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# Chamber News

OCTOBER 2023



## Trunk or Treat October 31st

Due to the construction going on downtown Onawa, the Chamber will be hosting a trunk or treat event at the Monona County Fairgrounds for the businesses only. The kids will still go to residential houses later that night. This event will be held on Tuesday, October 31st from 3:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

You can either decorate your vehicle and pass out treats from it or you can set up a table. Go all out and be spooky or just give out candy. We will start the line up of businesses at the West gate of the Fairgrounds at 2:30. We would like everyone in and set up by 3:00 so we don't have kids walking in and cars trying to park.

Thank you to the Monona County Fair Board for letting the Chamber use the grounds to keep this event going while our downtown gets a make over.

## National 4-H Week October 1-7, 2023

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. Watch for more details on their celebration.

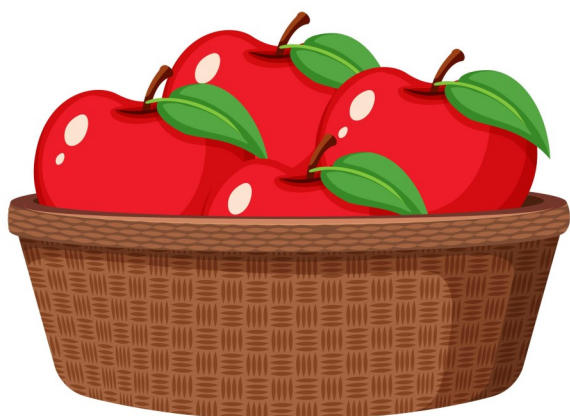


Last Demolition Derby of the year. Saturday, October 23, 2023 the Pumpkin Smash Derby will take place at the Monona County Fairgrounds.

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

## 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 4, 2023**. Walk anytime of the day anywhere, just get out and walk for 30 minutes. We are walking because it is good for our physical, mental and emotional health.



## 2nd Annual Apple Bash at the Onawa Public Library.

On Saturday, October 7, 2023 the Friends of the Onawa Public Library will be hosting their 2nd Annual Apple Bash event. The event will be from 1:00—3:00 p.m. There will be a apple pressing station, apple activities, games, music by Brittney Donn, Pixie Ponies, Funktastic photo characters will be available, plus much more. You won't want to miss the FREE, family fun event!

## Chamber Board Members

Starting in January 2024 we have one Board Member up to renew their three year term and one open seat to fill. Curtis Sturgill has fulfilled a three year term and has accepted another three year term. Rob Meyer, Bank Frist, has successfully completed his 3—3 year terms and will be missed. If you are interested or know of anyone interested in taking a seat on the Chamber Board of Directors, please let Jenn Collison know. A voting ballot to accept Curtis Sturgill for another three year term and to vote for the new Board Member will be in the November Newsletter.

### **THERE WILL BE NO WRITE-IN'S ON THE BALLOTT FORM!!!**

Please call or email the Chamber Office if you have any questions or would like to be put on the ballot form, 712-423-1801 or [chamber@onawa.com](mailto:chamber@onawa.com).

## Two ribbon cuttings held in September

On Friday, September 8th the Chamber was invited to help the Iowa Theater celebrate their re-opening with Chamber Coffee and a ribbon cutting. Stephanie and Chris Johnson are the owners and operators of the Iowa Theater now. What a wonder transformation they did to the theater. Much needed addition to our community. Thank you Stephanie and Chris for your hard work and for re-opening a great asset to Onawa.



On Friday, September 15th the Chamber was on hand to help West Monona Schools celebrate the re-model of the new High School/Middle School office. What a great transformation to the school. Congratulations on your new look.



### **Calendar of Events for October 2023**

- | October 4      Iowa's Healthiest Walk.
- | October 5      Chamber Board Meeting at noon at the Onawa Public Library.
- | October 7      Apple Festival at the Onawa Public Library 1—3 p.m.
- | October 9      Columbus Day.
- | October 10     Onawa City Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- | October 12     Friends of the Onawa Library meeting at 4:00 p.m.
- | October 13     Chamber Coffee hosted by Black Hills Energy at Downtown Coffee & Cream  
|                    9:30—10:30 a.m.
- | October 21     Pumpkin Smash Demolition Derby 4:00 p.m. Monona County Fairgrounds.
- | October 24     Onawa City Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- | October 26     Jolene Philo author visit at the Onawa Public Library 4:00 p.m.
- | October 29     Darrin Crow, Morbid Curiosities (POE) author visit at the Onawa Public Library  
|                    6:00 p.m.
- | October 31     Happy Halloween!  
|                    Chamber trunk or treating at the Monona County Fairgrounds 3—5 p.m.