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Chamber News

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Santa will be coming to town on Sunday, December 1st at 6:00 p.m. to welcome the Holiday's to Onawa. You will want to be downtown to see Santa turn on the lights. After Santa arrives, he will be at the Onawa Fire Department passing out candy canes and getting wish lists from the kids. The Onawa Fire Department Auxiliary will be providing a free will soup supper at the Fire Station after you visit Santa. The Iowa Theater and Onawa Chamber of Commerce will show a special movie on Saturday, December 7th at 2:00 p.m. with Santa handing out a surprise to the children following the movie.

Don't forget about the "Shop Local Bingo" where the Chamber will be giving away 1-\$100 and 6-\$50 in Chamber Buck gift certificates. Bingo cards have been distributed to the participating businesses as well as at the Onawa Public Library. Once you have a regular bingo, bring the completed card to the Onawa Public Library and put it in the drawing box. Only one stamp on the card per visit but there is not a limit on the amount of cards turned in. Not all the cards are the same and not all the same businesses are on the cards. The Chamber will be hosting Chamber Coffee at the Onawa Public Library on Friday, December 20th to draw the lucky winners. For a list of the participating businesses and rules, visit www.onwachamber.com.

The Chamber is asking all businesses to get in the Holiday spirit and decorate their store front windows, outside of their business and/or the inside of their business. Seeing the streets lite up and business decorated will get people more in the Holiday spirit and shop locally.

Burgess Auxiliary/Act II will be hosting an Elf Workshop at the Onawa Community Theater from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. They will have crafts, book give away (while supplies last), bingo with prizes and cookie decorating. Santa will also be there to participate in the fun.

Don't forget to call and order your Chamber Bucks for your employees for Christmas. Over \$11,000 worth of Chamber Bucks were sold last year! They make great gifts and keeps the money local. Call or e-mail the Chamber your order!



Why Should you be a Chamber Member?

The mission of the Onawa Chamber of Commerce is to unite the business community, to promote and support the growth, development and betterment of the Onawa Community by providing positive leadership.

The Chamber strives to accomplish our mission. The Chamber also helps to coordinate and to support community events such as:

- the safe Halloween trick or treating.
- Christmas promotion (lighting ceremony and free movie)
- Annual Easter Egg Hunt
- Administrative Professional Day Luncheon
- Community wide garage sale
- Information luncheons
- Annual Chamber Dinner
- Lewis & Clark Festival
- Graffiti Night
- Monona County Fair
- Onabike
- Annual Chamber Golf Tournament
- Burr Walk
- Big Blue Run
- Burgess Thanksgiving Dinner
- And many others that come along throughout the year.

The Chamber welcomes new businesses to town with ribbon cuttings. The weekly Chamber Coffees are a good way to get to know our businesses and business owners.

Chamber members are recognized through advertising, the Chamber website, and promotional materials distributed throughout the year. The Chamber is also on Facebook which allows events and information to be posted daily.

The Onawa Chamber of Commerce is often the first contact for future businesses or citizens. If we can't answer a question that may arise, we can get you to someone who can help. Welcome packets are given out to new members of the community through the City of Onawa office. Information is available for tour groups or potential citizens.

By participating in various tourism groups and activities, the Chamber is able to promote Onawa outside of our community to attract more people to Onawa.

Together we can promote our citizens, businesses and services. As a Chamber Member, you are investing in the future of Onawa. Please consider renewing your Chamber membership for 2020. Encourage others to join in our efforts by joining the Chamber. You can maximize your deductions for 2019 by renewing your membership for 2020 in 2019. Renewals are due by January 31, 2020. **Due renewal notices are included in this newsletter.**

The Chamber Board and Director are always looking for new ways to bring more business to Onawa so if you have any suggestions or ideas, please fill in the bottom portion of the membership form. All feedback is greatly appreciated, good or bad. Reminder that Chamber Bucks make great gifts for your employees.

Burgess Brunch and Poinsettia Ball



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The Holiday Brunch and Poinsettia Ball are known for gathering community members to raise funds that enhance healthcare for the residents of Burgess Health Center's service area. This year's committee has chosen a magical holiday-themed event, Believe in the Magic, Give with your Heart! No fancy attire, or festive hair and makeup are encouraged this time around. If you would like to attend the Holiday Brunch, it will be on Friday, December 6th at St. John's Catholic Church in Onawa at 11:00 a.m.. Back by popular demand, Country Knot will return as the entertainment during the Brunch.

Saturday, December 14th is the date for the Poinsettia Ball at WinnaVegas Casino & Resort in Sloan starting at 5:00 p.m.. Guests at the Ball will enjoy the music of the Stimulus Package Band.

For more information, email Foundation@BurgessHC.org or call 712-423-9374. Follow the Foundation Facebook page for more details: [Facebook.com/BurgessFoundation](https://www.facebook.com/BurgessFoundation).

Methodist Church Cookie Fair

Saturday, December 7th at 10:00 a.m. the Annual Holiday Cookie Fair will take place. Buy a box and take the "cookie walk" to fill it.

Shop at the Country Store for more Holiday goodies. Find special gifts at the Christmas Craft Bazaar.

Serving lunch from 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Coffee, rolls, homemade soups, sandwiches and pies will be served.

Chamber Lunch-n-Learn seminar well attended



On Thursday, November 14th the Chamber hosted a Lunch-n-Learn seminar focusing on digital media. Chris Rhoades from Courtside Marketing gave a great seminar on making sure your business is where it needs to be on the internet. The 20 guests in attendance received a folder full of information on their business and where they can improve their business on the internet.

A big THANK YOU goes to Jill Kirkpatrick and the Center Heights residents and staff for fixing an amazing lunch. The lunch was free will donation and all proceeds went back to Center Heights for their activity fund.

If you have a topic that you would like to see a seminar on, please call or e-mail your suggestion to the Chamber Office.

Calendar of Events for December 2019

- | December 1 Santa comes to town to kick off the Holiday season 6 p.m.
- | December 4 Milestone & Guardian Angel Tree Ceremony 6 p.m. at Burgess Health Center.
- | December 5 Chamber Board meeting at noon at the Library.
- | December 6 Chamber Coffee hosted by Carrier Coffee.
Burgess Holiday Brunch 11 a.m. at St. John's Catholic Church.
- | December 7 Free movie for Christmas sponsored by Onawa Chamber and Iowa Theater 2 p.m.
Methodist Church Cookie Fair 10 a.m.—1 p.m.
National Hobby Shop Day at Jordan Sportcards 9 a.m.—6 p.m.
- | December 10 Onawa City Council meeting 7 p.m.
- | December 13 Chamber Coffee hosted by United Bank of Iowa in honor of their Open House.
- | December 14 Burgess Poinsettia Ball 5:30 p.m. at WinnAVegas Casino & Resort.
- | December 20 Chamber Coffee hosted by the Chamber at the Library to draw the bingo card winners.
- | December 22 First day of winter.
- | December 24 Christmas Eve.
- | December 25 Merry Christmas!
- | December 27 No Chamber Coffee in observance of the Holiday week.
- | December 31 New Year's Eve!!!