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Chamber News

DECEMBER 2022

Christmas 2022 Chamber Events

Santa will be coming to town on **Thursday, 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 to get the kids wish lists. The West Monona FFA Chapter will be serving soup and sandwiches at the Fire Department after Santa arrives. Watch Facebook and letters going home with the kids at school for more information.

New this year!!!! The Chamber will be hosting a **FREE** craft day for kids of all ages. The event will be held at the Onawa Public Library from 10:00 a.m.—noon on Saturday, December 3rd. The kids can come and make a variety of crafts, decorate their own cut out cookies and enjoy some hot chocolate. **ALL KIDS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT!**

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 a drawing slip and put it in the box at the businesses. 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 25th to kick off Black Friday and Small Business Saturday and end Friday, December 16th. Winners will be drawn on Friday, December 16th at the Onawa Public Library during Chamber Coffee 9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m.

Mix & Mingle with Sandals

Jodi Jordan from Loess Hills Travel in Onawa will be hosting a Mix & Mingle with Sandals event at the Onawa Country Club on Thursday, December 1, 2022 from 5:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. Jodi will have lots of information on Sandal products and how you can stay on your dream vacation. For any questions, call Jodi Jordan at 712-433-8747.



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 craft day)
- 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
- Annual Swap Meet
- Live Health Iowa Walk's
- And many others that come along throughout the year.

The Chamber welcomes new businesses to town with ribbon cuttings.

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 2023. Encourage others to join in our efforts by joining the Chamber. You can maximize your deductions for 2022 by renewing your membership for 2023 in 2022. Renewals are due by January 31, 2023. **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.

Friends of the Library Fundraiser

The Friends of the Onawa Public Library will be hosting a silent auction to raise funds to help with future upkeep of your amazing library! The next projects planned for spring 2023 include painting the exterior of the doors and windows and to add a sidewalk and bench area to the butterfly mound as well as some other repairs to walkways.

The silent auction will be various baskets donated by businesses and the community. Viewing of the baskets will be available from November 28th—December 13th at the Library. The bidding will start December 14th—December 16th. If you would like to bid on a basket, you can do it online, call or stop in to the Library. The bidding will close on December 16th at 3:00 p.m.

The Friends of the Library will be hosting a bake sale on December 16th from 1:00—4:00 p.m.

The Onawa Public Library is a great asset to our community so now is the time to buy a Christmas or Birthday gift and give back to the Library. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact the Library at 712-423-1733.

BURGESS POINSETTA BALL

Burgess Foundation is excited about this year's Poinsettia Ball – Boots & Bling – It's a Fundraising Thing! They are bringing the event back to Onawa – Yeehaw! And what's even better, they have created two ways to enjoy the Ball this year – online and in-person.

The online auction will begin at 10 a.m. on Monday, November 28th. Participants can set their highest bid on these hand-picked, just-for-you items, bid throughout the week, or wait till the very last second and come riding in for the win at 8 p.m. on Friday, December 2nd. Use <https://poinsettiaball2022.ggo.bid> to set up your account and start bidding!

Mark your calendars for some boot-scootin-boogie starting at 5 p.m. on Saturday, December 10th at the Onawa Community Center! There will be a cash bar, heavy hors d'oeuvre, a live auction, and DJ for entertainment later in the evening. Attire is Boots & Bling, but you can dress it up or dress it down to your liking.

Funds raised through this year's Poinsettia Ball will be used to provide our Surgery Department with new endoscopy equipment. Endoscopy is one of the most common medical imaging methods for screening and diagnosing conditions affecting the lungs, colon, throat, and gastrointestinal tract. Our scope equipment is aging, and with a new scope, our surgeons can see images clearer and determine whether or not a biopsy is needed.

If you would like to become a sponsor, purchase a table, or purchase single tickets, call Bobbi at 712-423-9374 or email bjohnson@burgesshc.org.

Epik Destinations joins the Onawa Chamber

Tracy Erlandson, owner and operator of Epik Destinations has joined the Onawa Chamber. Tracy is a life long resident of Onawa and loves to travel. Her experience and energy is a great benefit in being a travel agent. Tracy's motto is "Today's idea bubble is tomorrow's Epik Destination! Let us take the stress out of planning ...so you can put the time in to making memories." Call today for exclusive pricing and special offers and let Tracy plan your next vacation. Call (712) 302-3224, e-mail terlandson@dreamvacations.com or visit her website www.terlandson.dreamvacations.com. Welcome to the Chamber Tracy!!!

Calendar of Events for December 2022

- December 1 Chamber Board Meeting at noon at the Onawa Public Library.
Downtown Lighting Ceremony 6:00 p.m.
Loess Hills Travel Mix & Mingle 5:00 p.m. Onawa Country Club.
- December 3 **FREE** kids craft day from the Chamber 10 am—noon at the Onawa Public Library.
- December 10 Burgess Poinsettia Ball 5:00 p.m. at the Onawa Community Center.
- December 13 Onawa City Council Meeting 7 p.m. at City Hall.
- December 16 Chamber Coffee at the Onawa Public Library 9:30 am—10:30 am. Chamber Buck winners will be announced.
Friends of the Library Bake Sale 1 pm—4 pm.
- December 21 First Day of Winter.
- December 24 Christmas Eve.
- December 25 Merry Christmas!
- December 27 Onawa City Council Meeting 7 pm at City Hall.
- December 31 New Year's Eve!