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- **Jen Andresen-Shilling,** Family Focus Chiropractic
- **Elizabeth Sturgill,** Onawa YMCA
- **Kenzie Moreno,** Frannie's Cafe



Chamber News

JANUARY 2023

2023 Chamber Membership Dues

The 2023 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. We would like to be able to have more Chamber Coffees in 2023. If you are wanting to host a coffee or an after hours, please let me know. We all know how challenging the last 2 years have been 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 grew with new businesses. Let's keep this going for 2023. 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 2023 a great year in Onawa! If you have any questions, please contact Jenn at the Chamber Office 423-1801 or email chamber@onawa.com.

Chamber Board Members New and Re-elected

At the regular Board Meeting of the Onawa Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, December 1, 2022, the Board verified the election results for the 2023 Board members. Two Board Members were up for re-election and was voted in for another 3 year term. The Board Members were Jen Shilling-Andresen and Bryana Beneda. Newly elected Board Member is Kenzie Moreno, Frannie's Café.

Your Board Members for 2023 are Kenzie Moreno, Frannie's Café; 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-Andresen, Family Focus Chiropractic.

Retiring Board Member is Peg Ingram from US Bank. Thank you Peg 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 5, 2023 Board Meeting. The Chamber will be hosting a Coffee on Friday, January 13th at the Onawa Public Library to welcome Kenzie Moreno to the Chamber Board and introduce the officers for 2023.

CHRISTMAS 2022

The Chamber was able to have all regular Christmas activities this year and it was great! Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived in town at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 1st to turn on the downtown lights and kick off the Holiday season. Santa went to the Onawa Fire Department afterwards and got to visit with all the kids and get their wish lists. The West Monona FFA group served soup and goodies for a free-will donation at the Fire Department for all families to enjoy. On Saturday, December 3rd a FREE craft day was held at the Onawa Public Library from 10:00 a.m.—noon. Approximately 67 kids came and made crafts, wrote a letter to Santa and enjoyed hot chocolate and cookies.

Thank you to Loren Sawyer and William Wonder for taking pictures at the 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 and Mrs. Claus 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 the Onawa Public Library for letting us use their building on Saturday.

Thank you to Fantastic Photos for supplying Santa and Mrs. Claus.

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 – Sara Struble, Onawa.

\$50 – Sara Theobald, Onawa.

\$50 – Cheryl Warner, Onawa.

\$50 – Travis Phillips, Macy, NE.

\$50 – Colleen Maule, Onawa.

\$50 – Sandy Bryan, Onawa.

\$50 – Tiffany Eastwood, Moorhead.

Congratulations!!!!



Thank you to everyone who purchased Chamber Bucks for their employees, family, etc. Over \$9,200 was purchased during 2022!!!!

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!!!!

Onawa Public Library Silent Auction & Bake Sale a success!

The Onawa Public Library along with the Friends of the Library held a silent auction and bake sale in December to raise money to paint the outside of the windows at the Library. There were 35 beautiful baskets and wreaths to bid on. Final tally raised was \$2,789! This will help tremendously towards their window painting project. A total of about \$20,000 is needed for the project and this gets them to about \$17,000 with what they have so far.

Thank you for your love and generosity for one of the greatest assets our community can have. Thank you for seeing the importance and the value of the library even if you do not use it. Your donations great and small help us provide more to the community and helps us maintain a safe and welcoming home for everyone!

Williams & Company welcomes a new team member

On November 30, 2022 Dave Radke passed the torch to Chad Regnier who will take over Dave's role at Williams & Company. Dave will still be around for another six months helping Chad transition into his new role.

Chad grew up on a farm near Marshall Minnesota. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from South Dakota State University in Agriculture Business and a Master of Professional Accounting degree at the University of South Dakota. He has worked for Williams and Company since 2012 in the Le Mars office. His wife, Sadie grew up on a farm near Timber Lake South Dakota. She attended Briar Cliff University and earned a double major in English and Education. She taught high school English at Remsen St. Mary's for the past eleven years and is currently enjoying using her free time to settle into the home they bought in Onawa. Both Chad and Sadie are excited to be in Onawa and are looking forward to integrating themselves into the community.

There will be a Chamber Coffee on Friday, January 20, 2023 at Williams & Company to meet Chad and also an After Hours on Thursday, January 26, 2023 at the Onawa Country Club starting at 5:30. Please come and Welcome Chad to Onawa and Williams & Company.

McCall Mental Health & Council Services, LLC joins the Chamber

The Onawa Chamber welcomes Amanda McCall to the Chamber and to Onawa. Amanda graduated with a Bachelors Degree in Social Work and Psychology from Buena Vista University. She went on to get her Masters Degree in Social Work from the University of Nebraska in Omaha. Amanda is currently a Licensed Independent Social Worker (LISW). Since 2018, Amanda has been a stay-at-home mom. Prior to that, she practiced psychotherapy for five years. Amanda utilizes a variety of therapeutic modalities in order to meet each individual's needs and full potential. She has a range of experience treating individuals struggling with depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder, PTSD, schizophrenia, trauma, grief, domestic abuse, personality disorders, eating disorders, body image issues, criminal thinking/behaviors, and general life challenges. Amanda also provides therapeutic services to couples and families.

McCall Mental Health & Council Services is located at 1013 10th Street (inside Family Focus Chiropractic). To schedule an appointment call 7142-433-4343 or visit her website at www.amanda-mccalllisw.clientsecure.me. There will be Chamber Coffee and a ribbon cutting held on Friday, January 6, 2023 to welcome Amanda to Onawa and the Chamber.

Calendar of Events for January 2023

- | January 1 Happy New Year!
- | January 5 Chamber Board Meeting at noon at the Onawa Public Library.
- | January 6 Chamber Coffee and ribbon cutting at McCall Mental Health & Council Services
1013 10th Street (inside Family Focus Chiropractic) 9:30-10:30 a.m.
- | January 9 City Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- | January 13 Chamber Coffee hosted by the Chamber at the Onawa Public Library 9:30-10:30.
- | January 16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- | January 20 Chamber Coffee hosted by Williams & Company 9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m.
- | January 26 After Hours hosted by Williams & Company at the Onawa Country Club 5:30 p.m.
- | January 30 City Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.