

# Ava Area CHAMBER COMMERCE

## Chamber Chat



May/June 2022

### What's Happening

**5/11** Chamber Board Meeting at 12pm

**5/12** Chamber Luncheon 12PM (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

#### 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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## Ava Chamber Membership & Awards Banquet Highlights



The John N. Dickison Award recognizes a Douglas County citizen, outstanding in longevity in community service and dedication to the people of Douglas County. Nominees for the 2022 John N. Dickison Award were Anthony Carmichael, John L. Lumb, and Robert Sorensen.

John L. Lumb was chosen by the Awards Committee as the 2022 John N. Dickison Award recipient. Mr. Lumb is pictured above right with Will McFarlin who presented him the award.



Anita Madche was recognized for her 14 years on the Ava Chamber Board of Directors, with 12 of those being Board President. Her leadership and dedication to the Ava Chamber of Commerce is much appreciated. She has played a key role in the Chamber's growth, community connection, and sustainability over the years.

Photos by Richard Sturgeon

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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 Chamber of Commerce for the past 10 years. Your involvement and dedication in the day-to-day running of the Chamber office is much appreciated. You are a vital part of our team. Here's to many more years to come.



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*Photos by Richard Sturgeon*



The Will McFarlin Youth Award recognizes a high school youth of good reputation for his or her leadership and involvement in community projects and activities. Lauren King, an Ava High School senior, was chosen as the 2022 recipient of the Will McFarlin Youth Award. She is pictured at the left with Will McFarlin who presented her the award.

Special appreciation was given to Max and Wanda Murphy, owners of United Country Area Land Realty. For the past 19 years, they have donated the office space that the Chamber resides in. The Ava Chamber of Commerce would like to say "Thank You" to Max & Wanda for their years of support and friendship.



Musical entertainment was provided by Dan Herrell and the Jam Dandy Band, and the event had a



large and successful silent auction. Best Casserole went to Debra Berry, Best Veggie-Dish went to Darlene Sorensen, and Best Dessert went to Janice Lumb. Door prizes were given away throughout the night, and Best Decorated Table went to DoCo Sheltered Workshop.





Ava Rx

Ava Church of Christ

Cross Point Church of Ava

Globe Life Family Heritage  
Division - Micca Simms

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**May 10th 11:30-1:00**

Business Appreciation Luncheon BBQ on  
The Ava Square

***Upcoming Luncheons***

June 14th – Heart of the Ozarks & Ava Place

July 12th – Douglas County Veterans  
Memorial Association

**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.



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*All Ava Businesses Invited!*

**Ava Chamber of Commerce  
Business Appreciation Luncheon**

**Tuesday, May 10th  
11:30-1:00**

*In the center of the Ava Square!  
(Lions Club if raining)*

**Come Enjoy a Complimentary Lunch!**

*It's the Chamber's way of saying  
"Thank You" to our Area Businesses.*