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Chamber News

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2022 Chamber Annual Dinner

The Chamber Annual Dinner will be held on Friday, March 3rd at Blackbird Bend Casino. The dinner served will be prime rib, fish, cheesy potatoes, corn, dinner salad and a cheesecake bar for dessert.

Social Hour will be at 5:30 p.m. with a full cash bar and snacks. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. The cost of the tickets are \$30 per person.

Entertainment will be Nick Allen and Jason Regan comedians from The Funny Bone Comedy Club in Omaha. Nick and Jason will keep you in stitches all night. You won't want to miss it.

Tickets will be available through all the Board Members or from the Chamber Office. Get your tickets now and come enjoy a night of fun!

Downtown Construction Update

Construction will hopefully begin April 2023 for the three lane conversion for downtown Onawa. Patrick Mouw and the engineer from Sioux City will be having a meeting with the effected businesses in February. Date and time will be sent out to all members so the effected businesses can attend.

The Chamber is on the beautification committee to ensure downtown gets the much needed facelift we have been wanting for years. The Chamber wants to make this a very smooth process for the community and citizens. Please let us know what we can do to help make the process smooth for your business.

aster & rose joins the Chamber

Aster & Rose is a local floral business located at 1011 11th Street. It is owned and operated by Sadie Poole and Savannah Ewing. Currently, they are doing floral arrangement orders with much more to come. The store front will be opening soon so watch Facebook and the Chamber e-mails for the grand opening and ribbon cutting date. They are hoping to be open by February 10th or 13th. To place an order or see what they have, you can contact them at (712) 420-3070. Welcome to Onawa and the Chamber of Commerce!



2023 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 2023, 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 13 new businesses join the Onawa Chamber in 2022. This is just goes to show how strong of a community Onawa is even with the economy and the last two years of the pandemic. Let's make 2023 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 2023 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. Another form is included in this newsletter.

Friends of the Onawa Public Library Chili Drive-thru Dinner

On Saturday, February 18, 2023 the Friends of the Onawa Public Library will be hosting another chili drive-thru dinner. A bowl of chili from Frannie's and a homemade cinnamon roll from Fiesta Foods will be on the menu for only \$10 per person. The drive-thru will start at 4:00 p.m. and end at 6:00 p.m. Please come in the South end of the circular drive on the East side of the building and your order will be taken and delivered to your car. All proceeds made from the drive-thru will be used for future programming and projects at the Library.

The Friends group will also be hosting Chamber Coffee at the Library on Friday, February 17th from 9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m.

Monona County Friends of the Fair Banquet

The Monona County Friends of the Fair Banquet will be held Saturday, March 4th, 2023 at the Ute Community building. Casey Muessigmann will be the entertainment along with an auction and dinner. Happy hour starts at 5:00 p.m. with dinner starting at 6:30 p.m. The cost per ticket is \$30 per person. The meal will be a steak dinner and cash bar.

Come out and support the Friends of the Fair and enjoy a great meal and entertainment!

Kiwanis Waffle Brunch

The Onawa Kiwanis Club invites you to their waffle brunch on Saturday, March 4, 2023. All you can eat waffle brunch serving waffles, sausages, flavored syrups and beverages. The event will be held at the Onawa Community Center from 7:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m. Ticket prices are \$10 per person with children ages 5 and under eat free. Carry outs available with the same price as eating in.

Proceeds for this event are for the playground equipment they are partnering with the Franklin Go-getters 4-H Club on. Make sure to come out and support this great group and help purchase the ADA equipment for the park.

Family Crisis Centers Hosts Teen Dating Violence Session

On February 6, 2023, Family Crisis Center is hosting a "Teen Dating Violence Community Education Session" at 5:30 p.m. at the Onawa Public Library. They will talk about teen dating violence. This is a great opportunity to learn more about what teen dating violence is and how you can support your teens.



2023 Chamber Board Elects Officers

At the January 5th, 2023 Chamber Board Meeting new Officers were elected for the year.

Curtis Sturgill, re-elected President

Rob Meyer, re-elected Vice President

Bryana Beneda, newly elected Treasurer

Thank you to all of the Officers and the rest of the Chamber Board for their dedication to making

Onawa a great place to live and their support for the Chamber.

Chamber Coffee was hosted by the Chamber on Friday, January 6th, 2023 to recognize the Officers and welcome Kenzie Moreno as the new member of the Chamber Board.

Missing from the photo is Bryana Beneda, Nick Holverson and Katie Ramm.



On Friday January 6, 2023 the Chamber welcomed McCall Mental Health & Service Counseling, LLC to the Chamber and Onawa.

Amanda McCall is the owner and operator and is located inside Family Focus Chiropractic, 1013 10th Street in Onawa.

To make an appointment, please call 712-433-4343 or schedule on her website at <https://amanda-mccallisw.clientsecure.me/>.

Congratulations on your new business Amanda and welcome to the Onawa Chamber of Commerce!

Quilts of Valor National Sew Day February 4, 2023 from 1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m. at the Onawa Public Library.

This is a national day of sewing while we create comforting and healing Quilts of Valor for our Service Members and Veterans.

For any questions, please contact Ann Crawford at 712-420-0607



Calendar of Events for February 2023

- February 2 Chamber Board Meeting at noon at the Onawa Public Library.
- February 4 Legislative Coffee 9:30 a.m.—noon Onawa Public Library.
Quilts of Valor 1-4 p.m. Onawa Public Library.
- February 6 Teen Dating Violence Session 5:30 p.m. Onawa Public Library.
- February 14 Onawa City Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Happy Valentine's Day!
- February 17 Chamber Coffee hosted by the Friends of the Onawa Public Library for Library Lover's month.
- February 18 Friends of the Onawa Public Library Chili Drive-thru dinner.
- February 20 President's Day.
- February 24 Chamber Coffee hosted by Long Lines. Location TBA.
- February 28 Onawa City Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.