time starts at 1 pm, which includes a light lunch. Business meeting at 1:30 and workshop at 1:45pm. Everyone is welcome and all supplies are provided.

The 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 or follow us on Facebook.

Drury University Ava Campus is currently enrolling for Fall classes which begin August 22nd. Come and see us at the Ava Drury Offices which are in the MOCH Wellness Center at 603 W Broadway Ave, MO. We are located on the second floor. You may also call us at 417-873-6630. We can help you with your application to be admitted, Financial Aid, and to help you with the entire admissions process. We offer both seated and online classes.

The Ozarks Small Business Incubator (OzSBI)

 has been chosen as a "spoke" in the Community Navigator Pilot Program, an American Rescue Plan initiative designed to reduce barriers that all small businesses, including those owned by disadvantaged groups such as veterans, women, and those from rural communities and communities of color, often face in accessing critical support. The Community Navigator Pilot Program provides \$100 million in funding to 51 organizations that will work with hundreds of local groups (spokes) to connect America's entrepreneurs to government resources so they can recover and thrive. The overall goal of the Community Navigator program is to provide outreach and support to businesses in underserved communities free of charge. To do this OzSBI has added Business Development Specialist, Autumn Shirley, to its staff. Autumn and our diverse group of professional business mentors provide one-on-one business counseling to startups and existing small

(cont.) businesses. Additionally, OzSBI has increased the loan amount of the OzSBI Microloan Fund to \$50,000 in order to provide more financial assistance to both new and growing businesses. To learn more about OzSBI and the Community Navigator program, please attend our Virtual Launch Party on August 11, 2022, at 11 to 11:45 am. All attendees will automatically be entered into a drawing to win a \$50 gas card. Registration is required to attend at ozsbi.com/launchparty.

Sheila Wiley with **Ozarks Mountain Real Estate** invites you to participate!

"To further promote our local businesses and our lifestyle, I started a new Facebook page titled Best Of Ava Missouri. I would love for businesses & organizations to add their personal story to the page and share how they came to be in the Ava area, and also tell what your business or service is all about. All of these stories will also be added to the Ozark Mountains Living website to promote our area, our people and our businesses. Thank you for your input!"

The Douglas County Museum will be hosting an open house on August 20th from 10-2. Free admission to the museum, free bounce house for kids, refreshments provided. We will draw the winner of the Douglas County History Book at 1:45. Tickets for this beautiful book are \$5 each. Come join us and see what is new at the museum!



AUGUST 6, 2022

**\$20 FOR PRE-REGISTRATION
OR \$25 ON RACE DAY**

Packet Pick Up: Friday, August 5th | 12 p.m.-6 p.m.
Race Day: Saturday, August 6th | 6:30 a.m.-7:15 a.m.

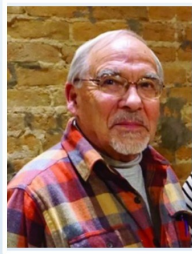
Register at the event or pre-register at the MOCH Wellness Center or at <https://mo-ozarks.org/moch-health-drive-3-1-5k-walk-run/>

Ava Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

Meet our Amazing Team!



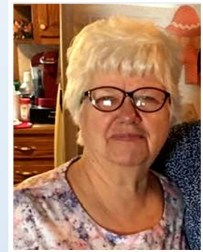
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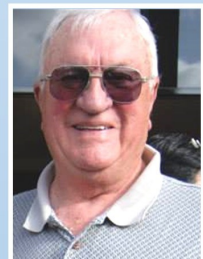
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Thank You!

Nina Carter - 10 Years of Dedicated Service!

Thank you, Nina Carter, for your dedication and service to the Ava Area Chamber of Commerce for the past 10 years.

Your involvement, support, and dedication in the day-to-day running of the Chamber office is much appreciated. You are a wonderful representation of the Ava Chamber and its mission, and a vital part of our team! Here's to many more years to come!



Nina is pictured holding the photo of her granddad, (rural mail carrier in the 1920's) and father (as a young boy), that is included in the Discover Your Heritage - Douglas County, MO poster collection.

The photo was professionally framed and laser engraved by Katie West Art.



We don't know them all but we owe them all.

What can we do to help & Honor America & those who gave for our Liberty & Freedom?

VOTE August 2

George Washington, Commander-in-Chief Of The Revolutionary War, 1775-1783



Prayer at Valley Forge-days that hung in the balance...

Commander-In-Chief, George Washington became President 1789.

President Washington realized the way he handled the job as 1st President would impact how future presidents approached the position. He wanted to hand down a legacy of strength; integrity and honoring GOD. The 1st thing President Washington did... He stooped over & kissed the Bible where his hand was resting.

"It is impossible to rightly govern a nation without God and the Bible."

God Bless America
Katie West

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