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# Chamber News

MAY 2023

The weather for the Easter Egg Hunt was very windy but warm!!! Lots of kids were present and ready to grab all the eggs they could.

Approximately 4,000 eggs were put out for the kids to find and not a one was left! The Easter Bunny was available to take pictures with the kids. Elmwood Care Centre provided a “golden egg” for each age group and the lucky child to find the egg got a basket full of goodies.

Thank you to Rob Meyer and kids, Amy McDermott, David Richardson and Jeff Miller who helped put out all 4,000 eggs and Elmwood Care Center for allowing us to have the event in their yard.



## Administrative Professionals Day!

On Wednesday, April 26th the Chamber made special deliveries to some Administrative Professionals. The Barn Loft, Botanical Bee and Aster & Rose prepared the special treat packages to honor all the hard working Administrative Professionals.

Thank you to everyone who ordered something special for their employees. The Chamber would like feedback or suggestions on what to do for 2024. Do you enjoy these treats delivered or should we do a luncheon again? Please let Jenn know what you would like to see for the 2024 Administrative Professional's Day. You can reach her at [chamber@onawa.com](mailto:chamber@onawa.com) or 712-423-1801.

# Museums Open for the Season

The three Monona County Museums - Kiwanis, Historical and Veteran's— are excited to be open for the 2023 season.

Chamber Coffee will be held at the Veteran's Museum on Friday, May 26, 2023 from 9:30—10:30 a.m. to honor the opening weekend.

After opening weekend the museums are open every Saturday and Sunday from 1:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

If you and your family have never visited the museums on North 12th Street, make plans to stop in this summer. Our museum complex makes history come alive and brings people to our Community!

Thank you to the volunteers who work the museums and keep them open.



Memorial Day Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. at the Onawa Cemetery Monday, May 29, 2023. Everyone is welcome to attend. The avenue of flags is something you don't want to miss!

## Time to get those closets, attic and garages cleaned out.

June 9 & 10, 2023 will be Onawa's City Wide Garage Sale and Crazy Days. All listings are on [www.onwachamber.com](http://www.onwachamber.com) and flyers will be available in the front entry way of the Onawa Public Library.

If you want on the list, call 712-423-1801 or e-mail [chamber@onawa.com](mailto:chamber@onawa.com).

## Great Southern Bank has big news!!!!

Great Southern Bank has announced that Janelle Selig has taken over the position of Banking Center Manager. Janelle has worked for Great Southern for five and a half years. Janelle has 4 kids, 1 girl and 3 boys. Janelle loves watching her kids play soccer in the spring time, and playing outside with them. Janelle moved to Onawa in 1998, from Sgt. Bluff.

At Great Southern, Janelle can help you open new accounts from checking, savings, business accounts, CD/IRA's, mortgage loans, HELCO's, HELOAN, PLOC's, safe deposit boxes.

Great Southern Bank will be hosting Chamber Coffee on Friday, May 5, 2023 to welcome Janelle to her new position. Please come and help welcome and congratulate Janelle.

# Onawa City Wide Clean Up Days

The City of Onawa will once again be having a city wide clean up on May 4th, 5th and 6th at the maintenance yard at 1514 6th street. The Hours are 8:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. on Saturday. This is a great time to clean your property up for Spring. Some items will require a fee. The City asks that you remain in your vehicle and the City staff will unload your items for disposal.

## ONAWA PUBLIC LIBRARY

### SUMMER READING PROGRAM

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.

The first program will be at the library on June 7. They will then have programs at the library every other Wednesday during June and July and a final program in August from 9:30 – 10:30 AM. There will be various take home projects provided throughout the summer to encourage reading and using imaginations. These projects can also be done at the library. If you are uncomfortable with your child joining us for programs we will gladly set up individual times for them to meet with us. Be sure to check the calendar for start times for the programs. The programs last approximately one hour.

Children who are going into kindergarten through going into fifth grade may participate (Next year's K through 5<sup>th</sup> graders). 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. You may also stop in the library to register. **PARENTAL SIGNATURES ARE REQUIRED**. Everyone that registers and attends the programs as well as participate in reading will win prizes throughout the program!

This year we are adding a Story Time during our normal program time. We have seen so many sad faces over the years because someone is just a little too young. Our Board of Trustee President and Preschool teacher, Jessica Hupke, will host our story time for those children that are preschool age and younger (**Children age 2 and under must be accompanied by a guardian**). Our first program will be at the library on June 7 in the Kids' Room. We will then have programs at the library every other Wednesday during June and July and a final program in August. Be sure to check the calendar for start times for the programs. The programs last approximately one hour.

Please call the Library with questions, 423-1733, that you might have regarding the Summer Reading Program.

## Calendar of Events for May 2023

- | May 3 Summer Ex-trav-A-Ganza at West Monona Elementary.
- | May 4 Chamber Board Meeting at noon at the Library.
- | May 5 Chamber Coffee hosted by Great Southern Bank 9:30-10:30 a.m.
- | May 9 Onawa City Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- | May 14 Graduation at West Monona 12:30 p.m.  
Happy Mother's Day!
- | May 26 Chamber Coffee hosted by the Monona County Veterans Museum.
- | May 29 Memorial Day.
- | May 30 Onawa City Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- | May 31 Pipa White presents "Voices from Ellis Island" program at the Onawa Public Library 4:00 p.m.