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# Chamber News

APRIL 2022



The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place at Elmwood Care Centre on Saturday, April 16, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. **NOTE THE EARLY TIME!!!** The kids are quick so don't be late! Age categories are 2 & under, 3 & 4, 5 & 6 and 7 & 8 years of age.

The front lawn will be divided up into the different age groups. The 7 & 8 year olds will be in the yard in front of Premier Estates.

Please make sure your children are in the appropriate section for their age. **If your children are older than 8, they are NOT able to collect eggs. Please help the Chamber make this a fun and fair event for all. There will be a "golden egg" hidden in each age group. If your child finds the "golden egg" please take it to the front entry way of Elmwood Care Center to collect a special gift.** The Easter Bunny will be available for pictures as well as other special guests.

## Onawa Methodist Church Drive Thru Dinner

Mark your calendars for Friday, April 8, 2022 from 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. as the Onawa Methodist Church will be hosting another delicious roast beef drive thru dinner. On the menu will be roast beef, mashed potatoes & gravy, coleslaw, green beans and desert. The cost is \$10 per meal. To get your meal, you can drive-up which will be located in the alley or walk-up at the front door on 13th Street.

Administrative Professional Day is Wednesday, April 27, 2022. With everyone's busy schedule, we have decided to not do a lunch again this year and offer to deliver special treats to your professionals. Attached are the packages we have to offer from Bentley Sweet Art Bakery. Please select which package(s) you would like and have the form back to the Chamber by Friday, April 22nd. Payment will be due the time of delivery. Chamber bucks also make great gifts for your professionals and helps promote shopping local.

What a better way to say "Thank you" than with some sweet treats and Chamber bucks.

# CHAMBER ANNUAL DINNER

The Annual Chamber Dinner was held Friday, March 4th at Blackbird Bend Casino. There were 86 people in attendance. A fun night of games was enjoyed by all. The night was kicked off with a very competitive game of Family Feud and continued on by DJ Guaranteed who got the crowd up and moving. Dana Coyle, Blackbird Bend Casino, was recognized for serving her 2-3 year terms on the Chamber Board and thanked for her time and dedication. Elizabeth Sturgill, Onawa YMCA, was welcomed to the Board as she was elected on January 1, 2022.

Curtis Sturgill, 2021-2022 President, talked about the achievements the Chamber made in 2021 and what is in store for 2022. The biggest announcement for the night was a program the Chamber has formed to give back to the community. The Chamber received a PPP Loan because of COVID-19 and would like to give the money back to the community through a "Pay it Forward Onawa" program. All information and forms are available on [www.onwachamber.com](http://www.onwachamber.com). If you have any questions in regards to this program, please give Jenn Collison a call or an e-mail.

Plans are underway for the 2022 Annual Chamber Dinner already. Any suggestions on food, location and entertainment are greatly appreciated. Give Jenn Collison a call at 712-423-1801 or e-mail [chamber@onawa.com](mailto:chamber@onawa.com) as we are always looking for suggestions.

Thank you to everyone who attended and we look forward to another great year!



## 2nd Annual Snowmageddon Demolition Derby

On Saturday, April 9, 2022, the Monona County Fair will be hosting the 2nd Annual Snowmageddon demolition derby at the Fairgrounds starting at 2:00 p.m. Grandstand tickets are \$15 (ages 6-10 \$5) and pit passes are \$25. There will be street stock weld, FWD hobo, hobo mini van's and FWD hobo youth. Don't miss out on this fun event!

## THE CHAMBER WELCOMES THREE NEW BUSINESSES



The first business to welcome is **West Central Community Action Outreach of Onawa**. West Central Community Action Outreach Offices provide client intake, needs assessment, referrals, and coordination with other community resources. Each outreach office has a certified Family Development Specialist and is occasionally assisted by an administrative assistant, SCSEP participants and community volunteers. Outreach staff work closely with local organizations to ensure non-duplication of services and to maximize resources for resolving local poverty issues. Outreach staff

strive to assist low-income families in becoming self-sufficient. A wide variety of programs, services and referrals reflect this accomplishment. Programs offered are LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program), ECIP (Energy Crisis Intervention Payments), Food Pantry, Clothing Room, Special Projects and Volunteer Opportunities.

If you have any questions or need more assistance please contact Amy Johnston, Outreach Specialist at [ajohnston@westcca.org](mailto:ajohnston@westcca.org) (712) 423-2603 801B 10<sup>th</sup> St Onawa IA 51040 | [westcentralca.org](http://westcentralca.org). Please help me welcome Amy and West Central Community Action Outreach of Onawa to the Chamber! Amy will be hosting Chamber Coffee on Friday, May 20th.



The second business to welcome is **Ten 34 Brickhouse (formerly O'Neill's Tavern.)** Brent Watkins and Tami Hoffman from Moorhead are the owners and operators of Ten 34 Brickhouse. Opening night was December 17th, 2021. A lot of people always ask them how they got the name. Ten 34 is the address and brickhouse is another name for tavern. Tami came up with it because the building is completely brick and a house is a place where everyone is welcome.

Brent and Tami plan on opening a kitchen in the near future. Hours are Sunday—Thursday 3:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m. and Friday and Saturday 3:00 p.m.—2:00 a.m. Brent and Tami have had tremendous support from the community and they look forward to

being a part of the Chamber. They will be hosting Chamber Coffee and a ribbon cutting on Friday, April 8th. Please come and welcome them to the Chamber.



The third business to welcome is River Valley Ag from Whiting. Katie and Phil Jorgensen are the owners and operators of the business. Some of the many services they offer are custom spray application, Channel Seed, climate fieldview, VRT Planting/Fertility Prescriptions, weekly scouting, tissue sampling, NDVI Drone Imagery, Stand Count Drone Mapping, Aerial Drone Imagery, Nitrate/pH SoilScan 360 and Grid/Zone Soil Sampling.

For more information, contact Katie at 712-870-4670 or Phil at 712-490-2020. You can also like their Facebook page and check out their website, [www.rivervalleyagc.com](http://www.rivervalleyagc.com).

Please help me welcome Katie and Phil to the Chamber.

## **Calendar of Events for April 2022**

April 1 West Monona School Foundation Trivia Night Blencoe Community Center.

April Fool's Day!

April 2 Legislative Coffee 10:00 a.m. Onawa Public Library.

April 7 Onawa Chamber Board Meeting at noon Onawa Public Library.

April 8 Chamber Coffee and ribbon cutting at Ten 34 Brickhouse Sports Bar.

Onawa Methodist Church drive-thru roast beef dinner 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

April 9 Snowmagedden Debry at the Monona County Fairgrounds 2: 00 p.m.

West Monona Green Gala Onawa Country Club 5:30 p.m.

April 12 Onawa City Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

April 15 Chamber Coffee and ribbon cutting held at Simply Signs & Custom Creations new location (814 Pearl Street, previous Agri-Vision location).

April 16 Chamber Easter Egg Hunt at Elmwood Care Centre law 10:00 a.m. SHARP!

April 17 Happy Easter!

April 22 Chamber Coffee hosted by Found 926.

Happy Earth Day!

Deadline to submit your Administrative Professional Luncheon orders.

April 26 Onawa City Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

April 27 Happy Administrative Professional's Day!