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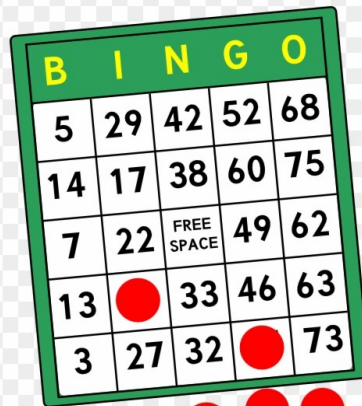
**BOARD OF
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Chamber News

NOVEMBER 2019



It's hard to believe that Christmas is just around the corner. With that in mind, it's time to start planning for our Christmas promotion. Once again, the Chamber will be giving away 1-\$100 and 6-\$50 in Chamber Buck gift certificates. This year we will be playing "Shop Local Bingo" instead of having the drawing buck boxes. Bingo cards will be distributed at the participating businesses as well as at the Onawa Public Library. Once you have a regular bingo, bring the completed card to the Onawa Public Library and put it in the drawing box.

Only one stamp on the card per visit but there is not a limit on the amount of cards turned in. Not all the cards are the same and not all the same businesses are on the cards. The Chamber will be hosting Chamber Coffee at the Onawa Public Library on Friday, December 20th to draw the lucky winners. For a list of the participating businesses and rules, visit www.onawachamber.com.

Santa will be coming to town on Sunday, December 1st at 6:00 p.m. to welcome the Holiday's to Onawa. You will want to be downtown to see Santa turn on the lights. After Santa arrives, he will be at the Onawa Fire Department passing out candy canes and getting wish lists from the kids. The Onawa Fire Department Auxiliary will be providing a free will soup supper at the Fire Station after you visit Santa. The Iowa Theater and Onawa Chamber of Commerce will show a special movie on Saturday, December 7th at 2:00 p.m. with Santa handing out treats to the children following the movie.



The Chamber is asking all businesses to get in the Holiday spirit and decorate their store front windows, outside of their business and/or the inside of their business. Seeing the streets lite up and business decorated will get people more in the Holiday spirit and to shop locally.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Need a family to share dinner with on Thanksgiving Day? Join the Burgess Health Center family! A traditional Thanksgiving dinner will be served to area residents to make sure no one misses out on this customary feast because they are alone or unable to prepare a meal.

Those who wish to attend, please make a meal reservation by Friday, Nov. 22nd to ensure there is more than enough food. Please call Burgess Human Resources at 712-423-9200. This event is hosted by Burgess People Care at the First Christian Church, 722 15th Street, Onawa from 11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Free will donations are appreciated.

Board of Directors Election Time

Once again, it is election time for the Chamber Board of Directors. This is a chance for every Chamber Member to have a say in who represents him/her on the Board. Everyone needs to take the time to vote. Those remaining on the Board are: Dana Coyle, Blackbird Bend Casino; Rob Meyer, Bank First; Curtis Sturgill, Morton Buildings and Katie Knutson, Burgess Health Center.

Peg Ingram, US Bank; Bryana Beneda, Minnihan Law; Jenn Shilling, Family Focus Chiropractic; Lori Beck, Onawa Library and Nick Holverson, Hoffman Agency have served 1-3 year term and would like to serve another 1-3 year term. Please vote for five to re-elect. Please send in your ballot to the Chamber Office by **Monday, November 18, 2019**. Ballots are inserted in this Newsletter!

West Monona School Foundation Trivia Night Tail Gate

Saturday, November 2, 2019

Door open at 6:00 PM Trivia Starts at 7:00 PM at the Onawa Community Center.

Grab your friends for a Battle of the Brains! This will be a fun filled night of random team trivia! Prizes and/or Trophies to the winning teams and a very special prize for last place! All proceeds from this Trivia Night will help fund the Teach Mini Grants. For more information, please go to [Teacher Mini Grants](#). Registration forms can be downloaded and printed from the West Monona Foundation website, www.wmschoolfoundation.com/events.

