

february 2022

what's

vibrant

orange city, iowa



orange city arts council sponsors socks in the frying pan

Socks in the Frying Pan will be performing on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, at the Prairie Winds Event Center at 7:30 pm, sponsored by the Orange City Arts Council.

They are a multi-award-winning trio from County Clare on the West Coast of Ireland, the universal hub of Irish traditional music. Their dynamic vocal harmonies, virtuosic musical ability, and their onstage wit have captured and captivated audiences the world around. One of the most sought-after groups in Irish music today, the worldwide 'Sock Invasion' continues! Socks in the Frying Pan comprises of Aodán Coyne on guitar and vocals and the accomplished Hayes brothers, Shane Hayes on accordion and Fiachra Hayes on fiddle & banjo. For more information visit www.orangecityarts.com.

welcome erica van wechel

Please join us in welcoming Erica Van Wechel as Deputy City Clerk. Erica is an Orange City native who has recently moved back to Orange City with her husband Beau and daughter Oaklee. While away, Erica worked for Wells Fargo as a loan officer and most currently in Orange City she worked at Family Eye Care. You will find Erica helping with the many duties of our office, so at some point you may have the opportunity to work with her over the phone or in person.



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.

share your story

Have you moved to Orange City in the past few years?

We would love to hear why you chose our vibrant community to call home! Use the QR code or follow the link to share your story!

vibrant.orangecityiowa.com/you/why-orange-city



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 related to the energy industry. These awards may be renewed for up to three years.

\$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 2022 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.



for the most
current information
orangecityiowa.com



prairie winds event center has new management

We would like to officially introduce you to our new management team. Jess (pictured left) has been working with us since December, 2020 and promoted to General Manager this past fall. In November, Danielle (pictured right) joined the team to fill the role of Assistant Manager. Both bring a wide range of customer service and event experience to their roles, making them a strong compatible team.

General Manager: Jess Kuehl

Originally from Clear Lake, Iowa – Jess is the current General Manager of Prairie Winds Event Center. Jess brings her diverse background of the arts, live events, customer service, and more to create the best experience possible for you and your guests. Jess earned her Associates in Applied Arts in Graphic Communications from Hawkeye Community College in 2009. When Jess is not working at the event center, she will be found spending time with her family of three, playing with their two dogs and cat while relaxing and watching The Office.

Assistant Manager: Danielle Zuidema

Danielle graduated from Dordt College in 2015 and now resides near downtown Orange City. Having worked in several customer service-based industries prior to Prairie Winds, Danielle brings an in-depth background of catering, décor, customer service, and people management. She believes in providing the best service possible to help your event run smoothly. When not at the event center, Danielle loves to cook wholesome foods and mingle with fellow dog owners at the Orange City dog park. She believes life is short, so find something to be happy about each and every day.

watercolor painting class for adults

Go With the Flow; Building Your Watercolor Skills: Explore the exciting medium of watercolor in this fun, hands-on class. Create a variety of paintings using basic water color techniques. This is for beginners with some experience and intermediates. This class will build on the introductory class Take the Plunge that was taught in January/ February. Students will need to bring supplies.

When: Mondays, March 14-April 18, 2022, from 6:15-7:45 pm

Where: Orange City Public Library - class limited to 8 students.

Registration: Registration and payment required

Please register at www.orangecitylibrary.org

Presented in collaboration with:
Orange City Public Library, Northwest Iowa Community College, Sioux Center Public Library, Sheldon Public Library, Orange City Arts Council

mayor and council members contact info

Deb De Haan, Mayor 712-541-9016 Debdh@orangecityiowa.com	Rod De Boer 712-707-6861 Roddb@orangecityiowa.com	Tony Vande Brake 712-541-9463 Tonyvb@orangecityiowa.com
Steve Roesner 712-737-3623 Stever@orangecityiowa.com	Daron De Jong 712-737-3430 Darond@orangecityiowa.com	Aaron Beadner 712-707-7206 Aaronb@orangecityiowa.com

rebates to electric and natural gas customers

Orange City Municipal Utilities offers many energy rebates to electric and natural gas customers. The rebate program has been updated for 2022. Below is a sample of some of the rebates offered through the City utilities.

Energy Star Appliances:

- Smart Thermostat - \$25
- Dehumidifier - \$25
- Clothes Washer - \$25
- LED Bulb - \$1.50 - \$4

Additional Rebates:

- Natural Gas Furnace - \$350
- Central A/C - \$200-\$400
- Geothermal Heat Pump - \$200/ton
- Heat Pump or A/C Tune-up - \$30
- ChargePoint Electric Vehicle Charger - \$500

Visit: orangecityiowa.com/city/city-services/municipal-utility-rebates/ for additional information and a rebate application.



winter parking

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.

