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Chamber News

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Santa will be coming to town on Monday, November 30th 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 talk with the kids and head back to the North Pole to work on their lists. Due to COVID-19, everyone will need to stay in their cars. Christmas music and Santa speaking will be broadcasted over a radio station. Please park on Iowa Ave in front of the businesses. Santa will drive around and wave at the kids after he talks and the lights are turned on. All CDC guidelines will be enforced.

Due to COVID-19 and the Iowa Theater being closed, the Chamber will be hosting a **FREE** drive-in movie at the Monona County Fairgrounds on Saturday, December 5th at 6:00 p.m. The free movie will be Santa Paws 2. We will have it broadcasted over a radio station so please remain in your cars to watch the movie. All CDC guidelines will be enforced.



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 to shop locally.

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 (Spring and Fall)
- 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 2021. Encourage others to join in our efforts by joining the Chamber. You can maximize your deductions for 2020 by renewing your membership for 2021 in 2020. Renewals are due by January 31, 2021. **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.



Due to these unfortunate happenings with COVID-19, we have made the decision to turn our annual Poinsettia Ball event from in-person and live, to virtual, December 7-12. All bidding closes at 8 p.m. on December 12. And bonus - it's completely free - no tickets required!

Our hope is to provide packages for our supporters to bid on and still feel like they are doing their part to help Burgess Health Center continue to provide the best medical services.

The Burgess Foundation's annual Poinsettia Ball event has been a long-standing tradition in our rural community of Onawa, IA. Each year, hundreds of supporters come for an evening of food, fun, and philanthropy. Proceeds from this popular social event and other fundraisers have

helped Burgess Health Center with projects such as the purchase of a new CT Scanner and MRI, computers, and software to convert Burgess to electronic medical records, and an EKG machine; to name a few.

We hope to have your support this year, wherever you are!

To register and bid, go to poinsettiaball2020.ggo.bid



Great Southern Bank welcomes Cheyenne Jones as the new Banking Center Manager for Onawa as Terry Framke will be retiring January 1, 2021. A little about Cheyenne, she was born and raised in Jacksonville, FL. Cheyenne met her husband in Florida who was active duty Navy at the time. They got married in 2017 and had their son in 2019. Soon after having their son, they decided for Cheyenne's husband not to re-enlist in the Navy so that he could pursue a career with the Federal Aviation Administration. In January 2020 they got news that he got picked up with the FAA and that they were moving to Iowa so that he could work as an Air Traffic Controller at SUX airport. Cheyenne and her husband lived in Sioux City for a few months and then decided to buy a house in Onawa because they love the small town feel and community. Cheyenne comes to Great Southern Bank with previous experience from Navy Federal Credit Union. Cheyenne is excited to get to know our community and assist with all banking needs. Welcome to Onawa Cheyenne.



Wild Roots Salon joins the Chamber and opens a new location at 2117 West Cameo Street in Onawa. Owner/operator Jody Cole offers many services and products. Jodi can be reached at (712) 431-9794 to make an appointment.

A ribbon cutting will be held at a later date.

Welcome to the Chamber Jodi and congratulations on your new location.

Calendar of Events for December 2020

December 3 Chamber Board Meeting at noon at the Onawa Public Library.

December 5 Free drive-in movie at the Fairgrounds 6:00 p.m.

December 8 Onawa City Council meeting 7:00 p.m.

December 18 Drawing for Chamber Holiday Bucks.

December 21 First day of winter.

December 22 Onawa City Council meeting 7:00 p.m.

December 24 Christmas Eve.

December 25 Merry Christmas!!!

December 31 New Year's Eve.

Don't forget to enter into the Annual Chamber Bucks Holiday promotion. Drawing boxes are distributed around town to Chamber Members. If you would like to have a box in your business and have not received one, please call the Chamber Office at 712-423-1801 or e-mail chamber@onawa.com.