

***PLEASE VISIT THESE LOCAL  
AVA MERCHANTS***

**RESTAURANTS**

Archie's Family Restaurant-605 N Jefferson St.  
Haro Brothers-229 S Spurlock St.  
Los Mexicanos-800 S Jefferson St.  
Ruby Garden Chinese-812 S Jefferson St.  
The Barn-North of Ava Cemetery on Old Hwy 5  
True Brew-130 E Washington Ave.

**COFFEE**

Common Grounds-465 S Spring St.  
Melancholy Roasting-232 S Jefferson St.

**CLOTHING/GIFTS**

Blondie's Boutique-109 E Lincoln Ave.  
Blooming Blessings-608 Springfield Rd.  
Impressions Floral & Gifts-1113B Springfield Rd.  
Sweet Fern's Unique Boutiques/Audrey's  
Designs-114 E Washington Ave.  
The Cattle Baron's Boutique/The Rustic Splash-  
122 E Washington Ave.

**ART/ANTIQUES**

Cranberry Mercantile-516 S Spurlock St.  
Eliz Arts-101 E Lincoln Ave.  
Memory Lane Antiques-120 E Spurlock St.

**LODGING**

Twin Bridges-www.twinbridgescanoe.com

**GROCERIES**

Ava Beverage-1014 Springfield Ave.  
Ava Grower's Market-Saturdays on the Ava  
Square  
Jean's Healthway-133 S Jefferson St.  
Town & Country Grocery-405 Springfield St.

***Come for Adventure  
Experience the Wonders  
Leave with Memories***

To provide a sample of all that is available in Douglas County, we have gathered a variety of places to go, things to do or see, and places to eat and shop in June 2021. You can participate in scheduled events or you can organize your own self-guided activities. A fun filled time can be had in Ava and Douglas County year round and especially during the "Discover the Ozarks" festival!

Whether you join a tour, listen to entertaining and informative presentations or enjoy the activities on the Ava Square, you'll be learning interesting facts about the history, culture and character of the Ozarks.

If outdoor activities are your preference, you can hike, bike or ride in the Mark Twain National Forest, go on a float trip or visit one of the many mills in the area.

You'll be able to visit with local artists & artisans, listen to music & square dance.

We hope you enjoy your stay and create lasting memories that will inspire you to come back again and again!



***Bring your camera!***

**DISCOVER THE  
OZARKS**

**June 18, 19 & 20, 2021**

**Your Adventure Begins In**



**Come celebrate Father's Day weekend  
with music, dancing, antique cars and  
events for young and old!**



## FRIDAY, JUNE 18

**James Halpern Presentation:** 9:00am-11:00am. Join us at the Lions Building for a Civilian Conservation Corps video and Q&A with James Halpern, Mark Twain National Forest archaeologist. Immediately afterwards we'll show the "**Grandin Mill**" video which lasts about 1 hour. Masks & social distancing are required for this event only.

**Ava Art Guild:** 10:00am-4:00pm. Enjoy the varied exhibits & gifts to purchase at the Art Guild.

**LUNCH** on your own.

**Historic Poster Exhibit:** 11:00am-1:00pm at the Board Room, next to the Art Guild. Enter by the side door. View a series of beautiful posters by the late photographer, Ronnie Yocum. Posters are available for purchase.

**"How to Talk Ozark in Seven Simple Steps":** 1:00pm-3:00pm at the True View Theater. Presented Dr. Brooks Blevins, the Noel Boyd Professor of Ozarks Studies at MSU. Dr. Blevins will be signing his **History of the Ozarks**, Volumes 1 and 2, after the presentation. Next watch the "**Just That Much Hillbilly in Me**" video. The video will be shown twice.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 19

**Civil War Tour:** 9:00am-11:00am. Meet at the Ava City Park Upper Pavilion. Tim Ritter will share his expertise as he leads a caravan to several Civil War sites, including Militia Springs, Ritter Cemetery, Old Water Tower Cemetery and the site of a Civil War battle.

**Growers Market:** 8:00am-12:00pm on the Square. Visit our nationally known Growers Market for hand-made items as well as fresh picked vegetables and fruits.

**Grilled Hamburgers & Hot Dogs:** 11:00am-1:00pm on the Square. Come join us for lunch outdoors. Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips & drinks will be available for purchase.

**Food Trucks** will be at the Ava Square Saturday and Sunday featuring delicious tacos, popcorn, snow cones and more!

## SATURDAY, Continued

**Historical Museum:** 10:00am-2:00pm. Celebrating the history & genealogy of Douglas County. The museum exhibits Civil War items & memorabilia.

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**History of the Ava Railroad:** 2:00pm-4:00pm at the Community Center. All aboard for an enjoyable and informative presentation by our local Ava railroad expert, Jon Cluff, followed by Q&A.

**Square Dancing on the Square:** 6:00pm. Young or old, experienced or beginner, everyone is invited to join in - or grab some popcorn and just sit and watch the fun!

## SUNDAY, JUNE 20

**Old Fashioned Social on the Ava Square:** 11:00am-4:00pm. Our newly renovated Square is the place to be on Sunday. Hear Ozark music, view artisan demonstrations and check out the antique cars.

**Father's Day Hike:** 9:00am-1:00pm. Meet at the Ava Square and caravan to beautiful Glade Top Trail for an approximately 2-3 hour, guided hike.

**Food Trucks** will be again be at the Square.

**Artisans from the Pioneer Heritage Festival of the Ozarks:** 11:00am-4:00pm: You'll be able to visit with local artisans as they demonstrate the arts and crafts of the past.

**Antique Car Club Show:** 1:00pm. View antique cars exhibited around the Ava Square.

**Ava Art Guild:** 10:00am-4:00pm. Enjoy the varied exhibits & gifts to purchase at the Art Guild.

**Music:** 12:00pm. Enjoy live, good old fashioned Ozark music.

**Need Help? Look for our volunteers in the bright gold T-shirts!**

## VENUES

### CITY OF AVA:

**Ava Art Guild:** 303 E Washington Avenue

**Ava Lions Building:** 309 N Jefferson Street

**Community Center:** 108 Spurlock Street

**Historical Museum:** 401 E Washington Avenue

**The Board Room:** 305 E Washington Avenue

**True View Theater:** 209 S Jefferson Street

### SURROUNDING AREA:

**Crystal Lake Fisheries:** 417-683-2301

**Dawt Mill:** Tecumseh / 417-284-3540

**Hodgson Mill:** State Hwy 181 near Sycamore

**Laura Ingalls Wilder Historic Home & Museum:** Mansfield / 417-924-3626

**McClurg Music Jam:** Hwy W, McClurg  
720-205-5641

**Rockbridge Mill:** 4297 County Road 142  
417-679-3619 / [www.rockbridgemo.com](http://www.rockbridgemo.com)

**Twin Bridges Canoe and Campground:**  
[www.twinbridgescanoe.com](http://www.twinbridgescanoe.com) / 417-256-7507

**U.S. Forest Service, Ava Ranger Station:**  
1006 S Jefferson Street / 417-683-4420

**Zanoni Mill:** State Hwy 181 near Sycamore

*For more information, please visit the Ava Area Chamber of Commerce at 810 Collins Avenue, or call 417-683-4594.*



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