

November 2013

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orange city, iowa



## welcome to Orange City

We recently purchased two new entrance signs located on the east and west end of town. The original signs, built in 1999, had become worn and faded. As visitors drive into Orange City, they are greeted by the new welcome signs. The signs themselves are 12 feet high and 22 feet wide. There are plans to add a welcome sign to the north and south end of town sometime in the near future. The cost of the signs were approximately \$ 35,000 each.

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## curtains up for the *Beyond Onstage* series

The *Beyond Onstage* series is beginning! Oct. 26 and Nov. 16 are the dates, the Unity Christian Knight Center is the place, and the ensembles? World-class!

*Ames Children's Choirs* have performed at Carnegie Hall with composer John Rutter, with the Des Moines Symphony, and in Norway, the Czech Republic, & Vancouver. Plus, they will be joined by 4th & 5th graders from three local schools for one dramatic mass choir piece. Don't miss it: Sat., Oct 26, at 4:00 pm at the Knight Center.

Then on Nov. 16 at 7:30 pm, get a taste of the music of old Quebec. *Le Vent du Nord* is an exceptional and entertaining folk ensemble and winner of two Juno awards (Canada's Grammy). They'll be here Nov. 10-16 and performing that Saturday at the Knight Center.

*Le Vent du Nord* is one of four international groups coming to Orange City in the next two years thanks to Orange City Arts Council's honor from Arts Midwest. A school administrator from Bemidji, where *Le Vent du Nord* did a residency in October, said that they expected great music, but that they were "absolutely blown out of the water! I can't say enough good about this group!"

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for students and are available at the Dove, Orange City Arts Council, & at the door. More info? Contact 707-4885 or [ocArts@orangecityiowa.com](mailto:ocArts@orangecityiowa.com) or see [orangecityarts.net](http://orangecityarts.net).





**cast your vote!**

Don't forget to make your opinions known on November 5. OC citizens will be voting for a new Mayor, two Council members up for re-election, and three Hospital Trustees up for re-election. Citizens will also be voting on whether or not to increase the existing hotel and motel tax from the current rate of 5% to a new rate of 7%.

The polls will be open from 7 am to 8 pm. Residents living in Precinct #1 will vote at the New Hope Church, 718 Florida Ave. SW and residents in Precinct #2 will vote at City Hall, 125 Central Ave. SE. A precinct voting map is available at [www.orangecityiowa.com](http://www.orangecityiowa.com).



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Expires Dec. 31, 2013



Orange City's Holiday Tour of Homes is returning this November 22nd & 23rd. Tours will run from 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm on the 22nd and from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm on the 23rd.

Tickets are available to purchase from the Chamber Windmill Office, Dove Bookstore, Holland House Interiors, and Dwellings. Tickets will be \$15.00 in advance, \$20 the day of. Proceeds will benefit the Northwestern College Women's Auxiliary.

The Auxiliary is 85 years old. The original purpose was, "to unite the women of the churches and the community into promoting the welfare of Northwestern College." As the organization grew a new purpose, which we continue to support today, states, "the NWC Auxiliary supports the College's investment in the lives of students who are engaged in a distinctively Christian liberal arts education. As a group of people, we are committed to caring about and caring for these young lives. We seek to enable students to integrate Christian faith and learning through special events that provide funds and build bridges of friendship across shared tastes of service and support."



**ocmu again offers light bulb discounts**

Lighting accounts for about 12% of the home's electric bill. By replacing the incandescent bulbs with the ENERGY STAR compact fluorescents, they use 75% less energy, last 6 times longer, produce 75% less heat, and will save \$25 in energy costs over their lifetime. OC Municipal Utilities wants again to help residents start saving money and energy by providing a \$1.50/bulb coupon. There is a limit of 6 bulbs with this coupon for ENERGY STAR light bulbs.

Over the past two years, the 100 and 75 watt incandescent bulbs have stopped being manufactured. The 60 and 40 watt incandescent bulbs will no longer be manufactured beginning January, 2014. Manufacturers are starting to produce higher efficiency incandescent bulbs to replace the traditional bulbs we have always known, but they are more expensive than the standard incandescent bulbs and still use more energy than the CFL's.

To learn more about ENERGY STAR qualified CFL bulbs and the Bright Energy Solutions rebates offered by OCMU, please call (712)707-4885 or visit [www.brightenergysolutions.com](http://www.brightenergysolutions.com).

The City Offices will be closed on November 28 and 29. For non-emergencies during that time, the OC Police Department may be contacted at 707-4251. For OC utility emergencies, please call 707-5000.

