

what's

vibrant

orange city, iowa



meet akeyma fedders

Many of you have gotten the chance to meet and work with Akeyma Fedders over the past couple of months. Akeyma has been working in our office this summer as an Office Assistant. Before working in the office with us, she spent many summers at the swimming pool providing lessons, lifeguarding, supervising, and scheduling. Akeyma will continue working a few hours this school year during some of her spare time as she continues her education at Northwestern College.

meet sarah anderson

Please join us in welcoming Sarah Anderson as our new Accounts Receivable Specialist/Office Assistant. Sarah lives in Orange City with her husband, Kyle, and two Mini Goldendoodles, Maddie and Dash. Sarah and her husband are graduates of Northwestern College and moved back to Orange City last summer. You will be sure to connect with Sarah at some point when you are contacting us as she works with the many different duties of our office.



museum receives \$5,000 grant from state historical society

The Dutch American Heritage Museum received a \$5,000 country school grant from the State Historical Society of Iowa. The program helps to preserve or maintain Iowa's one- or two-room country schools. The museum plans to replace the deteriorating roof and repair the cupola. In 2021, the museum painted the exterior of the building and revamped the interior exhibits.



The schoolhouse was built in 1875 for the Elgin Township near Struble, Iowa, not far from the county line between Sioux and Plymouth Counties. It was known as Elgin No. 1. The Sioux County Historical Society bought it in December of 1969 for \$50 from the Hawkins family where it resided on their farmland. Since that time, it has been a much-beloved feature of the museum. The grant funding provided by the State Historical Society will aid in completing the preservation of the building.

share your story vibrant.orangecityiowa.com/you/why-orange-city

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!



flag football for youth 1st-6th grade

Orange City Recreation Department is sponsoring Flag Football for 1st-6th grade. The program will run Thursdays from September 14 - October 26.

- Registration due Wednesday, September 14
- Cost: \$30 per participant (\$35 after September 14)
- Sign up online at: orangecityiowa.com/details/youth-flag-football/
- Contact Noah with questions: prdir@orangecityiowa.com or (712)707-4885

safely discard your household HHM

Orange City and Alton household residents (sorry no businesses) will again have an opportunity to safely discard those household hazardous materials (HHM). On Tuesday, September 19, the Cities of Orange City, Alton, and the NW IA Area Landfill will co-sponsor a HHM Recycling event from 4–6 pm at the Orange City Street Department building. This building is located just south of Ace Hardware. The address is 809 Concord Place SE.

Acceptable items include:

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| • stain removers | • degreaser |
| • pesticides & herbicides | • waxes/polishes |
| • oil based paints (latex paints will be assessed a \$1/gal. fee.) | • solvents |
| | • lacquer & thinners |
| | • caustic cleaners |



for the most current information
orangecityiowa.com



fall pool hours



Summer is winding down and school is right around the corner, but you can still enjoy a few afternoons of swimming! Take advantage of the fall hours at the Orange City Swimming Pool!

To see the fall pool schedule, head to:

orangecityiowa.com/fall-pool-hours-2023

2022 property tax levy rates due 2023-2024

Orange City’s total property tax levy rate ranks 550th in the state compared to the other 940 Iowa communities. Property taxes due in 2023-2024 increased to a rate of \$32.72/\$1,000 in comparison to \$32.03 (564th rank in 2022-2023).

In the Northwest Iowa survey below, one community lowered their “city” property tax mill levy rate. Four were unchanged and four increased. The City of Orange City has been fortunate to manage it’s operating costs quite effectively while making prudent capital investments.

The survey’s combined mill levy rate averaged \$33.20 compared to Orange City’s \$32.72.

	Area School & County	School District	City	City Chg. From 2019	Total Property Tax Levy Rate	*State Ranking
Carroll	5.86	9.89	12.17	0.31	27.91	832
LeMars	5.02	10.15	11.90	-	27.07	855
Alton	5.58	12.53	13.87	-	31.98	596
Orange City	5.58	12.53	14.61	0.15	32.72	550
Sheldon	5.58	12.00	15.25	-	32.83	545
Sioux Center	5.58	17.63	11.14	-	34.34	428
Cherokee	5.65	12.72	16.49	0.51	34.86	391
Spencer	11.08	11.97	13.19	0.10	36.23	302
Storm Lake	10.26	17.17	13.41	(0.20)	40.84	88
OC-2021	5.07	12.50	14.46		32.03	564
OC-2020	5.18	12.66	14.46		32.30	563
OC-2019	5.55	12.71	14.46		32.72	551
OC-2018	5.80	10.23	14.47		30.50	707
OC-2017	5.92	10.18	14.33		30.43	707
OC-2016	5.84	10.24	14.79		30.87	686

State ranking of 941 cities with # 1 = highest total Property Tax Levy.

e-recycling date set

E-recycle will be held at the Orange City Street Department. (809 Concord Place SE) on October 27, 4 -7 pm, and October 28, 9 to noon. For more info: orangecityiowa.com.



fantastic foam & more science show

September 19, 6:30-7:30 pm, City Hall

Presented by the Orange City Public Library and Absolute Science, this show will make your hair stand up!

You will experience items disappearing in clear liquids with our refraction oil and see the power of a Van De Graaff generator, but no show is complete without foam, LOTS of foam, with a fantastic foam experiment where the children are the stars!

To learn more about Absolute Science, please visit their website at absolute-science.com.

Registration begins August 21st

orangecitylibrary.org/event/fantastic-foam-more-science-show/

learn the history of the sioux county poor farm

The museum will host a presentation by Sara Huyser entitled, “Over the Hill: The History of the Sioux County Poor Farm.” In this season’s last Nights at the Museum presentation, learn about the history of the Sioux County poor farm, the “inmates” who lived there, and the important role it played as an experimental farm. Huyser is a librarian at Northwestern College and in her spare time serves as Vice President for the museum. She earned a masters of American history with museum studies from the University of Iowa, and in 2022 completed her MLIS with a concentration in archival studies from Emporia State University.

celebrate a safe holiday

The City Office will be closed on Monday, September 4, due to the Labor Day holiday.

For OC utility emergencies, please call 707-5000.