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- **Jen Shilling,** Family Focus Chiropractic
- **Elizabeth Sturgill,**
Onawa YMCA



Chamber News

JANUARY 2022

2022 Chamber Membership Dues

The 2022 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 have started back up again. We all know how challenging 2020 and 2021 was for our town, let us remember our community is only as strong and prosperous as we make it together. Even through a pandemic, our town has grown with new businesses. Let's keep this going for 2022. 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 2022 a great year in Onawa! If you have any questions, please contact Jenn at the Chamber Office 423-1801.

Chamber Board Members New and Re-elected

At the regular Board Meeting of the Onawa Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, December 2, 2021, the Board verified the election results for the 2022 Board members. One Board Member was up for re-election and was voted in for another 3 year term. The Board Member was Katie Ramm, Burgess Health Center. Newly elected Board Member is Elizabeth Sturgill, Onawa YMCA.

Your Board Members for 2022 are Peg Ingram, US Bank; Katie Ramm, Burgess Health Center; Lori Beck, Onawa Public Library; Rob Meyer, Bank First; Nick Holverson, Hoffman Agency; Curtis Sturgill, Morton Buildings; Bryana Beneda, Minnihan Law Firm, Elizabeth Sturgill; Onawa YMCA and Jen Shilling, Family Focus Chiropractic.

Retiring Board Member is Dana Coyle from Blackbird Bend Casino. Thank you Dana for serving on the Chamber Board. We appreciate your years of service and dedication. You will be greatly missed!

The new Board will elect officers at the January 6, 2022 Board Meeting.

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.



CHRISTMAS 2021

Even though the Chamber Christmas activities looked different again 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 Thursday, December 2nd 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. On Saturday, December 4th a FREE drive-in movie was held at the Monona County Fairgrounds. Chilly Christmas was the movie. Everyone was able to stay in their

cars and watch the movie which was broadcasted over the radio. The Grinch was on hand to pass out sugar cookies and coloring book packs to all the kids.

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 have music playing for Santa's arrival and for having a microphone for Santa to talk to the kids.

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. 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 Casey's of Onawa for donating 100 sugar cookies for the kids.

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 – Theresa Cardwell, Onawa

\$50 – Rosa Lynch, Onawa

\$50 – Kimberly Boisen, Whiting

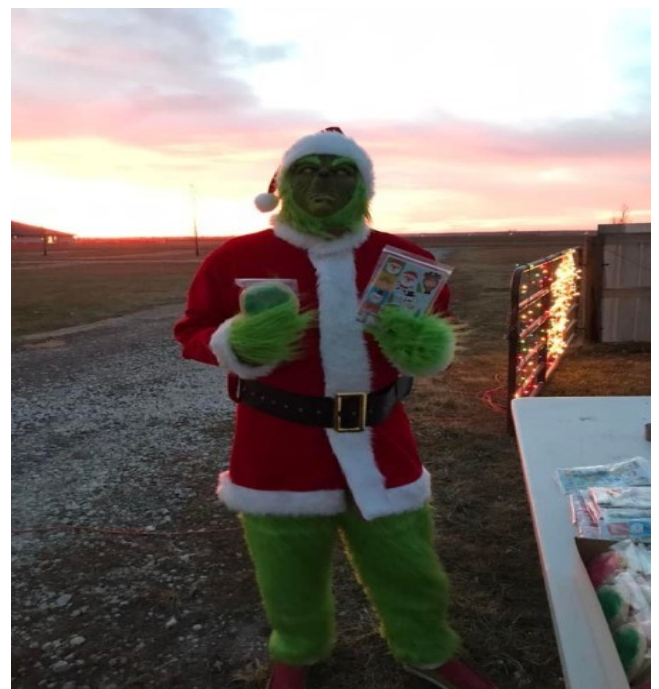
\$50 – Debbie Archer, Castana

\$50 – Janet Shatswell, Onawa

\$50 – Chester Creswell, Blencoe

\$50 – Vernice Ankerstjerne, Onawa

Congratulations!!!!



The Chamber office will be closed January 14th—20th. The office will re-open on January 21st. All e-mails and phone calls will be returned on January 21st.

CHAMBER COFFEE HOSTS NEEDED

Chamber Coffee's are starting back up again. The month of January is full!!! If you would like to be put on the calendar for a Chamber Coffee, please let Jenn Collison know and she will see if that date is available.

Chamber Coffee's are a great way to get people into your business and show them what you have to offer. Coffee's are held every Friday from 9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m. It is a come and go event or stay the whole time. Hosts are asked to provide a breakfast item, coffee and water/juice.

Thank you to everyone who purchased Chamber Bucks for their employees, family, etc. Over \$8,000 was purchased during 2021!!!!

Remember every dollar spent in Onawa turns seven times in our community. In addition, the Chamber Bucks encourage people to shop in Onawa instead of going out of town.

Thanks again!!!!



Looking for a job or a need new job and not sure where to start? What assistance is available to me? Come to the Onawa Public Library on Wednesday, January 5, 2022 from 1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m. for more information. IowaWORKS staff will be giving a presentation on the services offered by IowaWORKS and answering your questions.



Here's to making 2022 a great year for Onawa and Monona County!!!!

Calendar of Events for January 2022

- January 1 Happy New Year!
- January 4 West Monona School resumes.
- January 5 Iowa Works Job information meeting 1 p.m.—3 p.m. at Onawa Library.
- January 6 Chamber Board meeting at noon at the Onawa Public Library.
- January 7 Chamber Coffee & ribbon cutting hosted by Onawa YMCA at the Onawa Community Center.
- January 11 Onawa City Council Meeting at 7 p.m. City Hall.
- January 14-20 Chamber Office Closed.
- January 17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
No School.
- January 21 Chamber Coffee hosted by The Hut.
- January 25 Onawa City Council Meeting at 7 p.m. City Hall.
- January 28 Chamber Coffee hosted by Act II.