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Chamber News

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Downtown Trick or Treating



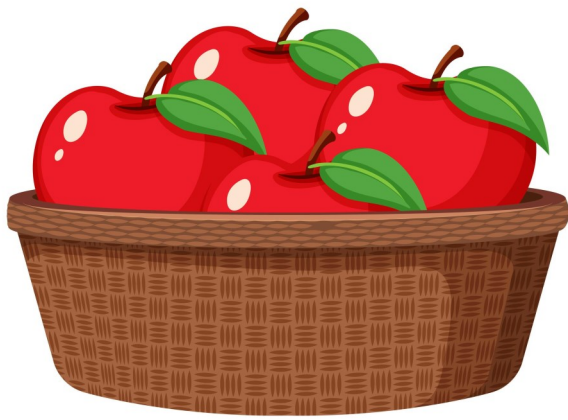
The Chamber is happy to say the annual trick-or-treating event will be moved back downtown this year. The event will be held on Thursday, October 31st from 3:00—5:00 p.m. Trick-or-treating is **NOT** limited to just the downtown businesses and has grown every year.

Elmwood Care Centre and Premier Estates will be having their haunted hallway again this year from 3:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m. Residents at both facilities will be handing out candy.

Pixie Ponies will have a free petty zoo set up in front of the Onawa Public Library from 3:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

Flyers will be delivered to the Elementary School and Magic Depot to be sent home with the kids.

Have a fun and safe Halloween!



3rd Annual Apple Bash at the Onawa Public Library.

On Sunday, October 6, 2024 the Friends of the Onawa Public Library will be hosting their 3rd Annual Apple Bash event. The event will be from 1:00—3:00 p.m. Come and enjoy the FREE, family friendly afternoon of apple pressing, apple activities, games, music by Brittney Donn, Pixie Ponies, face painting by Brita, apple snacks and surprise Funktastic Guests, plus much more. You won't want to miss the FREE, family fun event!

National 4-H Week October 6-12, 2024

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. This year's theme is "Beyond Ready."

On Thursday, October 10, 2024, Monona County Extension will be celebrating by hosting a FREE donut drive-thru at the Monona County Extension Office. Drive-thru will be open 7:30 a.m.—8:30 a.m. to get a free donut, coffee and juice. Mark your calendars and help them celebrate!

Live Healthy Iowa Walk October 2

The annual Live Healthy Iowa Walk is October 2, 2024. You can walk anywhere, anytime. Just get out and walk for 30 minutes to make our State Healthier.

One of the most powerful ways to maintain a healthy weight, keep your joints strong, and live longer is also one of the simplest, no matter your age. The health benefits of walking are endless, and experts agree by adding walking to your daily routine, you can greatly improve your physical and mental health. Walking is simple enough that all fitness levels can get those daily steps in. It has tremendous benefits, from supporting a healthy immune system to boosting your metabolism to strengthening your joints, muscles, and bones—not to mention it's amazing for stress relief and enjoying a little 'me time.

Monona County Extension Story Walk

On October 9th the Monona County Extension Office will be hosting a walk at Lewis and Clark State Park for a 1.5 mile loop walk. Enjoy a snack after your walk. You can do a Story Walk along the way and youth receive a Free Book. All ages welcome, K-2nd grade must be accompanied by an adult. This event will be held from 5:00 p.m.—6:30 p.m.

Chamber Board Members

There are no open seats to fill on the Chamber Board going into the year 2025. Therefore, no ballots will be mailed out in the upcoming newsletters. An election of new officers will be held at the January 2025 Board Meeting.

2025 Monona County Visitor Guide

The Onawa Chamber of Commerce and Monona County Economic Development are working on the 2025 Monona County Visitor Guide. We are looking for any ideas, photos, etc. for this next edition. If you would like to see something added or have any photos, please e-mail chamber@onawa.com.

This publication will be mailed out in February 2025. If you would like some copies of the 2024 or the 2025 issue once it is printed, please e-mail chamber@onawa.com.

