

august 2018

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orange city, iowa



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calendars



**Kling & Lea: Oh the Poss-abilities!**

Storyteller Kevin Kling and fiddlist Gaelyn Lea team up to showcase artists with disabilities.

Date: August 1  
Time: 7:00 pm  
Location: Windmill Park  
More at [orangecityarts.net](http://orangecityarts.net)

**Schoolhouse Company**

Our area community theatre presents Kander & Ebb's revue, "The World Goes 'Round."

Date: August 8  
Time: 7:00 pm  
Location: Windmill Park  
More at [orangecityarts.net](http://orangecityarts.net)



**The Maytags**

Retro rock, blues, funk and jazz blend in this charismatic band with "warmth lining every note."

Date: August 15  
Time: 7:00 pm  
Location: Windmill Park  
More at [orangecityarts.net](http://orangecityarts.net)

**Arts on Central - ft. Porter Union**

The 4th annual street art festival, with food, local performers and artisans, and arts activities for all ages closes out the summer with the help of Porter Union and their nostalgic country sound.

Date: August 22  
Time: 5:00-9:00 pm  
Location: Downtown Orange City  
More at [orangecityarts.net](http://orangecityarts.net)



**home repair financial assistance available**

There is financial assistance available for Sioux County residents to assist homeowners with upgrades, repairs, and improvements to houses. The program is the Northwest Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund. The mission of the Housing Trust Fund is to promote the creation and preservation of affordable housing for low to moderate income persons residing in Sioux County. Financial assistance is provided for low to moderate income homeowners to make necessary home repairs. The assistance will be in the form of both forgivable grants/loans and/or low interest loans (2%) depending on the homeowner's income.

The funding can be used for a variety of repairs such as basic structural repairs such as roofs, siding, or windows; building systems such as electrical upgrades, furnace replacements, or plumbing repairs; emergency repairs such as septic tank improvements, hot water heater replacements, or lead based paint reduction; weatherization such as insulation; or handicap improvements such as exterior ramps or bathroom facilities.

For additional information, brochures are available at the City Office. If you wish to apply for assistance, contact Sherry Zinn at Northwest Iowa Planning and Development at (712)-262-7665 ext. 139 or email Sherry at [sherry.zinn@nwipdc.org](mailto:sherry.zinn@nwipdc.org)

**watch out for those green boxes when mowing**

Watch out for those green boxes when mowing! Pad-mounted transformers take the place of utility poles and feed underground electrical services to our businesses and homes. They enclose energized electrical conductors and distribute voltages from 75 to around 5000 kV and are highly hazardous when damaged.

As many transformers are located in residential areas, they may be part of the landscaping or areas we mow, making them susceptible to contact with mowers or tractors.

Allow at least 10 feet of clear space in front of transformers. The front is where the transformer's door opens and the door is padlocked. The clearance space in front of the transformers is to allow utility workers access to the inside of the transformer.

At least 3 feet of space on sides and behind the transformers are necessary to prevent them from overheating and causing a service interruption. Like all types of transformers, they need plenty of air circulation around them.

***Immediately report any damage to or oil leakage from a pad-mounted transformer to your utility company.***



The library is hiring for two positions

Assistant Director:

This full-time position is under the general direction of the Administrative Librarian. It includes professional administrative duties that include supervising employees and daily operation of the library. This position may include managing a service area such as programming or technical services. Applications are being accepted through August 3.

Youth Services Librarian:

This part-time position includes designing and providing programming for children in the library as well as material purchasing and other library duties. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

For complete job descriptions and more information on both positions, visit [orangecitylibrary.com](http://orangecitylibrary.com) or contact the Director at [director@orangecitylibrary.com](mailto:director@orangecitylibrary.com) or 712-707-4302.



Summer Lap Swimming

Orange City Municipal Aquatic Center  
Monday–Friday  
6:00 am – 7:00 am and  
11:30 am – 1:00 pm



Bluestem Grill Open for Lunch

The Bluestem Grill is located inside Landsmeer Golf Clubhouse. Open to the public for lunch Tuesday through Friday from 11:00 am until 1:30 pm  
Lunch specials available daily!



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



klings & lea: oh, the possibilities

On August 1, Orange City Arts will partner with Village Northwest Unlimited, Hope Haven, and MOCHA Kiwanis to present an evening of tremendous possibility—or possibility, as we’re tagging it.

“Oh, the Poss-abilities!” will feature award-winning and critically-acclaimed artists with disabilities, violinist and vocalist Gaelynn Lea and beloved storyteller Kevin Kling. We’ll be showcasing and spotlighting the artwork of our own disability community, and spending

some time learning what it means to be truly “accessible.”

The result will be a moving celebration of connection and expression, of strength and grace, and yes—of possibilities.

2017 property tax levies due 2018-2019

OC’s total tax levy ranks 707th in the State compared to the other 942 Iowa communities. Property taxes due in 2018-19 decreased to a rate of \$30.43/\$1000 in comparison to \$30.87 (686th rank in 2017-18) or \$30.75 (696th rank in 2016-17). In the Northwest Iowa survey below, five communities lowered their “city” property tax mill levy and two saw increases. The City of Orange City has been fortunate to manage its operating costs quite effectively while making prudent capital investments. The survey’s combined mill levy averaged \$31.90 compared to Orange City’s \$30.43.

2017 Property Tax Levies Due 2018-2019

	Area School & County	School District	City	City Chg. From 2016	Total Prop. Tax	*State Ranking
Storm Lake	9.5	15.53	14.06	(0.21)	39.09	153
Cherokee	6.29	12.67	16.02	(0.12)	34.98	362
Orange City	5.92	10.18	14.33	(0.46)	30.43	707
Sioux Center	5.92	16.00	11.55	(0.24)	33.46	456
Carroll	4.68	9.79	11.28	0.27	25.75	893
Sheldon	5.47	12.13	13.87	0.19	31.47	622
Spencer	6.99	13.50	11.99	0.00	32.48	539
LeMars	5.40	11.47	12.50	0.00	29.37	762
Alton	5.92	10.18	13.98	(0.01)	30.08	724
OC-2016	5.84	10.24	14.79		30.87	686
OC-2015	5.96	10.23	14.56		30.75	696
OC-2014	6.12	10.22	13.98		30.32	730
OC-2013	6.12	10.44	13.95		30.51	704
OC-2012	6.02	10.92	14.44		31.38	643
OC-2011	5.99	11.72	14.46		32.17	647

State ranking of 942 cities with # 1 = highest total Property Tax Levy.

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