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Chamber News

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POSTPONED

After much discussion, the Chamber Board has voted to postpone the Annual Chamber Dinner that was set for Friday, March 5, 2021. Due to the rising numbers of COVID-19 in our county and the indoor gathering restrictions from the Governor of Iowa we felt it would be best to postpone this event to keep our members safe and healthy. The Board will be reviewing the guidelines and numbers and will try and reschedule the event for 2021.

2021 Chamber Membership

The Onawa Chamber of Commerce operates on a calendar year. Due notices were sent in the December and January Newsletters. If you have not renewed for 2021, now is the time. Your Chamber works for you promoting our City, our businesses, and all the fine facilities and services available. We are happy to announce there were 8 new businesses join the Onawa Chamber in 2020. This is just goes to show how strong of a community Onawa is. Let's make 2021 even better!

Your membership dues enable the Chamber to continue to provide information to the inquiries from around the nation. Take time now to pay your 2021 Membership dues.

If you need another form or have any questions, please give Jenn Collison a call at 712-423-1801 or e-mail chamber@onawa.com.

2021 Chamber Board of Directors

At the monthly Onawa Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meeting held on the 7th of January, 2021, Curtis Sturgill of Morton Buildings was re-elected President and Rob Meyer of Bank First was re-elected Vice President of the Onawa Chamber of Commerce.

Peg Ingram of US Bank was re-elected as Treasurer. Also serving on the Board of Directors for 2021 are: Lori Beck, Onawa Public Library; Nick Holverson, Hoffman Agency; Bryana Beneda, Minnihan Law Firm; Jen Shilling, Family Focus Chiropractic, Katie Ramm, Burgess Health Center and Dana Coyle, Blackbird Bend Casino.

The Chamber's purpose is to advance the general welfare and prosperity of the Onawa area so that its citizens and all areas of its business community shall prosper. It takes the community working together to allow the Chamber to promote our community and its attributes. If you as an individual or your business would like to join the Chamber, please contact Jenn Collison at 712-423-1801 or chamber@onawa.com.

Legislative Coffees resume for 2021

The American Legion Auxiliary will be hosting Legislative Coffees the months of February, March and April. The Coffee's will be held on February 6th, March 6th and April 3rd at 10 a.m. in the upstairs meeting room of the Onawa Public Library.

This is a good time to come and talk to your State Legislators about issues and new happenings in our State.

Back Closet re-joins Chamber

The Onawa Chamber would like to welcome the Back Closet as a returning member. The Back Closet is a consignment store located at 816 Iowa Ave. A variety of men's, women's and children's clothes are for sale on consignment. Also available is jewelry, decorations, household items, books and much, much more.

New items added daily. Stop in Wednesday—Saturday from 10 a.m.—4 p.m. Also, visit their Facebook page for new items posted.

Welcome back and we look forward to working with you in the future.

Wear Red Event Canceled

Burgess Health Center's annual Wear Red for Heart Health event for 2021 has been cancelled due to COVID-19.

"Unfortunately, due to current COVID-19 restrictions, we are unable to host the popular Wear Red event this year," said Marketing Director, Katie Ramm.

Burgess Health Center has hosted the luncheon event for 13 years, promoting cardiac health through presentations, educational booths, and a heart-healthy meal.

"We are already looking forward to welcoming back all attendees again in 2022," said Ramm.

The event was originally scheduled for Friday, February 12, 2021. The date for the event in 2022 will be announced in the winter months when the date is chosen.



Library Lovers' Month is a month-long celebration of school, public, and private libraries of all types. This is a time for everyone, especially library support groups, to recognize the value of libraries and to work to assure that the Nation's libraries will continue to serve. The Friends of the Onawa Public Library have been working hard on the Library membership drive mailings. Watch your mail box as the information will be arriving soon.

The Friends of the Onawa Public Library group meet quarterly at the Library and are open to the public. Feel free to join the group and bring a friend! We hope you are as passionate about our Library as we are.

In honor of Library Lover's month, the Friends group will be hosting a drive-thru chili dinner. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, February 20th from 4:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.** The chili is being donated by Frannie's Café and the cinnamon rolls are from Bentley Sweet Art Bakery. A minimum donation amount of \$10 per person will get you a delicious bowl of chili and a cinnamon roll. Please come to the drive-thru of the Library on the East side of the building and we will take your order and bring the delicious food to your car. All money raised from this event will help fund projects at your local Library.

The Onawa Public Library Board of Directors have also been working hard to raise money and writing grants to repair the roof of the building. The original roof has proven its worth over the last 112 years but is showing some damage that must be repaired. The project includes lifting the original tiles to replace the underlayment, replacing any broken tile, repairing any soffit damage, replacing the fascia around the original building and any other needed repairs that are found. Any and all additional donations for this project are greatly appreciated.



Calendar of Events for February 2021

- | February 4 Chamber Board Meeting at noon at the Onawa Public Library.
- | February 6 Legislative Coffee 10 a.m. at the Onawa Public Library.
- | February 9 Onawa City Council meeting at 7 p.m. at Community Center.
- | February 14 Happy Valentine's Day.
- | February 15 President's Day.
- | February 17 Ash Wednesday.
- | February 20 Friends of the Onawa Public Library Chili drive-thru 4 p.m.—7 p.m.
- | February 23 Onawa City Council meeting at 7 p.m. at Community Center.