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Chamber News

JULY 2023

CHAMBER'S ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 21st Annual Chamber Golf Classic is coming up on Friday, August 4, 2023 at The Clubhouse. This Chamber event was initiated so that the Chamber Members could have a "fun" day. Many of the members volunteer time, money and effort to make our events successful. This is our way of saying thanks and providing a relaxing and fun time. The price per team is \$200 and includes a lunch served by the Clubhouse, hole in one prizes and pin prizes. Golf cart rental and mulligans are extra.

Lunch will be served inside the Clubhouse starting at 11:00 a.m. There will not be a dinner after the tournament is over. On Hole 7 every golfer will receive a free "Chamber shot", pop or water. All golfers will also have a chance to spin the wheel and win some great prizes.

We are hoping we can count on you to donate a pin hole prize or sponsor a hole again this year. Enclosed is a registration form to pre-register your golf team and to list any donations and/or sponsorship. Please let us know if you are able to support or donate to the Golf Classic by July 21, 2023. If you have a preference of what time you want to golf with or maybe a team you don't want to golf with, let Jenn Collison know on your form. This will save time so we don't have teams switching at the last minute.

The Chamber Golf Classic is a great opportunity to try a round of golf if you have never golfed or are a novice player. We encourage everyone to attend and have fun! Should you have any questions, please contact the Chamber office at 712-423-1801, visit www.onawachamber.com or e-mail Jenn Collison at chamber@onawa.com.

We look forward to hosting another fun event!

SAVE THE DATE

The 31st Annual Onabike ride will be held Saturday, August 26, 2023. This event brings 100's of people to town for the day. Trying lots of new things this year. Frannie's will be catering the meal after the ride at the Onawa Public Library and there will be a few different places to stop along the way.

Don't forget sponsorship deadline is Friday, July 7th. If you need the sponsorship information for your business, e-mail chamber@onawa.com or call 712-423-1801.

Monona County Fair 2023

Monday, July 10th

6:00 pm- Bill Riley Talent Show Competition at West Monona High School.

Tuesday, July 11th

7:00 pm 2023 Monona County Fair Opening Ceremony – *Grandstand*

Monona County Fair Quilts Auction- *Courtesy of Ann Crawford, Sewing N' Such.*

4-H Pie Auction

Monona County Royal Court Recognition and Little Princess and Queen Crowning Ceremony

Following Opening Ceremonies (dusk) Free Outdoor Drive-In Movie The Rookie– *Pit Area*

Wednesday, July 12th

7:30 pm Casey Muessingmann Concert—Grandstands

8:30 pm Teen Night sponsored by Monona County 4-H Council – *Farm Bureau Entertainment Free Stage*

Thursday, July 13th

10:00 am-8:00 pm Exhibit Buildings Open

11—11:45 and 1—1:45 and 3—3:45 pm Cirque Adventure Show High flying aerial acrobatic acts and more!

6 pm—10 pm Carnival

7:00 pm Outlaw Tractor Pull – *\$25 Pits, Grandstand \$15 Adults, \$5 Children, Pre-k & under free*

Karaoke—Farm Bureau Entertainment Free Stage after Tractor Pull.

Friday, July 14th

10:00 am-8:00 pm Exhibit Buildings Open

11—11:45 and 1—1:45 and 3—3:45 Cirque Adventure Show- High flying aerial acrobatic acts and more!

1:00-5:00; 6:00-10:00 pm - CARNIVAL

3:00-5:00 pm Foam Party

7:00 pm Demolition Derby – *\$30 Pits, Grandstand \$15 Adults, \$5 Children, Pre-k & under free*

Saturday, July 16th—Kid's Day!!!! See website for a list of all kids events!

1:00-5:00; 6:00-10:00 pm - CARNIVAL

7:00 pm Demolition Derby – *\$30 Pits, Grandstand \$15 Adults, \$5 Children, Pre-k & under free*

Sunday, July 17th

11:00 am Parade Registration & Line-Up – *Soccer Field (across from fairgrounds)* 1:00 pm- Monona County Fair Parade

2:00-6:00 pm - CARNIVAL

This is just a few of the events at the Monona County Fair. Visit
www.mononacountyfair.com for a full list of events!

ONAWA FIRE DEPARTMENT 4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS

The Onawa Fire Department is back with their fireworks display on the 4th of July. The fireworks will be set off at Camp Nebowa at 10:00 p.m. on the night of July 4th. The Onawa Fire Department is asking for donations from local businesses and residents to help purchase the fireworks. If you would like to donate and help with the firework display, contact one of the Onawa Firefighters or message them on Facebook.

Nature of Poetry Event

The Onawa Public Library and Lewis & Clark State Park are hosting a “Nature of Poetry/Poetry of Nature” event on Thursday, July 13th at 6:00 p.m. at the Onawa Public Library.

Join local poet Kelly Madigan for a creative writing session where you can examine some favorite nature poems to find out what makes them successful and then write a few of your own, using prompts that make it easy to get started. All writing levels are welcome, beginner to advanced. Age 16 and up can sign up. This is a FREE event.

Downtown Construction

Thank you everyone for being patient while the construction continues downtown. Updated information will be sent out via e-mail, on the Chamber Facebook page and also on the Chamber website, www.onawachamber.com. Hopefully they will give us notice when Iowa Ave will open back up and they start on the frontage roads in front of the businesses. I will notify everyone when I hear an update.

I keep telling everyone and myself, “Rome was not built in a day.” This construction will take awhile but it will be worth it in the end. Our downtown is going to get the facelift that we have needed for years. Feel free to call if you have any questions and I will try and answer them.

Supporting our local businesses is always important but now more than ever! The Chamber has a “selfie” promotion to help encourage people to shop local. Take a selfie at ANY Onawa business and tag Jenn Miller-Collison on Facebook and be entered into a drawing for \$25 in Chamber Bucks. This drawing will take place every Monday until downtown is completed. Please spread the word and encourage everyone to participate.

Onawa Manufactured Homes joins the Chamber

Onawa Manufactured Homes has joined the Onawa Chamber and will be developing homes on the East end of Onawa. The site is called Grand Meadows and is a 6 acre parcel located at 220 East Granite Street. The park will consist of single and double wide manufactured homes. The plan is to have 62 homes in the park upon completion. You can view their website at

www.onawamanufacturedhomes.com. The website shows the home options and a price sheet. For additional information, please contact Carly Peterman at 601-307-2020 or carlymp9@gmail.com. They will be hosting a Chamber Coffee and ribbon cutting when there is more completed on the project so stay tuned. Welcome to Onawa and the Chamber!

DOWNTOWN MARKET

Downtown Coffee & Cream is hosting a Downtown Market every Saturday from 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. on the back patio. There will be farm fresh produce and goods, live music and floral bouquets. The market will feature local artists, makers and other pop-up vendors.

Calendar of Events for July 2023

- | July 4 Happy 4th of July.
- | July 6 Chamber Board meeting at noon at the Onawa Library.
- | July 7 Onabike sponsorship deadline.
- | July 11—16 Monona County Fair.
- | July 11 Onawa City Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. City Hall.
- | July 13 Nature of Poetry at the Onawa Public Library 6:00 p.m.
- | July 21 Chamber Coffee hosted by Long Lines location TBA.
- | July 21 Chamber golf team and sponsor deadline.
- | July 25 Onawa City Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- | July 28 Chamber Coffee at Blackbird Bend Casino 9:30 a.m. Celebrating their 31st anniversary.