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Chamber News

JANUARY 2021

2021 Chamber Membership Dues

The 2021 Membership dues 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.

Encourage all businesses, non-profits and individuals to join the Onawa Chamber of Commerce. Invite others to attend Chamber Coffees and Chamber functions, which will hopefully resume soon. We all know how challenging 2020 was for our town, 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 making 2021 a great year in Onawa! If you have any questions, please contact Jenn at the Chamber Office 423-1801.



Great Southern Bank is thrilled to celebrate the career of their Onawa Banking Center Manager, Terry Framke. Terry has dedicated 42 years to help make her customers' lives easier and will enjoy a well-deserved retirement at the end of this year. Great Southern Bank is so appreciative of Terry's commitment and positive attitude. She will be greatly missed! Community members are invited to send cards of congratulations and well wishes to our Onawa banking center located at 921 Iowa Ave, Onawa, IA 51040.



CHRISTMAS 2020

Even though the Chamber Christmas activities looked different this year, we are thankful to be able to have them and to all the people to come out and enjoyed the events. Santa arrived in town at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, November 30th to turn on the downtown lights and kick off the Holiday season. Santa was not able to personally talk to each child but he was able to drive around on the fire truck wave and talk to the kids.

Approximately 50 cars were present on Saturday, December 5th for the FREE drive-in movie at the Monona County Fairgrounds. Santa Paws 2 was the movie. Everyone was able to stay in their cars and watch the movie which was broadcast over the radio.



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

Thank you to Brent McCall and McCall Auctions for letting the Chamber use their speaker system to having music playing for Santa's arrival and for having a microphone for Santa which all was put over the radio as well.

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 Police Department for bringing in Santa with lots of lights and sirens!!! The kids loved it!!!!

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

Thank you to Curtis Sturgill and the Monona County Fair for opening up the Fairgrounds for the free drive-in movie.

Thank you to all the businesses that had a drawing box in their business for the Holiday Chamber Buck drawing.



The winners of the Holiday Bucks were:

\$100 – Robin Fritz, Onawa

\$50 – Anita Alexander, Decatur

\$50 – Vern Forke, Whiting

\$50 – Nicole Redhorn, Winnebago

\$50 – Catrina Beck, Onawa

\$50 – Lori Hollins, Little Sioux

\$50 – Diann Iversen, Moorhead

Congratulations!!!!



On Wednesday, November 25th, a COVID-19 style ribbon cutting was held at Grace Dance Studio to welcome them to Onawa and the Chamber. Classes offered are tap, jazz/contemporary, ballet technique, hip hop, clogging and pom. If you are interested in signing up for classes, send a message through Facebook or e-mail gracedancecompanygdc@gmail.com. Welcome to the Chamber Makenna!



On Friday, December 18th, a few of the Chamber Board Members participated in a COVID-19 style ribbon cutting for Simply Signs and Creative Customs. Laci Smizer, owner/operator, relocated her business from her home to a store front in June of 2020. Laci makes different types of wood home decor, painted signs, shelves, ladders, and wine racks are just a few of the things she can do. Laci also does custom shirts with vinyl, sublimation and screen print. Store hours are Wednesday—Friday 11 a.m.— 5 p.m. and the 1st and 3rd Saturday 10 a.m.—2 p.m. Stop in and see all of Laci's hard work.

Congratulations of the opening of your store Laci!



On Wednesday, December 23rd, the Onawa Chamber Board hosted another COVID-19 style ribbon cutting for Wild Roots Salon (2117 West Cameo Street.) Jody Cole, owner/licensed cosmetologist and permanent make-up artist at Wild Roots Salon. Jodi offers services including haircuts, colors, perms, styles and more. Bringing in the New Year with new services in permanent make-up such as eyeliner, micro bladed brows, as well as eyelash services, etc. Call or text to book an appointment at (712) 431-9794. Gift certificates are available. Walk-ins welcome upon availability. Congratulations on her new location and welcome to the Onawa Chamber of Commerce.

Calendar of Events for January 2021

- | January 1 Happy New Year.
- | January 7 Chamber Board Meeting at noon at the Onawa Public Library.
- | January 12 Onawa City Council Meeting 7 p.m.
- | January 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- | January 26 Onawa City Council Meeting 7 p.m.