What's happening at the Onawa Public Library in October

Saturday, October 12th Story Time with Haley McAndrews @ 10:00 AM. Haley will be reading "My Day at the Pumpkin Patch." Get ready for an exciting autumn adventure with Shelby! Join her as she explores the spooky pumpkin patch, where colorful leaves are falling and the air feels crisp. With her best stuffed kitty by her side, Shelby sets out to find the most perfect pumpkin of all. From picking the coziest outfit, to going on hayrides and getting lost in the corn maze, Shelby's day is full of pumpkin surprises and autumn delights. This story is for those who love Halloween and the magical colors of fall.

Saturday, October 19th at 3:00 p.m. Emily from Emily's Papercrafts will show you how to make your own folded book craft. **The program is free and supplies will be available but pre-registration is required as space is limited to 35 participants.** You can visit her website, <https://www.emilypapercrafts.com/>, to learn more about her folded book crafts.

Kids' Club Afterschool STEAM Program Wednesdays 3:30 - 4:00 Drop off and snack for those attending, 4:00 - 5:00 STEAM program (kids MUST HAVE a note each week to ride the bus to the library). On Wednesday, October 9th Omaha's Children's Museum Rocks & Fossils will be the entertainment and on October 16th ISU Insect Zoo will be the entertainment.

Did you know that the Library has a Fiber Works Art Day the second Sunday of the month from 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.? Bring your fiber crafts and tools for a day of WIPs (works in progress) and lots of friendly conversation! What are fiber crafts? Sewing, quilting, crocheting, knitting, cross-stitch, embroidery, etc...

Candidate's Forum to be held in October

On Saturday, October 19, 2024, the American Legion Auxiliary will be hosting a Candidate's Form at the Onawa Public Library at 10:00 a.m. Coffee, juice and cookies will be provided. Now is the time to ask questions and listen to the candidates speak.

Shop Iowa Day October 9, 2024

Shop Iowa Day drives online shoppers to Iowa businesses, ensuring that your local businesses get noticed by customers across Iowa and beyond. It's an easy way to help your community grow and thrive in the digital space. With more people choosing online shopping, Shop Iowa Day encourages customers to buy from Iowa businesses instead of out-of-state competitors. This event lets you put your local businesses front and center, so your community members can support them, even from the comfort of home.

Bring New Customers to Your Community. Last year, Shop Iowa saw buyers from 198 across Iowa and 25 states! Local businesses can benefit from this wider reach, bringing dollars into your community and boosting local economies. Iowa small businesses with a commercial location or made in Iowa products can sell on Shop Iowa! Best yet, it is FREE! Shop Iowa is an initiative of [Iowa Economic Development Authority](#) with the support of the [Iowa Small Business Development Center](#).

If you are interested, please visit www.shopiowa.com to get registered.

Calendar of Events for October 2024

- | October 2 Live Healthy Iowa 30 minute walk. Walk anywhere, anytime.
- | October 3 Chamber Board Meeting at noon at the Onawa Public Library.
- | October 4 Chamber Coffee hosted by Allen's Septic & Portables.
- | October 6 3rd Annual Apply Bash at the Onawa Public Library 1 p.m.—3 p.m.
- | October 8 Onawa City Council Meeting at 7 p.m. at City Hall.
- | October 9 Monona County Extension Story Walk at Lewis & Clark State Park 5:00 —6:30p.m.
- | October 9 Shop Iowa Day!
- | October 10 4-H donut drive-thru at the Monona County Extension Office 7:30 a.m.—8:30 a.m.
- | October 11 Chamber Coffee hosted by Black Hills Energy at Downtown Coffee and Cream.
- | October 12 Story time with Haley McAndrews 10:00 a.m. at the Onawa Public Library.
- | October 14 Columbus Day.
- | October 19 Candidates Forum at the Onawa Public Library 10:00 a.m.
- | October 19 Folded book craft at the Onawa Library at 3:00 p.m.
- | October 22 Onawa City Council Meeting at 7 p.m. at City Hall.
- | October 31 Happy Halloween! Downtown trick or treating 3 p.m.—5 p.m.