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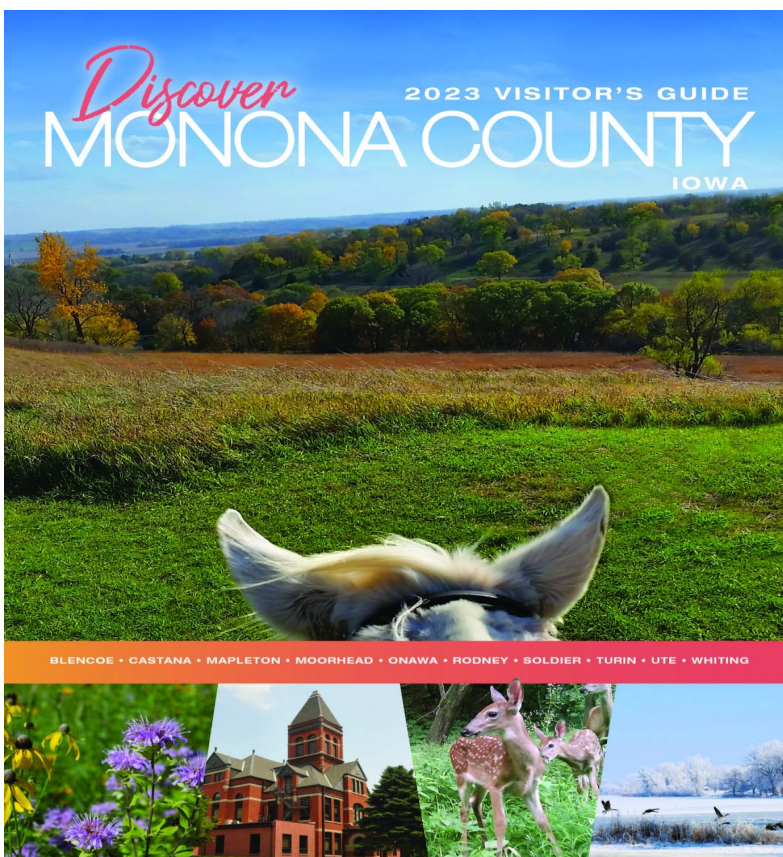


# Chamber News

JUNE 2023

## COMMUNITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE

June 9 & 10, 2023 will be Onawa's City Wide Garage Sale and Crazy Days. All listings are on [www.onawachamber.com](http://www.onawachamber.com) and flyers will be available in the front entry way of the Onawa Public Library Thursday, June 8 after noon. If you want on the list, call 712-423-1801 or e-mail [chamber@onawa.com](mailto:chamber@onawa.com).



The 2023 Monona County Visitor Guides are distributed around the County. The project as completed by the Onawa Chamber of Commerce and Monona County Economic Development. The plan is to make this a yearly publication.

If you would like copies for your business or organization, please contact Jenn Collison at 712-423-1801 or e-mail [chamber@onawa.com](mailto:chamber@onawa.com).

There is also a digital version on the Chamber and MCEDP website.

## 99th Annual Fireman's Dinner and Dance

On Saturday, June 3, 2023 the Onawa Fire Department will be having their 99th Annual Dinner and Dance. The dinner and dance will be held at the Onawa Country Club from 6:00 p.m. until midnight. A delicious meal will be served by the Onawa Firefighters of smoked pork loin and some delicious sides. The evening entertainment will be musical guest Fender Bender.

There will also be a golf tournament held at the Onawa Country Club and will start at 9:30 a.m. It will be a 18 hole tournament. To sign up for your 4 person team, see the sheet at the Onawa Country Club and watch the Facebook page for sign up availability.

There will be a drawing for five prizes; one \$500 gift card to Tiefertalers, a 45 quart Big Frig cooler, one \$250 gift card to Tiefertalers, a 20 quart Big Frig cooler and three \$100 gift cards to Tiefertalers and three 10 quart Big Frig coolers. Raffle tickets are available from any volunteer fireman or on the night of the dance. Tickets are 1 for \$5.00 or 10 for \$40.00. Need not be present to win.

The Auxiliary will be having a silent auction table again this year full of amazing items. Items range from tools, toys, home decorations and gift certificates from local businesses.

