

mark your
calendars



Virtual Author Event

Date: Thursday, November 5, at 7pm
If you would like to join a live viewing of the event, join us at the Sioux Center or Hospers Public Libraries.

Wes Carver returns to his hometown—Black River, Montana—with two things: his wife’s ashes and a letter from the parole board. The convict who once held him hostage during a prison riot is up for release.
For years, Wes earned his living as a correction officer and found his joy playing the fiddle. The uprising shook Wes’ faith and robbed him of his music. Now he must decide if his attacker should walk free.

REGISTER ONLINE TO ATTEND
www.onebookonesiouxcounty.org/

Words To Reflect On

“So easy to go sailing off this road.
A wonder more folks didn’t. All that space, waiting.”
- S.M. Hulse

SEASONAL

NO PARKING

OCT. 15 - APRIL 1

2:00 AM TO 6:00 AM

Be advised! From Oct. 15 - April 1, the City of Orange City does not permit on-street parking between 2:00 am – 6:00 am. Snow plows will be heading your way before we know it.

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home energy assistance program

The Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program (LiHEAP) offered through Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Inc. may be able to help you pay your winter heating bill. This program is funded through the Iowa Department of Human Rights and has been established to help qualified low-income Iowa homeowners and renters pay for a portion of their primary heating costs.
Your local Mid-Sioux office will be taking applications from November 2, 2020 through April 30, 2021. Each applicant will need to furnish a copy of their most recent heating and electric bill; original Social Security or I-94 card for each household member; and proof of the household’s income for the past month (4 weeks), the past twelve (12) months, or 2019 or 2020 tax return. Eligibility for participation is established according to the federal income guidelines listed below. Applicants eligible for an award will be paid on a first come, first served basis, and all payments are subject to availability of funds.

More Information:

For more information or to make an appointment, contact your local outreach office or 800-859-2025. Email: jcolling@midsioux.org
Hearing Impaired call 711

Household Size	Max. Annual Gross Income
1	\$22,330
2	\$30,170
3	\$38,010
4	\$45,850
5	\$53,690

*More than 5 members, add \$7,840 for each additional member.

yours or mine

Whether you are moving out of Orange City or staying in town, the question is always “What do I keep?”. Did you know that there are 2 items in your garage that need to stay with the house you are leaving?

The green garbage tote is actually the property of OC Sanitation and the blue recycling tote is the property of the City of Orange City. These 2 items are to stay with the house. We are asking that if you move, please be courteous and keep them with the house so future occupants can use them. You can be charged for the cost of the cans if you fail to do so.

If you move into a house that does not have these 2 items and you are being charged for trash on your utility bill, call the City of Orange City at 707-4885 and we will be happy to have a garbage tote or recycling tote delivered to your address.



participate in our community survey

As part of the City’s natural gas regulations, we are required to survey all citizens regarding natural gas safety and messaging. The City has contracted with a phone service company to survey the community. Please take the time to answer the two minute survey as it is important to the City’s efforts to ensure safety in our operations.

automatic utility payments

Forego the envelope and the postage, writing the check, or dropping off your payment. Your monthly utility bill amount can be withdrawn automatically from the bank account of your choice on the due date.

With the automatic payment option, you will continue to receive a paper bill at home so you can review it before the payment is made.

Find the enrollment form at: www.orangecityiowa.com, how do I?, municipal utility automatic withdrawal.

Or download form at: orangecityiowa.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Utility-Auto-Payment-Request-Form-20200109-1.pdf



Bluestem Grill Open for Lunch

The Bluestem Grill is located inside Landsmeer Golf Clubhouse at 902 7th St. NE and is open to the public for lunch Tuesday through Friday from 11:00 am until 1:30 pm. Lunch specials available daily! Navarrete’s Mexican Food served Monday evenings from 5:00 -9:00 pm.




Sump Pump Reminder

City ordinances allow sump pumps to drain into sanitary sewers from October 15 through April 15.

The City Offices will be closed on November 26 and 27

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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residential & commercial lot development

Work continues on the Industrie Centrum and Puddle Jumper projects. Together these projects will provide 31 residential lots and 14 commercial/ industrial lots. Street paving will be happening over the next few weeks. The City continues to have interest in these developments.

get ready for the heating season: natural gas safety

As your natural gas supplier, we want you to know how to safely use natural gas in your home and to recognize hazards when they occur.

gas leaks

While natural gas is typically a safe and efficient fuel choice, it is important to recognize that it is a flammable gas that is easily ignited by nearby heat, sparks, or flames. Natural gas is colorless and odorless in its natural state. Orange City Municipal Utilities (OCMU) adds a distinctive “rotten egg” odor to help alert you to potential gas leaks.



If you are inside and suspect a gas leak, leave the home immediately without turning any lights on or off. If you are outside and detect a gas leak, move away from the area and stay upwind of the leak. If you suspect a leak anywhere, call OCMU’s emergency gas line at 707-5000 from a neighbor’s home or cell phone when you are safely out of the area. You can also call 911. Our crews will respond 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

carbon monoxide

Burning natural gas can produce toxic gases such as carbon monoxide. If appliances are maintained and used properly, the amount of carbon monoxide present is usually not hazardous.



If appliances are not working properly or are used incorrectly, dangerous levels of carbon monoxide can result. You can’t see or smell carbon monoxide, but at high levels it can kill a person in minutes. Symptoms of mild exposure to CO poisoning include flu-like signs (no fever) such as nausea, headache, shortness of breath, and fatigue. Continued exposure leads to a severe throbbing headache with drowsiness, confusion, and a fast heart rate.

Carbon monoxide detectors are available to help alert you if levels rise in your home. Never ignore a carbon monoxide alarm! If it sounds, move to fresh air and call 911 and OCMU at 707-5000. If your alarm does not sound, but you still suspect symptoms of poisoning, leave the home and call 911 and OCMU.

Carbon monoxide alarms are important, but an alarm is only added protection. The best thing you can do to protect your family is to have your appliances inspected every year by an expert. For more information, please call the OCMU Gas Dept. at 707-4885.

heading south for the winter

We know you don’t want to miss out on any of your important mail while you are vacationing in warmer climates. To receive your monthly utility bill directly, please contact the OCMU office at 707-4885 with your forwarding address. Our staff will make a temporary change to your billing address for the months you are away from home.



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