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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 Orange City Municipal Utilities 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 2020 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.

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tulip festival extravaganza set for march 11

The annual Orange City Tulip Festival Extravaganza will be held Wednesday, March 11, at Prairie Winds Event Center. The event features a luncheon starting at 11:45 am with the program to follow during which the costumes for the 2020 Tulip Queen and Court are revealed and the 2020 parade marshals will be introduced.

The 2020 Tulip Court will also present their traveling road show for the first time. The road show, which the festival royalty wrote and will present to various organizations, schools, and residential care facilities this spring, tells of the events and attractions at Tulip Festival and gives a detailed overview of their costumes.

Members of the 2020 Tulip Court are Queen Madisyn Mulder, daughter of Scott and Jill Mulder, court members Julia Howe, daughter of Sean and Kristyn Howe, Sophie Swart, daughter of John and Mary Swart, BreElle Van Zee, daughter of Tim and Sara Van Zee, and Aubyn Zwart, daughter of Brad and Shawn Zwart.

An additional highlight will be a “teaser” of the upcoming Tulip Festival Night Show production of Cinderella. The cast has been tirelessly rehearsing the show and some members will be present to share the progress with attendees.

Tickets are \$20 and are available now at the Tulip Festival Windmill Office on Hwy 10, by calling 712-707-4510, or by visiting octulipfestival.com.

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.

2020 city of orange city street projects

The street project planned for 2020 includes a section of 5th St NE from Boston Ave to Dover Ave. This project will include installation of new sanitary sewer and water infrastructure. Also included in this project is repaving of an alley downtown between Albany NE and Central NE and between 1st NE and 2nd St NE.





new electric foreman

Congratulations to Alan De Jong as new Electric Foreman. Alan took over as Electric Foreman after the retirement of Arlan Scholten. Alan has worked for the City for 25 years as electric lineman.




new electric lineman

Welcome to Ben Jungers who was hired as a new Electric Lineman. He graduated from the powerline program at NCC and has worked for the City of Remsen for eight years. He and his wife are expecting their first child.



Bluestem Grill Open for Lunch
The Bluestem Grill is located inside Landsmeer Golf Clubhouse at 902 7th St. NE. Open to the public for lunch Tuesday through Friday from 11:00 am until 1:30 pm
Lunch specials available daily!

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three-time grammy® award winner to perform in orange city

ETHEL and Robert Mirabal, Native American musician, instrument builder, and three-time GRAMMY® Award winner, present the next evolution of the cross-cultural concert experience. Their inspiration is Water as the embodiment of Spirit, and its essential role in Life on Earth. The audience is immersed in a flow of music, narrative, and ritual that evokes timeless Native American traditions through contemporary musical artistry.

As delivered by these master performers, the effect is breathtaking, even ecstatic

The program is an integral journey in instrumental virtuosity, song and storytelling, and is created uniquely for this event.

From An Kha Na to Peace Calls, through rushing rapids and still, sacred spaces, ETHEL and Robert Mirabal evoke the magic and majesty of The River which connects us all. In retreat together at Mirabal’s home on the Taos Pueblo, each of the artists brought original musical or poetic works with special significance to the group.

As the Pueblo River rushed past the door, storms came and went, and coyotes howled in the night, the pieces grew in scope and depth, each player contributing layers and insights. Influences were drawn in from Hawaii, Arizona, Mexico, Ecuador, Morocco, Nigeria, India, Mongolia, Tibet, Japan, and the country of Georgia. In summery, the sound is dazzling, and the spirit full of generosity, love, and gratitude. Every audience will find their hearts healed and their hope raised.

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.

