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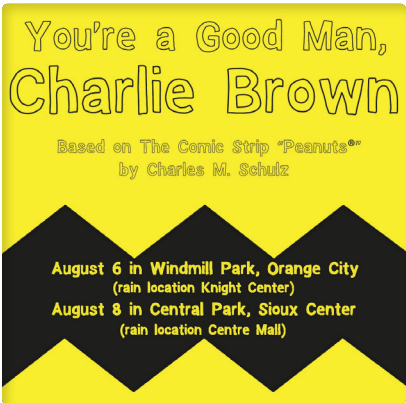
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orange city, iowa



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calendars



Onstage OC: SchoolHouse Company
You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown!
Date: August 6, 7pm
Location: Windmill Park
Additional info: orangecityarts.net
Email: ocArts@orangecityiowa.com



Onstage OC: Monroe Crossing
Also: Motorcycle show
Date: August 13, 7pm
Location: Windmill Park
Additional info: orangecityarts.net
Email: ocArts@orangecityiowa.com



Movie in the Park-The Lego Movie
Date: August 13, approximately 9pm
Location: Windmill Park
Rain location: Prairie Winds Event Center



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community conversations

Share your thoughts about art, history & culture in Iowa and how they impact the quality of life here. Orange City is hosting one of 20 community conversations in Iowa, sponsored by the Department of Cultural Affairs, Iowa Arts Council & State Historical Society. Come! July 30, 9:00-10:30am, Northwestern College's Vermeer Dining Hall. Free. RSVP at www.culturalaffairs.org

telecommunications vote on august 5th



On August 5th, residents registered to vote in Orange City will be asked to vote on a proposal that the City of Orange City discontinue its share of the operations of Orange City Communications. The City Council wishes to get out of the partnership with Long Lines, although plans are for Long Lines to continue offering services as Orange City Communications.

The telecommunications utility was voted into existence in the late 1990's. An election was required to get into the partnership with Long Lines and an election is required to get out of it.

A number of considerations prompted the Council to call for the dissolution of the partnership. The future of telecommunications in the immediate area is firmly in the hands of three competitors -- Long Lines, Premier Communications, Inc. and Frontier Communications of Iowa. One of the goals of the Council in partnering with Long Lines was to get good communications systems in Orange City. At that time, it was mainly cable television and internet, which has been accomplished. There are three good providers in the community and the Council determined it is time for the City of Orange City to get out of it and let Long Lines take it from here.

Revenues of Orange City Communications have been around 2.7 million for the past 5 years. Net income was \$606,990 in fiscal year 2013 and has averaged about \$550,000 the four years prior to that. Please note that the City of Orange City is a 50/50 partner in Orange City Communications, so the City of Orange City receives half of the net income each year. The City of Orange City's portion of income distributions over the last 5 years has been utilized for the following: 3 years of distributions were utilized to repay the city's water funds that were initially used for the City of Orange City's cash input when the utility began, the distributions from 2012 went into the City's General Fund for projects, and the 2013 distribution of funds has not been designated for a specific purpose yet.

Although the City of Orange City has seen profits from the telecommunications utility, with the changes in technology, dramatically increased competition, and the necessary investment in updating to the infrastructure, there is uncertainty as to whether it will remain as profitable. After nearly 2 years of review and consideration, it is for these reasons that the Council has placed this item on the ballot for a community vote for August 5th.





Onstage OC: Tuey Wilson,
comic stunt juggler
Also: Family safety fair at 3:30
Date: August 20, 7pm
Location: Windmill Park
Additional info: orangecityarts.net
Email: ocArts@orangecityiowa.com

Household Hazardous Materials
Date: August 20, 3:30-6:30 pm
Location: Windmill Park (behind the band shell)



Onstage OC: Amy Noelck
Date: August 27, 7pm
Location: Northwestern College Green
Additional info: orangecityarts.net
Email: ocArts@orangecityiowa.com



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do you have HHM in your house

OC and Alton residents will have an opportunity to safely discard household hazardous materials (HHM). On Wednesday, August 20th, the Cities of OC and Alton and the NW IA Area Landfill will co-sponsor a HHM Recycling event from 3:30–6:30 pm in the downtown Windmill Park behind the Dutch band shell. Accepted items are:



- degreaser
- waxes/polishes
- solvents
- lacquers/thinners
- caustic cleaners
- stain removers
- pesticides/herbicides
- oil based paints
(latex paints will be assessed a \$1/gal. fee.)

Go to www.nwialandfill.com/hhm for a complete list of acceptable/unacceptable items.

development project updates in orange city

Several projects in Orange City are making good progress. Here are some of those projects and where they are at:

puddle jumper #6:
This addition was developed for multi-family housing. This area was designated an urban revitalization area with a ten year property tax abatement being offered to developers. The first lot has been sold in this addition with the first four-plex apartment building under construction.



industrie centrum #5:
This area was developed for light industrial projects. These are smaller lots to accommodate smaller service or light industrial businesses. There were six lots developed in this area ranging from .55 acre to .77 acre. Three lots have been sold with construction to begin in the near future.



ben franklin:
Remodel work has come a long way in the former Bomgaars building. We expect that Lori and Phil Warnke will be able to begin to assemble fixtures and start filling the store with inventory by the end of July. Although they do not have a specific opening date, their goal is to open in mid September.



los tulipanes:
The kitchen addition is moving along at the west end of Holland Plaza. Los Tulipanes will occupy the west end of the building with a kitchen addition built onto it. Los Tulipanes has a goal of opening late summer or as soon as the kitchen addition is complete.



casey's general store:
The land sale to Casey's is complete and they own the eastern portion of the former Dutch Colony Inn property. Construction has started on the new and expanded Casey's General Store.



ocdc commercial properties:
You will see two signs appear on Highway 10 at the east end of town. There are two prime commercial lots available for sale along Highway 10. One is at the former MOC-Floyd Valley Superintendent Building and the other is the west portion of the property left from the Dutch Colony Inn. We are actively marketing the properties and hope to have them sold to commercial businesses needing a high traffic area.

hampton inn:
The project is moving along on schedule. Brock Jensen is the General Manager and they are on pace to have a late August opening.

