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Chamber News

OCTOBER 2022



The Chamber will once again be organizing downtown business trick-or-treating on Monday, October 31, 2022 from 3:00 p.m.— 5:00 p.m. There is not school at West Monona that day so be ready for kids at 3:00 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 on the list sent to the schools. Please e-mail chamber@onawa.com. Trick-or-treating is **NOT** limited to just the downtown businesses and has grown every year.

Please contact the Chamber Office by Monday, October 17, 2022 to be included in the advertising. Door signs are included in this newsletter for you to hang up in your window or on your door. Even though you have a sign, you still need to contact the Chamber Office to be put on the advertising. Due to construction happening, Burgess Health Center will be set up downtown passing out treats this year.

Happy 20th Anniversary!



On Friday, September 16, 2022 the Onawa Chamber helped JD Spirits celebrate their 20th Anniversary with Chamber Coffee and a Ribbon Cutting. JD Spirits had specials, samples, daily drawings and a grand prize all week long to celebrate their Anniversary.

Thank you to everyone who came and helped them celebrate. Congratulations on 20 years in business!

National 4-H Week October 2-8, 2022

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.

Join Monona County Extension Office in celebrating Iowa State University at their tailgate downtown Onawa. On Friday, October 7, 2022 from 11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m. the staff will be serving a grilled hot dog lunch and goodies in the US Bank parking lot. The lunch is free and a fun way to celebrate a successful year for ISU athletics! They will also be hosting Chamber Coffee on Friday, October 7, 2022 at Downtown Coffee & Cream.

Iowa's Healthiest State Walk

The Annual Walk is an opportunity for your household, school, workplace, community or organization to join thousands of other Iowans statewide in **walking for 30 minutes on Wednesday, October 5, 2022**. Walk anytime of the day anywhere, just get out and walk for 30 minutes. You can also join ISU's story walk starting at 5:30 p.m. at Blue Lake and Burgess Health Center at the West Monona High School track at 12:00 p.m. We are walking because it is good for our physical, mental and emotional health.

Onawa Methodist Church Fall Dinner Drive Thru

Friday, October 28th the Onawa Methodist Church will host their Fall Dinner Drive Thru. They will be serving chili, chicken noodle soup and a cinnamon roll for \$10. Please come from the North alley behind the Church and they will bring out your food. Don't miss out on this yummy food!

Burgess Mental Health Celebrates 35th Anniversary

On Wednesday, October 12th Burgess Mental Health will celebrate their 35th Anniversary. There will be a ribbon cutting held at Burgess at 11:00 a.m. Burgess Mental Health will also have games and food the same day at the Onawa Public Library from 4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

Please come and help them celebrate their Anniversary. Watch Facebook for more details on this event.

Home Harvest Family Event

Visions of Home (809 8th Street) will be hosting a Home Harvest Family Event on Saturday October 8th from 2:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. There will be free pumpkin painting, kids games including hotdog eating contest and donut dunkin', cookie decorating , piñata, photo ops and much more. There will also be a scavenger hunt for adults. You can purchase chili by Frannie's Cafe and a cinnamon rolls from Hy-Vee. Dwight Lamb will also be playing the fiddle.

Don't miss out on this FREE family fun event!

Three New Businesses Join the Chamber

On Thursday, September 1st the Chamber welcomed Vision of Homes and A+ Automotive to the Chamber during their Grand Opening with a ribbon cutting.

Visions of Homes (809 8th Street) is owned and operated by Kyla Myers of Onawa. When visiting Visions of Home, you will have various vendors selling their craft items in their own booths. They will also be hosting “Sip & Craft” events where you can come and craft with your friends and have an evening of fun. Make sure to stop in and see all the items for sale and welcome Kyla to Onawa and the Chamber.

A+ Automotive is owned and operated by Ryan Waite. A+ Automotive is located in the back of Vision of Homes at 809 8th Street. They offer a variety of services. Such as AC work, engine, transmission, brakes, oil changes, auto detailing and custom accessories. If you are need of anything for your auto call Ryan at 405-517-6349. Please help me welcome Ryan to Onawa and the Chamber.



Botanica Bee Flower Co (904 Iowa Ave) is owned and operated by Lana Brown. Botanica Bee Flower Co is all the things you love carefully curated & created to bring a little joy into your life! Fresh and dried floral arrangements, house plants, seasonal gifts for your home or a friend's. Handcrafted candles, soaps, and skincare items. Make sure to stop by and see all the wonderful items they have for sale and to welcome them to the Chamber. There will be a Ribbon Cutting and Chamber Coffee at a later date. Watch the monthly newsletter and Facebook for more details.



Last Demolition Derby of the year. Saturday, October 22, 2022 the Pumpkin Smash Derby will take place at the Monona County Fairgrounds.

Start time is 4:00 p.m. Admission prices are \$25 Pits, Grandstand \$15 Adults, \$5 Children, Pre-k & under free.

Calendar of Events for October 2022

- | October 5 Iowa's Healthiest Walk. Walk anytime, anywhere!
- | October 6 Chamber Board Meeting at noon at the Onawa Public Library.
- | October 7 Chamber Coffee hosted by Monona County Extension 9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m. at Downtown Coffee & Cream and CyDay tailgate at US Bank.
- | October 8 Home Harvest Family Event at Visions of Home 2:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.
- | October 10 Columbus Day.
- | October 11 Onawa City Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. City Hall.
- | October 12 Burgess celebrates 35th Anniversary for Burgess Mental Health.
- | October 17 Trick-or-treat deadline for papers.
- | October 22 Pumpkin Smash Derby at the Monona County Fairgrounds.
- | October 25 Onawa City Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. City Hall.
- | October 28 Chamber Coffee hosted by Black Hills Energy at Downtown Coffee & Cream.
Onawa Methodist Church Fall Dinner 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.
- | October 31 Happy Halloween!!! Chamber trick-or-treating 3:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.