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orange city, iowa



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## Mermaid Theatre, innovative puppetry from Nova Scotia

Date: Mon., March 20, 6:30 pm

Location: Unity Knight Center

Tickets online

Additional info: [orangecityarts.net](http://orangecityarts.net)

Email: [ocArts@orangecityiowa.com](mailto:ocArts@orangecityiowa.com)



## Collage a la Carle

Children's art exhibit inspired by Eric Carle and Mermaid Theatre

Dates: March 6-18

Location: Orange City Public Library

Additional info: [orangecityarts.net](http://orangecityarts.net)

Email: [ocArts@orangecityiowa.com](mailto:ocArts@orangecityiowa.com)



## Memoir: Writing your stories

Teacher: Barbara Turnwall

Date: Sat., March 18, 9:00 am - 4:15 pm

Location: Orange City Town Hall

Register online

Additional info: [orangecityarts.net](http://orangecityarts.net)

Email: [ocArts@orangecityiowa.com](mailto:ocArts@orangecityiowa.com)



## Improv with NWC's Black V!

Dates: Wed., March 22 & 29, 4-5:00 pm

Location: Orange City Town Hall

Register online

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## orange city to host the start of ragbrai XLV

The Des Moines Register recently announced the route for the 45th Annual RAGBRAI bicycle ride across Iowa. Orange City will be the starting location for Ragbrai which starts on July 23, 2017. This is the first time that Orange City will be the starting community for the 411 mile trip. Planning is in full swing with co-chairpersons for the Orange City Ragbrai committee being Jeff and Niccie Kliegl and John and Jo Ann Weber. There are 19 committees being formed and planning is underway. There are as many as 25,000 people expected to come to Orange City Ragbrai weekend and many volunteers are needed. For more information about the event or to sign up to volunteer, please go to the Orange City Ragbrai page at <http://ragbrai.orangecityiowa.com> or call the Chamber of Commerce at (712)-707-4510.

## what you can't smell can hurt you

Carbon monoxide, or CO, is a poisonous yet odorless gas produced when carbon based fuels such as coal, oil, gasoline, propane, wood, and natural gas are incompletely burned. A constant supply of fresh air is essential for the complete combustion of any fuel. If there is not enough oxygen, CO is produced. CO then seeks oxygen in the lungs, depriving the cells in your body of needed oxygen. The early stages of CO poisoning include: dizziness, flu-like symptoms, fatigue, and a throbbing headache.

You would be wise to suspect CO poisoning if you fell ill or if all the members of your family feel ill at the same time.

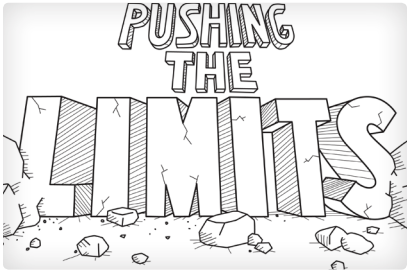
Any fuel burning furnace, water heater, fireplace, stove, or space heater can produce CO, especially if any of these situations exist: leaking or blocked flues and chimneys, plugged dryer vents, prolonged downdraft in a chimney or vent stack, dirty gas stove burners, cracked heat exchanger chamber, poor house ventilation, and loose vents on furnaces, water heaters, and boilers.

Never use gas ovens and ranges for heat, or operate camp stoves, propane grills, or charcoal grills inside. Have your furnace, other gas appliances, and your chimney inspected. Purchase CO detectors for your home and make sure your CO detectors meet Underwriters Laboratories (UL) standards. Place the CO detectors near your furnace and sleeping areas.

If you suspect CO poisoning, or if you have a CO detector and the alarm sounds, leave your home immediately. If you or a family member is ill, obtain medical attention. Call Orange City Utilities at 712-707-5000 from another location, or during business hours, call your heating dealer so they can make any necessary repairs. Never stay in a building where you suspect leaking CO.







**Pushing the Limits Discussion**

Date: Thurs., March 23, 6:30 pm  
Location: Orange City Public Library  
Register for this special reading, viewing, and discussing event where we'll discuss "Thunderstruck" by Erik Larson with Mark Kauk of Unity Christian High School facilitating. Pick up your free copies of the books when you sign up.  
More Information or questions: Contact Amanda at 707-4302.



**Painting...uncorked! with Rein Vanderhill**

Date: Mon., March 27, 7-9:00 pm  
Location: Sfumato Pizzeria  
Register online  
Additional info: [orangecityarts.net](http://orangecityarts.net)  
Email: [ocArts@orangecityiowa.com](mailto:ocArts@orangecityiowa.com)




**reps at the round table**

Interested in today's political topics at the Iowa Legislature? Care to share your views? Pull up a chair and talk with Sen. Feenstra and Rep. Wheeler.

**When:**  
Friday, March 10, 12 noon -1:00 pm  
**Where:**  
Pizza Ranch - 1505 8th St. SE, Orange City, IA  
**Who:**  
All residents of Orange City and Alton

*No food or beverages provided. Co-Sponsored By the City of Orange City and the City of Alton*

 **for the most current information**  
[orangecityiowa.com](http://orangecityiowa.com)



**your dedicated team - natural gas system operation & maintenance**

Pictured above you will find from L to R: Shane Schwarz and Ed DeJong. These gentlemen make sure your home has a safe, reliable, and economical supply of natural gas. Ed is the Superintendent of the natural gas system and has been with the Orange City system since we started in 2002.

Since the City of Orange City acquired the natural gas system, we have done our best to supply you with a great municipal service. We have installed more than seven miles of new gas mains and put in more than 312 gas services to buildings. We have also updated our odorizer in the town border station and updated our four regulator stations.

There are three things we stress in the natural gas business: 1. Public safety always comes first; 2. Employee safety; 3. Protection of property and the natural gas system.

If you see them walking around your neighborhood with a piece of equipment, they are doing leak detection. One fifth of the town gets done every year. The downtown area gets leak detection done every year. This is also for your safety.

These men above will continue to oversee the operation & maintenance of the natural gas system. If you see them, give them a word of encouragement and thanks!

**orange city public library news**

**Amanda Vazquez new OC Library Director**

Amanda Vazquez has started as the new director the of the Orange City Public Library. A graduate of MOC-FV and Northwestern College, Amanda has worked in various roles in the library since 2010, and is currently in a Masters of Library and Information Science program through San José State University.



**Reserve your next meeting room FREE!**

The library has meeting rooms for any size group. Come to the library to see our rooms that seat 6 to 60. Whether you need a new place to work for a quiet afternoon, a small room with technology capabilities for a presentation, or a large room for a party or group activity, the library has a room for you to use—for free. Request a meeting room at the library by phone, or find a request form on our website: [orangecityiowa.com/go/library](http://orangecityiowa.com/go/library).



**¿Quiere aprender inglés?**

¡Podemos ayudar! La biblioteca va a empezar una nueva clase de inglés básico al principio de marzo. Contacte a Anna para más información: 712-441-4943 (llamada o mensaje) | [annab@orangecity.lib.ia.us](mailto:annab@orangecity.lib.ia.us)