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Chamber News

MAY 2024



The weather for the Easter Egg Hunt was very windy and COLD!!! Lots of kids braved the cold but were 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 Michael Andresen, Michelle Hunter 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 and providing water and snacks for the kids. Thank you for Funktastic Photos for having the Easter Bunny there to take photos with the kids.

Administrative Professionals Day!

On Wednesday, April 24th the Chamber made special deliveries to some Administrative Professionals. The Barn Loft, Botanical Bee and Downtown Coffee & Cream 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 2025. 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 2025 Administrative Professional's Day. You can reach her at chamber@onawa.com or 712-423-1801.

Onawa City Wide Clean Up Days

The City of Onawa will once again be having a city wide clean up on May 2nd, 3rd and 4th 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.



The Barn Loft has relocated to 801 Iowa Ave as of May 1, 2024. A grand opening celebration will be held starting at 9:30 a.m. The Chamber will be doing a ribbon cutting at 10:00 a.m. to help celebrate.

Please come and help celebrate the new location and grand opening of The Barn Loft!

Loess Hills Prairie Seminar

“The Hills Are Calling” is the theme for this years seminar. The seminar will be held May 31st—June 2nd. A free family friendly weekend of hands on learning, activities, and sessions with conservation partners to explore and experience the Loess Hills in Monona County. Free primitive camping available and pre-registration required for meals. Visit www.loesshillsprairieseminar.com for more information.



Memorial Day Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. at the Onawa Cemetery Monday, May 27, 2024. 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 7th & 8th, 2024 will be Onawa's City Wide Garage Sale and Crazy Days. All listings are on www.onawachamber.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.

Farmer's Market Grant

The Onawa Chamber and Monona County Economic Development received a grant in the amount of \$2,500 to help the farmer's markets in Monona County. The grant came from The Center of Rural Affairs in Lyons, Nebraska. Downtown Coffee and Cream received \$1,000 to help with entertainment and advertising for their market. West Monona FFA was given \$500 to install an electric, solar powered fence around the sweet corn patch at the Fairgrounds. The Ute Farmer's Market was awarded \$500 for advertising and new signs. The remaining \$500 will go to Soldiers farmers market for advertising and supplies.



Burgess Health Center is excited to reveal their newly renovated and expanded facilities on Saturday, May 4th, 2024, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. After 31 months of planning and construction, we're excited to showcase enhanced healthcare services, improved privacy, and expanded access. Don't miss out on family games, delicious food, and guided tours of the facility. Can't wait to see you there!

Summer EX-STEM-AGANZA is back!

West Monona Elementary School will be once again hosting the Summer EX-STEM-AGANZA on Wednesday, May 1st from 5:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. at the Elementary School. There will be a to-go meal available for everyone in attendance. This is a great time to get your kids signed up for swimming lessons, get a pool pass, sign up for the Summer Reading Program at the Onawa Public Library and get signed up for summer activities with the Monona County Extension. Other vendors will be on hand to help make your summer a safe and fun filled time.

The Chamber will once again have a brochure there for everyone to take home with a calendar of events.

Calendar of Events for May 2024

- | May 1 Summer information program at West Monona Elementary 5 p.m.—6 p.m.
- | May 1 Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting for The Barn Loft new location 9:30 a.m.
- | May 2 Chamber Board Meeting at noon at the Onawa Public Library.
- | May 2-4 Special pick up in Onawa.
- | May 4 Burgess Health Center Open House 11 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Ribbon Cutting at 11:15 a.m.
- | May 12 Happy Mother's Day.
- | May 14th Onawa City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- | May 18 Green Thumb Plant Sale at the Historical Museum 9 a.m.—noon.
- | May 24 Chamber Coffee hosted by the Monona County Veteran's Museum 9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m.
- | May 27 Happy Memorial Day!
- | May 28 Onawa City Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- | May 31 Loess Hills Prairie Seminar beings.