Center Heights Pie & Baked Goods Fundraiser

On Wednesday, November 27th Center Heights will hold their pie and baked goods fundraiser from 9 a.m.—2 p.m. in the Rec Room. All proceeds will be used to fund tenant activities!



Subway in Onawa has joined the Chamber and will now be accepting Chamber Bucks. Please help us in welcoming them to the Chamber!

Christmas in November

Once again, the Monona County Historical Museum will be hosting Christmas in November. Trees will be decorated by various business in the County to represent their business or town.

The Museum will be open the weekends of November 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24 from 1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m. Every weekend entertainment will be provided as well as coffee and treats.

If you would like to decorate a tree at the museum, please call Lou Hewitt at 712-420-0426, Joleene Duff at 712-333-9982 or Ken Mertes 712-212-2966 to set up a time to bring your tree in. The museum will be open on Saturday, October 26th, Sunday, October 27th, Saturday, November 2nd and Sunday, November 3rd from 1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m. to set up your tree.

Please consider putting up a tree at the museum to keep this great tradition alive.

Digital Marketing Seminar

The Chamber would like to invite you to a special seminar presented by Courtside Marketing, a local digital marketing agency specializing in helping small to medium sized businesses. It is a face-paced 60 minute seminar that will show you how to ignite your company's digital marketing strategy.

Join us for an update on the complexity of the digital marketing world today and how you can improve your business' presence online. Also, a brief presentation on Facebook's "reachpocalypse", and what you can do to help avoid it.

Stick around afterwards as Chris and Jahde from Courtside Marketing will be conducting one-on-one meetings, as well as providing FREE online audits to see how well your business is performing.

Save the date for Thursday, November 14th from noon—1 pm at the Onawa Public Library. A freewill donation lunch will be served. Please RSVP to Jenn Collison at 712-423-1801 or e-mail chamber@onawa.com. A personal invitation has been sent to every Chamber Member as well.

Don't miss this learning opportunity. RSVP now!

Annual Library Wreath Silent Auction

The Friends of the Onawa Public Library will be having their annual wreath auction again this year. If you would like to donate a wreath, please bring it to the Library anytime after November 1st. The wreaths can be a winter or Christmas theme. The wreaths will be displayed at the Library with a silent auction starting November 1st. The last day of bidding will be Saturday, November 30th at 8:00 p.m. The proceeds from the wreath auction will go towards the paving project at the Library.

On Saturday, November 30th, the Friends of the Library will be hosting a wine and cheese party with Little Joe McCarthy as the entertainment from 6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and listen to Little Joe McCarthy, enjoy some wine and cheese and get your final bid in on a wreath.

On Friday, November 22nd the Library Board of Directors will be hosting Chamber Coffee at the Library from 9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m. The Library Board of Directors invites everyone to attend and get their bids in.

If you have any questions or need more information, please call the Library at 712-423-1733.

Calendar of Events for November 2019

November 1 Chamber Coffee hosted by Black Hills Energy at the Onawa Library.

November 2 West Monona Foundation Trivia Night 7 pm at the Onawa Community Center.

November 3 Daylight Savings Time Ends.

November 5 Election Day.

November 7 Chamber Board Meeting at noon at the Onawa Public Library.

November 8 Chamber Coffee hosted by the Veteran's Museum.

November 11 Veteran's Day.

November 12 Onawa City Council Meeting at 7 pm.

November 14 Chamber Lunch-n-Learn Digital Seminar at noon at the Onawa Public Library.

November 15 Chamber Coffee hosted by H & R Block.

November 18 Voting Ballot deadline for 2020 Chamber Board Members.

November 22 Chamber Coffee hosted by Library Board of Directors at the Library.

November 26 Onawa City Council Meeting at 7 pm.

November 27 Center Heights Bake Sale 9 am—2 pm in the Rec Room.

November 28 Happy Thanksgiving!!!

Burgess People Care Thanksgiving Dinner at 1st Christian Church 11:30 am-1 pm.

November 29 No Chamber Coffee in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

November 30 Wine and cheese party at the Onawa Public Library with Little Joe McCarthy for entertainment 6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m. Wreath bidding ends at 8:00 p.m.