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#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- **President:** Curtis Sturgill, Morton Buildings
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- **Jenn Collison,** Director
- **Janet Stukenholtz,** Monona County Abstract
- **Lori Beck,** Onawa Public Library
- **Nick Holverson,** Hoffman Agency
- **Bryana Beneda,** Minnihan Law Firm
- **Jen Shilling,** Family Focus Chiropractic
- **Dana Coyle,** Blackbird Bend Casino



# Chamber News

JANUARY 2019

## Chamber Board Members Re-elected

At the regular Board Meeting of the Onawa Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, December 13, 2018, the Board verified the election results for the 2019 Board members. Two Board Members were up for re-election and both were voted in for another 3 year term. The two Board Members were Curtis Sturgill, Morton Buildings and Rob Meyer, Bank First.

Your Board Members for 2019 are Dana Coyle, Blackbird Bend Casino; Peg Ingram, US Bank; Janet Stukenholtz, Monona County Abstract; Lori Beck, Onawa Public Library; Rob Meyer, Bank First; Nick Holverson, Hoffman Agency; Curtis Sturgill, Morton Buildings; Bryana Beneda, Minnihan Law Firm and Jen Shilling, Family Focus Chiropractic.

The new Board will elect officers at the January 3, 2019 Board Meeting.

Plan to attend the Chamber Coffee hosted by the Onawa Chamber of Commerce at the Onawa Public Library on Friday, January 11, 2019 to meet and greet your 2019 Board Members.

The coffee is from 9:30—10:30 a.m. and the public is always welcome to attend.

Thank you to everyone who took the time out to vote for the Board Members and for the current Board Members and all their help.

## 2019 Chamber Membership Dues

The 2019 Membership due statements were mailed in the December Newsletter. Please submit your statement and dues to the Chamber office at your earliest convenience. Another membership form is included in this Newsletter.

If you have any questions, please contact Jenn at the Chamber Office 423-1801.

Encourage all businesses, non-profits and individuals to join the Onawa Chamber of Commerce. Invite others to attend Chamber Coffees and Chamber functions. As we begin another year together, let us remember our community is only as strong and prosperous as we make it together. Together we can promote our citizens, our businesses and our services. As a Chamber Member, you are investing in the future of Onawa.

We look forward to another great year in Onawa!

# Christmas 2018

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2018 Christmas activities in Onawa.

Approximately 140 children were downtown for the arrival of Santa on Thursday, November 29th. The weather was a little cold and rainy for the arrival of Santa. Approximately 180 people were present on Saturday, December 1st for the FREE movie at the Iowa Theater. Peter Rabbit was the movie. Santa was available after the movie to get the kids wish lists and pass out a bag of treats.

Thank you to Loren Sawyer and William Wonder for taking pictures at both events.

Thank you to Brent McCall and McCall Auctions for having music playing downtown for Santa's arrival and for having a microphone for Santa to use.



Thank you to the City of Onawa employees for turning on the lights downtown and to the Onawa Fire Department for bringing Santa to town. Thank you to the Onawa Public Library for letting Santa come and visit with the kids after the Lighting Ceremony. Thank you to the Friends of the Library for providing hot chocolate and cookies for the kids after they visited with Santa.

Thank you to Blackbird Bend Casino for the giant candy cane switch Santa used to turn on the lights..

Thank you to Iowa Theater for helping sponsor the free movie for the kids.

Thank you to all the businesses that volunteered to have a drawing box in their business.

Winners of the Holiday Chamber Bucks were:

**\$100 - Patti Gibson, Blencoe**

**\$50 – Grant Kepner, Turin**

**\$50 – Janelle Young, Onawa**

**\$50 – Billy Nelson, Onawa**

**\$50 – Bob Riner, Onawa**

**\$50 – Charla Wolfe, Macy, NE**

**\$50 – JoAnn Collison, Blencoe**

The winners of the Christmas decorating contest are:

1st place winners: Onawa Public Library

2nd place winners: Center Heights

3rd place: Loess Hills Accounting





**January 14 - March 22, 2019**

*Registration open Dec. 3, 2018*

*Cost: \$22 per participant*

Over the course of 10 weeks, teams (2-10 people) track activity minutes and/or weight loss through the Live Healthy Iowa website. This simple and affordable challenge provides Iowans an opportunity to improve their health while engaging in fun, friendly competition.

#### **Participants receive:**

- Challenge T-shirt (Adult small - 4XL)
  - Personal online dashboard with the ability to sync Fitbit devices and Under Armour apps
    - Complimentary one-year magazine subscription
  - Selections include: Better Homes and Gardens, Diabetic Living, Eating Well, Family Circle, Health, Rachael Ray Every Day, SHAPE, Sports Illustrated, Time
  - 
  - Weekly motivational messages
- \$10 discount for statewide [LHI 5K events](#)
- Chances to win prizes\* \*Prize winners will be randomly selected from all participants who record at least once per week of the challenge.

#### **Divisions**

Teams may register in the Minutes of Activity Division, the Weight Loss Division or both. In either case, individuals track and record minutes of activity and/or weight loss which is used to calculate a team's percentage weight loss and average activity minutes. Friendly competition among teams is encouraged.

#### **If your company, community or organization will have multiple teams participating, activate a Group ID!**

There is no cost to activate a Group ID, and it's easy to do. A Group ID is used during registration to identify and track teams participating within your company or organization. Creating a Group ID allows up to two people to be assigned as group administrators. Group administrators will gain access to tools for promotion and implementation, and the ability to manage and monitor team and individual progress throughout the challenge. In addition, all teams registered under your Group ID will be placed on one leaderboard, allowing for some friendly competition! For more information, or to obtain a Group ID, please Live Healthy Iowa.

## **Burr Walk**

At the Chamber Board Meeting on Thursday, December 13th a unanimous vote was made to not host a Burr Walk in 2019 and will revisit for 2020. This vote was made due to low attendance the last two years and not enough man power to put the event on.

Thank you to everyone who has attended in the years prior and we hope to host the event again in 2020 as long as we have participants.

**The Chamber Office will be closed December 24th and will re-open December 31st. Have a good Holiday!**

## **Calendar of Events for January 2019**

- | January 1 New Year's Day.
- | January 3 Chamber Board Meeting at noon at the Library.
- | January 4 Chamber Coffee hosted by Petro Mart.
- | January 8 Onawa City Council Meeting at 7 p.m.
- | January 11 Chamber Coffee hosted by the Onawa Chamber at the Onawa Library.
- | January 14 Live Healthy Iowa Challenge begins.
- | January 18 Chamber Coffee hosted by Hoffman Agency.
- | January 21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- | January 22 Onawa City Council Meeting 7 p.m.
- | January 25 Chamber Coffee hosted by TBA.