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orange city, iowa



mark your calendars

RB Digital Online Resource Training

Bring your tablet or other device to receive assistance downloading the app and getting logged in.

Thursday, March 1

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Orange City Public Library

More Info: (712)707-4302 or orangecityiowa.com/residents/library/

US Air Force Band Wind Quintet

Date: Thursday, March 15

Time: 7:30 pm

Location: Northwestern College Christ Chapel

Admission is free!

Design Spring Cards

There will be different designs, you decide which 3 you want to make.

Date: Tuesday, March 20

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Orange City Public Library

Class limited to 20 people

More Info: (712)707-4302 or orangecityiowa.com/residents/library/

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high school seniors eligible for \$1,000 scholarships

Parents of high school seniors...is your child planning to attend a college or technical college and interested in a line of study related to the electric industry? Missouri River Energy Services and your hometown municipal utility are offering two types of scholarship opportunities:

\$1,000 scholarships for 2-year or 4-year undergraduate studies in mathematics, science, electrical engineering or other engineering programs, electrical technician, etc.

\$1,000 scholarships for 1-year studies to become a Power Lineworker at an eligible technical college in the upper Midwest region.

Scholarship applications for students graduating in 2018 are available from your high school guidance counselor or available at www.mrenergy.com. Check out this opportunity now! Applications must be postmarked no later than March 15.



caring for your gas meter in winter

Outdoor natural gas meters and/or pressure regulator sets are designed to withstand extreme weather conditions. Please remember to protect them from ice and snow build-ups during our harsh winter months.

Clean and repair your leaky gutters regularly to prevent ice and melting snow from dripping onto the natural gas meter and/or pressure regulator set causing them to be encased in ice when the weather is cold.

Do not pile snow against your natural gas meter and/or pressure regulator set when shoveling or using a snow blower.

Never allow snow to completely cover your natural gas meter and/or pressure regulator set. Remove soft snow build-up gently, using only a broom or your hand. Call Orange City Utilities at 712-707-4885 if you notice an ice build-up on any part of the natural gas meter and/or pressure regulator set. Do not try to remove it by kicking or hitting the gas meter or piping.





addressing a need


Have you ever needed to find a building when you're not familiar with the neighborhood? It's both frustrating and time consuming when there are no address numbers on homes or businesses. Imagine you're an EMT, police officer, or fireman responding to a call for help. Time is wasting while you look for the correct address. Street address numbers are not only valuable in an emergency, it's also Iowa law. The Code of Iowa in Section 364.12(3d) and the Orange City Municipal Code of Ordinances both require homes and buildings be numbered. The numbers must be "in a conspicuous place to the street in figures not less than four (4) inches in height". Check if your house or building has address numbers and that they're visible from the street. If you don't have address numbers, install them for your safety. If you're not sure on the exact number, contact the City Office. We'll help confirm the correct number. It's a recipe for disaster when you need help and emergency personnel can't find you.



Draw for a chance to win a FREE OC Fitness membership!

Take advantage of OC Fitness Center's MAD DEALS in MARCH! Draw for your chance to win 10%, 20%, 30%, 40%, 50% off or a FREE renewal or new membership. Beginning March 1, stop in and draw out the percentage discount you will receive when renewing or purchasing a new membership! Offer ends March 31, 2018.

For more info: (712)707-9494.

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oc library hosts march events

During the month of March, the Orange City Public Library will be showcasing RB Digital, one of the valuable online resources available to library patrons. On March 1 at 6:30 pm, we will be offering a hands on demonstration of the database. Bring your tablet or other device to receive assistance downloading the app and getting logged in on your device. For each magazine checked out during the month of March, patrons will be entered into a drawing to win an iPad. This promotion is offered in partnership with 8 other libraries across the state. Only one iPad will be awarded.

Come design Spring Cards on March 20 at 6:30 pm. There will be different designs and you decide which 3 you want to make. Shari Fedders, Stampin' UP demonstrator, will be there with her supplies and to answer any questions. Registration is limited to 20 people, so register on the library website or call the library at (712) 707-4302.



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.

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