Onawa Chamber of Commerce
October 2026
Newsletter

DOWNTOWN TRICK OR TREATING

The Chamber's annual trick-or-treating event will be downtown again this year. The event will be held on Friday, October 30th from 3:00—5:00 p.m. Trick-or treating is NOT limited to just the downtown businesses and has grown every year. There is no school at West Monona that day so everyone can get an early start. Flyers will be delivered to the Elementary School and Magic Depot to be sent home with the kids. A sign for your business is included in this newsletter. It is not mandatory to have a sign up as the kids go from business to business. Accura Health Care will have a haunted hallway and passing out treats to the kids too so make sure and go visit them.

Have a fun and safe Halloween!!

Chamber Board Member Positions Open

Starting in January 2027 we have four Board Member positions open. We are sad to see these four Board Members leave and I would like to thank them for their years on the Board, Bryana Beneda, Minnihan Law Firm; Jen Andresen, Family Focus Chiropractic; Lori Beck and Nick Holverson, Hoffman Agency. Kenzie Moreno, Fannie's Cafe is up for her 3-year renewal and has excepted another 3-year term.

These positions require a three-year term commitment. A total of 3 consecutive 3-year terms can be served. A voting ballot to accept the four new Board Members for their first three-year term and Kenzie Moreno's renewal 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, 712-423-1801 or chamber@onawa.com.

Burgess Health Center drive-through flu shot clinics

Mapleton Clinic:
Tuesday, September 29th 7:00-9a.m.
Saturday, October 10th 8:00-10:30 am.
Thursday October 15th 4:40 - 6:30 p.m.

Sloan Clinic:
Monday, October 5th 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Monday, October 12th 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Monona County Church Soup Fundraiser

On Friday, October 9, 2026 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. a number of Monona County churches are hosting a soup supper with a variety of soups at the Onawa Community Center. This is a free will donation plus vote for your favorite soup at $1 a vote. All proceeds will go to Monona County Fair Board for grandstand replacement.

Pixie Pony Tales Fall Family Day at the Farm

On Saturday, October 17, 2026 from 10:00am-6:00pm you can come and enjoy a family day at the Farm. There will be fun things for everyone, yard games for all ages (complimentary with admission), crafts for all ages (price will vary, some complimentary with admission), petting zoo (complimentary with admission, optional feed the animals for $1.00/ 2 feed cups), pony rides ($5/ride), Horse rides! ($5/ride), Face painting by Fabulous Faces by Farm at Underbridge (price will vary), PUMPKINS FOR SALE and photo-ops.

There will also be a few local vendors set up.

Toast Of The Town- Delicious baked goods, if you can think of it Vanity can make it!
C & T BEES- All your honey needs, even things you didn't know you need!
KT'S Door Decor- Katie will have a variety of door wreaths!
Baileybug Farms llc- Heather with Baileybug farms will have some fresh cut flowers, dried flowers and other floral designs! Come see what she has to offer and talk with her about her flower farm!
Fizzy Fusions, LLC- The BEST dirty sodas & dirty popcorn.
Donuts on the Roll- Amy will have her DELICIOUS freshly made to order mini donuts!
Livengoodies- Livengoodies is going to be our food truck.

Pizza Hut Foundation "Slice of Literacy" Grant

The Onawa Public Library is the proud recipient of The Pizza Hut "Slice of Literacy" Grant. The grant funds will be used to create the story walk at the Onawa Library. The story walk will be a great addition to the muscial garden and the butterfly garden.

Pizza Hut has been encouraging young readers for over 40 years with their Book It program. Together, we're helping build brighter futures—one book, one reader, and one community at a time.

Please come and help celebrate on Friday, October 2nd at Chamber Coffee at the Onawa Library from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Onawa Citywide Cleanup Days

October 1st and 2nd 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. and October 3rd 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Bring unwanted items to the maintenance yard at 1514 6th Street. Now is the time to get your property cleaned up before winter.

Calendar for October 2026

October 1-3 Citywide clean up days. City maintenance yard 1514 6th Street.
October 2 Chamber Coffee hosted by the Onawa Public Library 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
October 3 Emily's Papercraft workshop Onawa Public Library 11:00 p.m.
October 4 Apple Bash at the Onawa Public Library 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
October 5 Burgess Drive-thru flu shot clinic in Sloan 4:30-6:30 p.m.
October 7 Onawa City Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.
October 9 Monona County church soup fundraiser at the Onawa Community Center 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
October 10 Burgess drive-thru flu shot clinic in Mapleton 8:00-10:30 a.m.
October 11 Oktoberfest event from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
October 11 Fiber Arts Workshop at the Onawa Library 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
October 12 Burgess drive-thru flu shot clinic in Sloan 4:30 - 6:40 p.m.
October 12 Columbus Day.
October 14 Friends of the Onawa Library Fall Brunch 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Onawa Library.
October 15 Burgess drive-thru flu shot clinic in Mapleton 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
October 16 Chamber Coffee hosted by The Forgotten Attic 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. 1 Year Anniversary celebration.
October 17 Pixie Pony's Fall Event 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
October 20 Diabetic Information Program, Sue McLaughlin Burgess Health Center 11:00 - 1:00 Onawa Library.
October 21 Onawa City Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.
October 25 Spooky music with Mike Langley Onawa Public Library 5:00 p.m.
October 27 Morbid Curiosities - Edgar Allen Poe event at the Onawa Library 6:00 p.m.
October 30 Downtown Trick-or-Treating for the businesses 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
October 31 Happy Halloween!!!!!

Onawa Business Alliance hosts 2nd Annual Oktoberfest

Mark your calendars for the 2nd Annual Oktoberfect in Onawa. The Onawa Business Alliance invites you to come and shop local in Onawa on Sunday, October 11, 2026 from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Enjoy specials, games and prizes for visitors at participating local businesses.

Participating businesses:

Jen's Red 2 Denim
Spartan Nutrition
Daily Sip
Bella Sweet Goodies (pop up at The Forgotten Attic)
The Forgotten Attic
Pixie's Pony Tales will have a petting zoo at The Forgotten Attic
JJ's Treasures & More
Jordan's Sportscards
Loess Hills Travel
809 Woodworks
The Barn Loft
Downtown Coffee & Cream

Apple Bash October 4, 2026

Did someone say apples???? The Onawa Public Library and Friends of the Onawa Public Library will be hosting their annual Apple Bash on Sunday, October 4th from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Come and join the fun for outdoor apple pressing, music by Brittney Donn, Pixie's Pony Tales petting zoo and pony rides, face painting with Sunflower Power, yummy apple treats and other fun appletastic activities.

Onawa Public Library Friends Brunch

Come celebrate the start of Fall with delicious food, lovely friends and a fun craft to help support the Library's 1000 Books before Kindergarten program.

The brunch will be held on Wednesday, October 14, 2026 from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 a.m. at the Onawa Public Library. The brunch is $15 and the fall craft is $5. Please RSVP by October 12th to ensure there is enough food and craft items. RSVP by calling 712-423-1733, message the Library on Facebook or e-mail webmaster@onawa.com.