

ONAWA CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE
707 IOWA AVE
ONAWA, IA 51040
712-423-1801

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- **President:** Curtis Sturgill, Morton Buildings
- **Vice President:** Rob Meyer, Bank First
- **Jenn Collison,** Director
- **Katie Ramm,** Burgess Health Center
- **Lori Beck,** Onawa Public Library
- **Nick Holverson,** Hoffman Agency
- **Bryana Beneda,** Minnihan Law Firm
- **Jen Andresen-Shilling,** Family Focus Chiropractic
- **Elizabeth Sturgill,** Monona County Fair
- **Kenzie Moreno,** Frannie's Cafe



Chamber News

2024

2023 Chamber Annual Dinner

The Chamber Annual Dinner will be held on Friday, March 1st at Blackbird Bend Casino. The dinner served will be prime rib, fish, roasted red potatoes, green bean casserole, 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 \$40 per person.

Entertainment will be 1 Piano Too Much Fun (dueling pianos). They have rocked out at rowdy fraternities and bachelor parties, kept the kids involved and parents laughing at our fun family show, and delivered at over a thousand memorable office parties all across the country. They involve the audience more than any other dueling piano show, making the perfect show. You won't want to miss out on the fun!

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!

2024 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 2024, 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 9 new businesses join the Onawa Chamber in 2023. This is just goes to show how strong of a community Onawa is even with the huddles our town has overcome. Let's make 2024 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 2024 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.





**KEEP
CALM
AND
PAY
YOUR DUES**

Wear Red Event is back!!!

Burgess Health Center is thrilled to announce the return of their much-loved event – Wear Red! Join them on February 14, 2024, as they kick off Heart Health Month with a day filled with education, empowerment, and, of course, lots of RED!

Burgess is honored to have Mandy Lander, PA-C of the Burgess Family Clinics, as our keynote speaker. Get ready to be inspired and informed about the importance of heart health. Doors open at 10:30am as you will dive into a world of heart-conscious fun! Attendees can explore our exciting and educational vendor booths, enjoy free chair massages, and get their nails painted – all promoting a healthier heart.

Thanks to Staley's Catering, a delicious and heart-healthy lunch will be served at 11:30am, and Mandy takes the stage to share valuable insights on maintaining a healthy heart. Learn, ask questions, and be part of an engaging discussion.

Ladies (and gents), flaunt your  red  attire for a day that's not only fun but also serves as a powerful visual reminder of the importance of heart health. Let's make this event a memorable and impactful one. Together, let's Start with Heart! Please make sure to RSVP today and mark your calendars. Individuals may also register by calling (712) 423-9200. Registration cost is \$10.

2024 Monona County Visitor Guide

The Onawa Chamber and Monona County Economic Development are working together again this year to produce a 2024 Monona County Visitor Guide. We had great response from the 2023 edition so we are pleased to do it again. This is a full color, glossy magazine that is the official guide for visitors and newcomers to Monona County. It includes interesting county facts, education, parks and recreation, attractions, calendar of events, dining, churches and so much more.

This publication is available in print at Mapleton Chamber office, Onawa Chamber office, Moorehead Cultural Center, Mapleton Press office, all County Libraries, all City Offices, Loess Hills Hospitality Association and tourist attractions. It is also online, digitized and available 24/7 on multiple websites (Monona County Economic Development, Mapleton Press and the Onawa Chamber of Commerce.)

The 2024 edition will be published March 2024. Great place to advertise for your businesses and for a very low cost. If you have any questions in regards to this visitor guide, please give Jenn Collison a call at 712-423-1801.

Onawa Public Library Kid's Club Features Omaha Children's Museum Molecular Mayhem

Explore what happens to molecules when they are put to the test! Watch liquids become solids, soap become fluffy, and chip bags shrink in the show all about molecules and chemical reactions!

Wednesday, February 7th at 4:00 PM This program is a presentation so we are able to open it up to everyone. The programs are geared toward Pre-K – 5th but everyone is welcome! We have plenty of room so please join us! Thank you to Hoffman Agency for sponsoring this event for our community and kids.

Dr. John Garred – Lifetime of Service & Achievement

After a lifetime of dedicated service and remarkable achievements, Dr. Garred is stepping into a well-deserved retirement. To help celebrate his professional achievements, we would like to extend this invitation to all friends, colleagues, and community members whose lives Dr. Garred has touched.

Join us from 3 – 5 p.m. on Thursday, February 8, 2024, in the Burgess Health Center Dining Room as we celebrate Dr. Garred and wish him the best in retirement.



Friends of the Library Drive-thru Chili Dinner

On Saturday, February 17, 2024 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 16th from 9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m.



New Chamber Board Member and Officers recognized

On Friday, January 26, 2024 Onawa Chamber of Commerce hosted Chamber Coffee at the Onawa Public Library. The coffee was held to recognize the newest Board Member, Amy McDermott; Onawa Public Library Director and the newly elected officers. Curtis Sturgill—Morton Buildings,

President; Nick Holverson—Hoffman Agency, Vice President and Bryana Beneda—Minniham Law firm, Treasurer. Missing from the photo is Jen Shilling-Andresen, Family Focus Chiropractic.

Kiwanis Waffle Brunch

The Onawa Kiwanis Club invites you to their waffle brunch on Saturday, March 2, 2024. 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 going to the West Monona Youth Softball and Baseball programs.

Save the Date

Help support the Monona County Fair all while getting a great meal and fun entertainment. Save the date for Saturday, March 9th at the Mapleton Community Center. The entertainment for the night will be Poppa Bear Norton. Watch for more details to come!

Calendar of Events for February 2024

- | February 1 Chamber Board meeting at noon at the Onawa Public Library.
- | February 3 Legislative Coffee 9—noon at the Onawa Public Library.
- | February 7 Omaha Children’s Museum Program at the Onawa Public Library 4 pm.
- | February 8 Dr. Garred retirement party 3-5 p.m. in Burgess dining room.
- | February 9 Chamber Coffee hosted by Hoffman Agency.
- | February 13 Onawa City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- | February 14 Happy Valentine’s Day!
Ash Wednesday
Wear Red Event at the Onawa Community Center 10:30 a.m.
- | February 16 Chamber Coffee hosted by Friends of the Library at the Library.
- | February 17 Friends of the Onawa Pubic Library Chili Drive-thru dinner 4 –6 p.m.,
- | February 19 President’s Day.
- | February 27 Onawa City Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.