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Chamber News

DECEMBER 2021

Christmas 2021 Chamber Events

Santa will be coming to town on **Thursday, December 2nd 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, Santa will not be visiting with the kids face to face afterwards. Watch Facebook and letters going home with the kids at school for more information.

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 4th at 6:00 p.m. The free movie will be Chilly Christmas. We will have it broadcast over a radio station so please remain in your cars to watch the movie. Watch Facebook and signs to see what channel to tune your radio to. The Grinch will be there at 5:15—6:15 passing out coloring books to the kids.

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.

The Chamber will be giving away Chamber Bucks again this year for the Holiday's. While you are out shopping locally, write your name and phone number on the back of your receipt and put it in the box at the businesses. If you don't have receipts at your business, you can still have a drawing box and slips for people to enter their information. If you would like a box in your businesses, please let Jenn Collison know at 712-423-1801 or e-mail chamber@onawa.com for a box to be dropped off. The drawing will start on Friday, November 26th to kick off Black Friday and Small Business Saturday and end Friday, December 17th.

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
- Community wide garage sale (Spring and Fall)
- Annual Chamber Dinner
- Lewis & Clark Festival
- Graffiti Night
- Monona County Fair
- Onabike
- Annual Chamber Golf Tournament
- Live Health Iowa Walk's
- And many others that come along throughout the year.

The Chamber welcomes new businesses to town with ribbon cuttings. Unfortunately, the weekly Chamber Coffees have been less the last year due to COVID-19 but are starting to come back.

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 2022. Encourage others to join in our efforts by joining the Chamber. You can maximize your deductions for 2021 by renewing your membership for 2022 in 2021. Renewals are due by January 31, 2022. **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.

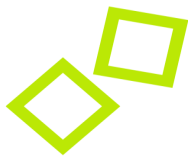
The Barn Loft Home Décor, Accents & Artisan Market Opens November 12th



On November 12, 2021 the Onawa Chamber helped celebrate the grand opening of The Barn Loft Home Décor, Accents & Artisan Market located at 910 9th Street. Shane and Megan Weber are the owners and operators. The Barn Loft offers a wide variety of home decor, accents, art and custom orders. Not only will you find the Weber's work of art, other local artists and vendors will have their items on display for sale as well.

Stop by and help welcome The Barn Loft Home Décor, Accents & Artisan Market to Onawa. The hours of operation are Monday—Saturday 9:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m. and Sunday noon—5:00 p.m.

Bentley Sweet Art Bakery Store front opens



Bentley Sweet Art Bakery
Looks great, tastes amazing!

On Friday, November 12th Bentley Sweet Art Bakery opened their store front for the first time after running the business out of her home for a few years. Carla Bentley is the owner and operator and has lots to offer for yummy baked goods.

Some things that will be available are: three kinds of jumbo cinnamon rolls, pie slices and whole pies, cake slices and whole cakes, muffins, gourmet cupcakes, cookie cakes, deep dish cookies, buttercream sugar cookies, regular ol' drop cookies, breakfast parfaits, brownies, bars, crisps, and cobblers - individual servings and by the pan, special dessert cups, cheesecake slices and whole cheesecakes and soooo much more.

Hours of operation are Friday 6:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. or until all items are sold. If you need to make a special order you can call, e-mail, text or send a message on Facebook. Watch for specials on Facebook and store front times. Chamber Coffee will be hosted at a later date so watch for more details. Please stop by and congratulate Carla on her store front opening and by some goodies!

Calendar of Events for December 2021

- | December 2 Chamber Board Meeting at noon at the Onawa Public Library.
- | December 2 Downtown Lighting Ceremony for the Holiday's 6:00 p.m.
- | December 3 Chamber Coffee hosted by Downtown Coffee & Cream 9:30—10:30.
- | December 4 FREE drive-in movie at the Monona County Fairgrounds pit area 6:00 p.m.
- | December 10 Chamber Coffee hosted by JJ Treasurers & More 9:30—10:30.
- | December 14 Onawa City Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- | December 17 Chamber Holiday Buck drawing at Chamber Coffee at the Library 9:30—10:30.
- | December 21 First Day of Winter.
- | December 24 No Chamber Coffee in observance of the Christmas Eve Holiday.
- | December 25 Merry Christmas!!!!
- | December 28 Onawa City Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- | December 31 New Year's Eve. No Chamber Coffee in observance of the Holiday.