The dinner and dance is \$25.00 per person, just dinner is \$15.00 per person or just the dance is \$10.00 per person.

The Dinner and Dance is the Onawa Fire Department's main fundraiser for the year so all support from the community is appreciated.

## Grace Dance Co. Health & Wellness Classes

Grace Dance Company is proud to announce a new addition to their current business. Grace Dance Co. Health & Wellness will begin on June 5, 2023 with some amazing classes to keep our community healthy. The following classes will be available to the community:

Forever Fit with Megan Wimmer

Move & Groove with Elizabeth Sturgill

Vinyasa Yoga with Theresa Dehn

Strength & Barre with Mackenna Chapman

Step it Up with Jenn Collison

Membership prices are \$30 per person a month and a \$10 drop in charge per class to try it. Registration will be available online soon. Watch the Grace Dance Company Facebook page for information on the instructors, class times and dates and registration information.

## Monona County Barge Port Road Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

**Thursday, June 15, 2023 3:30 PM**

**Filbert Ave, Located South West of Blencoe**

The roadway improvement project utilized funds from both the U.S. Economic Development Administration and the Iowa DOT RISE Program. Federal and State funds assisted in the construction and pavement of the new roadway allowing access to the newly constructed Port of Blencoe, a barge loading and unloading terminal on the Missouri River, which serves as a gateway to the world markets.

# LOESS HILLS PRAIRIE SEMINAR

The Loess Hills Prairie Seminar theme: “Head for the Hills” will be June 2nd—4th. This is the 46th Anniversary for the Loess Hills Prairie Seminar. Free family friendly programs. Primitive camping and car camping on site. No electrical hook ups and no running water. A solar powered phone charging station will be available.

This seminar was developed to serve students of all ages, educators, families, professionals in the conservation field and all community members. Each year they see families come back and it has become an multi-generational event.

For more information please visit: [www.loesshillsprarieseminar.com](http://www.loesshillsprarieseminar.com) or contact Program Coordinator Tyler Ruge at 712-433-2400 or [mccbnat@mononacounty.org](mailto:mccbnat@mononacounty.org).

## Summer Reading Program at the Onawa Public Library

School is ending soon and involving your child/children in the Summer Reading Program is an excellent way to promote reading for pleasure and help them maintain their reading skills during their summer vacation. Our goals will be to motivate children to read for enjoyment, develop positive attitudes about reading, and encourage regular use of the library and its services.

This year’s “Find Your Voice!!” program will include reading, games, crafts, guest speakers, and a final party. Some of our programs will be at the library while some will be take home activities and reading.

Our first program will be at the library on June 7. We will then have programs at the library during June and July and a final program in August from 9:30 – 10:30 AM. Be sure to check the calendar for start times for the programs. The programs last approximately one hour.

### HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

1. Children who are going into kindergarten through going into fifth grade may participate (Next year’s K through 5<sup>th</sup> graders)
2. Registration for the Reading Program begins May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please call or email [webmaster@onawa.lib.ia.us](mailto:webmaster@onawa.lib.ia.us) for the registration forms.
3. You may also stop in the library to register.

### ***PARENTAL SIGNATURES ARE REQUIRED.***

4. Everyone that registers and attends the programs as well as participate in reading will win prizes throughout the program!

Please call the Library with questions that you might have regarding the Summer Reading Program.

**Amy, Chris, Rachel, Laurie, Dani, Kris, Maggie, Gracie**

**423-1733**

### **Calendar of Events for June 2023**

- | June 1      Chamber Board Meeting at noon at the Library.
- | June 2-4    Loess Hills Prairie Seminar.
- | June 3      Fireman's Ball and Golf Tournament at the Onawa Country Club.
- | June 8      Night Hike at Whiting Woods. Sponsored by Monona County Libraries  
|              and Lewis & Clark State Park 8 pm—until done
- | June 9-10   City Wide Garage Sale & Crazy Days.
- | June 13     Onawa City Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. City Hall.
- | June 14     Flag Day.
- | June 15     Ribbon Cutting at the Barge of Blencoe 3:30 p.m.
- | June 17     Music at the Museum. Kiwanis Museum starting at 1:00 p.m.
- | June 18     Happy Father's Day.
- | June 21     First Day of Summer.
- | June 27     Onawa City Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.