

# vibrant

orange city, iowa



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calendars



**Art Start: Watercolor Landscapes**

Instructor: Judy Thompson  
Date: Saturday, April 29, 9:00 am-3:00 pm  
Location: Northwestern College Korver Art Center, Room 101  
Register online.  
Additional info: [orangecityarts.net](http://orangecityarts.net)  
Email: [OCArts@orangecityiowa.com](mailto:OCArts@orangecityiowa.com)



**Summer Rec Sign-Up! Online Registration Opens April 30th, 7am**

[orangecityiowa.com/activities/summer-recreation/](http://orangecityiowa.com/activities/summer-recreation/)  
Additional info: (712)707-4885  
Email: [prdir@orangecityiowa.com](mailto:prdir@orangecityiowa.com)



**Chicken Soup for the Chicken: The Healing Power of Story**

Storytelling workshop with celebrated storyteller Kevin Kling  
Date: Sunday, April 30, 3:00 - 5:00 pm  
Location: Sfumato Pizzeria  
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Headliner band: Pop ROCKS

**town hall event unveils theme, logo, and entertainment**

The Orange City RAGBRAI committee held a Town Hall event on Monday, April 24, to reveal details about the host-town events. The theme of Orange City's starting town celebration is "Dutch 'til Dawn" and was developed by Avery Kelch, a fifth grader at Orange City Elementary. The reveal of the theme also showcased the event's logo, which was designed by Vaughn Donahue of Destination Graphic.

Entertainment for Saturday, July 22, was announced, and Orange City will feature the opening act of Judd Hoos from Sturgis, South Dakota. The headliner is Pop ROCKS from Minneapolis.

Special promotions and offers will be available at participating businesses leading up to RAGBRAI for those that purchase an Orange City RAGBRAI official t-shirt. T-shirts are available to order on the Orange City RAGBRAI website and at various merchants in town.

The community is encouraged to continue volunteering in many areas, including serving as host homes. Sign ups are available online at [ragbrai.orangecityiowa.com/get-involved/volunteer/](http://ragbrai.orangecityiowa.com/get-involved/volunteer/) or you can call the chamber office at 712-707-4510.



**city names new event center manager**

Wesley Ruden has been named the new manager of the Prairie Winds Event Center. Wesley is a Remsen, IA native and a 2011 graduate of Remsen St. Mary's High School. After high school, Wesley attended the University of South Dakota, where he graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, with an emphasis on marketing, in 2015. Wesley has previously worked as the event coordinator of Prairie Winds under the direction of past GM's Doc Van Leeuwen and Chantell Hanke.



**día de los niños – día de los libros**

The Orange City Public Library will host its third annual Día de los Niños, Día de los Libros celebration on Saturday, April 29, 2017. Join the library as we celebrate diversity and literacy through a variety of activities, crafts, and stories! Activities will begin at 9:00 am in the library and will continue until noon. This year's theme is "Mythical Figures Around the World." Stories featured include "The Sandman" and "Yeti and the Bird". From 9:00 am-12:00, participants can learn about five different cultures around the library –Nepal, South Africa, Denmark, Iran, and the Ukraine– earning prize drawing entries for each stamp in their Día passport. Each station will also feature a tale about a mythical figure and an activity or craft. Stories that stem from those cultures will be read at 9:30, 10:30, and 11:00 am. At 10:00, we'll play a game of Lotería - a traditional Mexican game similar to bingo, which has been adapted to incorporate popular children's book characters. Children's books, in English and in Spanish, will be given away throughout the day, and patrons will be able to taste snacks from different countries.







**Kevin Kling, Storyteller**

Renowned for his commentaries on NPR's All Things Considered  
Date: Monday, May 1, 7:00 pm  
Location: Northwestern College  
DeWitt Theatre Arts Center  
Tickets available online.  
Additional info: [orangecityarts.net](http://orangecityarts.net)  
Email: [OCArts@orangecityiowa.com](mailto:OCArts@orangecityiowa.com)



**check out orange city arts summer programs**

Orange City Arts is offering a variety of summer programs for all ages!

- Wearable Art for All Ages
- Upcycled art...Voice and Choice
- Oil and Watercolor...Resist
- Collage: Color and Texture


Read all about our programs at: [orangecityiowa.com/activities/summer-recreation/](http://orangecityiowa.com/activities/summer-recreation/)

For more information contact: [OCArts@orangecityiowa.com](mailto:OCArts@orangecityiowa.com)



**City offices will be closed May 29th for Memorial Day.**

For non-emergencies during that time, the OC Police Department may be contacted at 707-4251. For OC utility emergencies, please call 707-5000.

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**your dedicated team - street department**

Pictured above you will find from L to R: Luke Horkey, Don Snieder, and Randy Van De Griend. These gentlemen make sure your streets, storm water collection, signage, street sweeping, pot-hole maintenance, crack filling, resurfacing of blacktop, and seal coating are done properly and timely.

Along with these items goes the maintenance and upkeep of all the snowplow fleet of trucks, plow blades, loaders, and snow blowers. Luckily we have these guys that can do most of the mechanical work along with upgrading of used equipment we purchase.

These men above will continue to oversee the operation & maintenance of the Orange City streets and equipment. If you see them, give them a word of encouragement and thanks!

**sump pump bandits**

Is your sump pump running in your basement? Do you know where it discharges your excess water? If your pump hose is connected to your drain line, you are contributing to a major problem! With the infiltration of rainwater during large downpours or wet seasons, sewer lines may become overloaded and cause backups in basements or overflow at lift stations & the water treatment plant. City ordinances only allow sump pumps to drain into sanitary sewers from October 15 – April 15. Remember to reconnect pumps to an outdoor outlet.



For more information, contact the City of Orange City at 712-707-4885.

**wooden shoe sign down temporarily**

The wooden shoe sign at the corner of Albany Avenue and 3rd Street SE has been taken down temporarily due to the construction of the new fire station. The purpose for taking it down is to prevent damage to it while construction on the parking area takes place. It will be placed back at the same corner as soon as construction in the area is complete.

**new fire station progress**

Chief Dennis Vander Wel reports that the new fire station is moving along nicely with noticeable changes. Almost all the ceiling grid is in. Plumbers are connecting the ceiling air diffusers. Footings for the sign are in. The electricians have the electrical conduit runs almost complete. Painting of the apparatus bays is scheduled to start soon. Some of the concrete sidewalks next to the building are finished. Efis work is being done. Overhead doors should be installed later this month. Everything is still on schedule for completion in the fall of 2017. Keep watching the newsletter with monthly progress reports.

