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Chamber News

OCTOBER 2019



The Chamber will once again be organizing downtown business trick-or-treating on Thursday, October 31, 2019 from 3:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m. Any Chamber business that wants to invite trick-or-treaters in should contact the Chamber so your business can be listed in the newspaper and you will receive a door poster welcoming the children.

Trick-or-treating is **NOT** limited to just the downtown businesses and has grown every year. Please contact the Chamber Office by Monday, October 14, 2019 to be included in the advertising and get a door sign.

Burgess Health Center will also be welcoming costumed characters on Wednesday, October 31, 2018 from 5:00 p.m.—6:30 p.m. Children and their parents are invited to trick-or-treat in the hospital areas to gather candy, snacks and special favors. This is the 13th Annual “Bewitched at Burgess” Halloween event. Bewitched at Burgess is open to the public. ALL children must be accompanied by an adult.

Williams & Company host Chamber After Hours

Williams & Company P.C. will host Chamber After Hours on Thursday October 24th at the Onawa Country Club from 5 pm—7:30 pm. to help celebrate their 90th anniversary. Originally founded in 1929 by Charles A. Williams in Sioux City, the firm has grown into one of the leading regional accounting firms in the Midwest with seven locations including Yankton, Sioux City, Le Mars, Onawa, Sheldon, Spencer and Estherville employing over 70 professionals and staff.

Williams & Company is proud of our long list of clients with whom we have had the pleasure to work with over the years. We combine the experience of a large firm with the personal attention that only a small firm can provide. We work hard to develop long-term successful relationships with our clients.

We are committed to investing in our employees, our clients and our communities. Through this commitment, we will continue to provide growth opportunities to our staff as well as valuable relationships with our clients.

Williams & Company, P.C. works for a wide range of clients including small business, health care, agriculture, manufacturing, real estate, contractors, retail and local governments. We would like to thank our clients for the confidence they place in us and look forward working with them for many years to come.

National 4-H Week October 6-12, 2019

Join the community of young people across America and in Monona County who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills everyday.

National 4-H week invites everyone to make the 4-H connection by connecting with clubs, organizations and schools in the community to spread the word about what 4-H members are doing. There are approximately 250 4-Her's in Monona County. Be looking for club window displays throughout the County.

All the 4-Her's and club leaders put a lot of time and effort into their groups. If you see a 4-Her or a club leader, be sure to thank them for all their hard work.

The Monona County Extension Office will be hosting Chamber Coffee on Friday, October 11th in honor of National 4-H Week.

FAIR FRIGHT NIGHTS!
MONONA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

HAUNTED HOUSE
OCTOBER 12 7-11 PM
OCTOBER 19 7-11 PM
OCTOBER 26 7-11 PM

Limited Concessions on October 12th and 19th
\$5 Admission

FAMILY FRIGHT DAY
OCTOBER 26 3-7 PM

Hayrack rides, Costume Contest,
Jump Pillow, Bonfires, S'mores,
Concessions and More!

BOO!
SPOOKY!

Onawa United Methodist Church welcomes a new Minister

Rev Mike Currier is the new Pastor for the Onawa United Methodist Church. Dr Mike is a native Iowan from Council Bluffs and Des Moines. He earned education degrees from the University of Omaha and the University of Nebraska. He retired from 57 years of K-12 teaching, including 42 years as a university professor of education, psychology, and English. He received his 3rd PhD in 2015 in Ministry and Theology, and was ordained by the International Convention of Faith Ministers at that time. His ministry has been in end-of-life and elder care, and he came to Onawa from being a Chaplain at the Spurgeon Retirement Center in Dallas Center, IA. Mike is married to Linda, a Methodist minister in Alta and Peterson, IA. He has four adult children and three sets of twin grandchildren. His hobbies are writing, playing banjo and bag pipes, and travel in his motorhome.

The Church hosted Chamber Coffee on Friday, September 20th to introduce Mike to the community. On October 6th from 10:30 am—11:30 am the public is invited to attend a Southern Gospel—4 One Quartet at the Church.



Onawa welcomes a new Church to town, Frontiers Church. The Grand Opening of Frontiers Church is October 20th at 10:00am at Onawa Community Center.

The simplest definition of a frontier is a ‘line between two things’ We at Frontiers Church believe that Jesus bridges that line between hope and hopelessness, doubt and faith, old and new. Frontiers Church helps lead people through their frontiers to become who Jesus created them to be. Connecting with Jesus and our community through Weekend Connect and Frontiers Kids allows us to Grow in our faith, friendships, community and personal lives while increasing the desire to Serve Jesus, our neighbors and the world. Let’s join together and share the hope of Jesus, because we believe THE BEST IS YET TO COME!

Pastor Matt and Jenn DeSmidt and their three young children have recently moved and made Onawa their home. Matt grew up in Sioux City and Jenn grew up in small town Emmetsburg. Both met at a church bible camp in 5th grade. It was there this friendship began its slow 20+ year growth, resulting in marriage and a family. Previously pastors in Sioux City, Matt and Jenn joined Morningside Assembly of God Church and its vision to begin the first of three campuses in surrounding communities.

50th Anniversary Open House

Center Heights, also known as the Low Rent Housing Agency of Onawa, is celebrating 50 years of providing affordable housing! Originally, construction began in 1968 and the doors were opened to the first tenants in 1969. Center Heights has 62 apartments and has been home to hundreds of tenants throughout the years. The public is invited to an Open House on Sunday, October 13th from 1pm to 3pm. Coffee and cookies will be served and guests are welcome to tour the facility.

Calendar of Events for October 2019

- October 2 Live Healthy Iowa 30 minute walk.
- October 3 Chamber Board Meeting at noon at the Library.
- October 4 Chamber Coffee hosted by Premier Estates. Come meet their new Assisted Living Director & Admissions Director.
- October 6 Southern Gospel—4 One Quartet 10:30 am—11:30 am Onawa Methodist Church.
- October 8 Onawa City Council Meeting at 7 p.m.
- October 6-12 National 4-H Week.
- October 11 Chamber Coffee hosted by the Monona County Extension Office.
- October 12 Fair Fright Nights Haunted House 7 pm—11 pm.
Frontier Church, Frontiers Day at Gaukel Park time TBA.
- October 13 Center Heights Open House from 1 pm—3 pm to celebrate their 50th Anniversary.
- October 14 Deadline to be on the Halloween downtown trick-or-treating advertising.
Columbus Day!
- October 18 Chamber Coffee hosted by Center Heights, 50th Anniversary.
- October 19 Fair Fright Nights Haunted House 7 pm—11 pm.
Blackbird Bend Casino hosts BB Kings Blues Band, featuring Michael Lee.
- October 20 Frontier Church has their first service at the Onawa Community Center at 10 am.
- October 22 Onawa City Council meeting at 7 p.m.
- October 24 Williams & Co After Hours at Onawa Country Club 5 pm-7:30 p.m. 90th Anniversary
- October 25 Chamber Coffee hosted by Iowa Vocational Rehab Services at the Onawa Library.
Onawa Methodist Church Turkey Dinner 5 pm—7 pm.
- October 26 Fair Family Fright Day 3 pm—7 pm. and Fair Fright Nights Haunted House 7 pm—11 pm.
- October 31 Happy Halloween!!! Downtown Trick-or-Treating 3-5 & Burgess Bewitched 5—6:30.