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A New Day

consignment shop to open in Orange City

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ORANGE CITY — As interest rates and product costs rise across the country, consumers are constantly on the lookout for ways to save money. A New Day consignment shop will give local shoppers another shopping option, one where shoppers can make money and save money at the same time.

With the Bargain Kloset's closure, Orange City needed a consignment shop. Kari De Jong decided to bring it back. "I grew up going to second-hand stores; my grandparents owned one in Hospers. I also love garage sales and love finding a good deal. I know many people leave town to shop consignment, so I am excited to bring consignment shopping back to Orange City."

The idea of consignment has been around for a long time. The word consignment comes from the French word 'consigner,' which means 'to deposit.' The concept allows people to sell used clothing at a storefront and keep a percentage of the sale. The trend took off in the 1950s when the term 'vintage fashion' took off, and today's shoppers are still searching for both modern fashion and unique vintage finds to complete their wardrobes.

The idea for De Jong to start a consignment shop started

"as a joke," she said. Adding, "When they posted in the paper that Bargain Kloset was closing and the consignment shop in Sioux Center, I thought I should do that, and then I realized I could."

De Jong is married to Travis and a busy mom of three kids: seven, five, and two. "I have little kids that grow really fast, and we often have lots of clothes that are in great shape that others could use."

By day she works at the Orange City Area Health System

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REFUGEE USES ART TO CONNECT TO COMMUNITY

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PEOPLE OF Sioux County

ORANGE CITY — Yuliia (Julia) Popova and her husband Vova arrived in the United States on Christmas Day. "It was a very hard trip!" smiled Popova. "We were very scared to come. We arrived in Atlanta late because of the weather, and missed our plane. But we couldn't communicate because we didn't know how to use the internet. We got on the next plane and arrived in Sioux Falls. But still, (she laughed) the planes were much better than Russian planes!"

Popova grew up in Poltava in central Ukraine, a city of over 300,500 people. She has always loved art. In Ukraine in the large cities you can take special schooling while you are young for certain things, such as art, music, dance and sports. Popova explained that students go to school from 8-3, and then, if the parents pay, often take special training. Dance starts at age five, and art classes start at age 12. Popova loved art, and was anxious to go, so the school allowed her to test at age 11. With her high score, she was allowed to go to the school a year early. "It wasn't just drawing," she explained. "It is a serious curriculum, all the way through high school. You not only do art, but you study art history and other things."

Graduating from high school, Popova went to five years of university training, graduating as a teacher of fine arts, ethics and aesthetics in 2015. She met and married Vova in 2017. Vova grew up in Mariupol, and went to a two-year college, qualifying as a high-altitude fitter, locksmith and welder. He worked to



Fundraiser set

Aug. 9 from 5-8 p.m. there will be a fundraiser to support our Ukrainian community in the Maurice Downtown Park. There will be a free-will donation meal, supported by the pork producers, as well as a silent auction, bouncy houses, and Ukrainian vendors. Money raised goes to support Christian education and ESL classes, medical, transportation and food needs for current and future refugees.

wire the internet and helped build huge shopping centers. Meanwhile, Yuliia got a job as a Regional Methodological Office Specialist. "We were the only organization that was engaged in the development of art schools and art and music schools in our area," she explained. "There are 44 such schools. Our job

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Council secures well land, raises police wages

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ORANGE CITY — In a little more than half an hour on Monday, July 17, the Orange City council made a series of notable decisions. The council appointed a new member, purchased property for two additional water wells and bumped up wages for city law-enforcement officers.

Council appointment

The council appointed Mark Bloemendaal to fill the remaining term of Tony Vande Brake, who recently resigned from the seat. "He is honored to be considered," said Mayor Deb De Haan during discussion of the appointment.

Bloemendaal will serve through December of 2023. In the November election, city residents will vote for a candidate to fill that seat.

Well property purchases

The council also approved the purchase of two properties in the vicinity of the city's southwest well field. City Administrator Earl Woudstra said results were positive at both sites. "Both came back positive for quantity and quality," Woudstra said.

Each 4.5-acre site will be purchased for \$141,750. The city's water-treatment plant has the capacity to treat water from expanded well fields, according to information for the council, with the capacity of three million gallons a day.

A new transmission line also has the capacity to bring additional water from the wells to the treatment plant.

Favorable bids and conservative estimates resulted in the ability to absorb the additional costs, Woudstra said.

Construction of a new well on the nearer of the two properties continues. The new well will be situated approximately a mile from the present southwest well field. The second property is near the border with Plymouth County. The second site will allow for the utility's expansion as Orange City grows and provide extra capacity if needed.

Orange City also provides water for the Alton community.

Wage increases

Council members also approved increases in wages for the city's law-enforcement officers after considering a recent survey of county and regional wages. The recommended wages approved included \$92,864 for the chief of police, \$80,184 for the assistant chief, \$35.63 an hour for the chief investigative officer and \$33.39 an hour for certified patrol officers.

The action was taken in the light of recent hirings of the Sioux County Sheriff's Office and the resulting loss of a city officer in Orange City, Sioux Center and Hawarden. Sioux Center has had to hire officers, as will Hawarden.

In a review of area law-enforcement wages, Woudstra reported sizable increases in wages for Iowa State Patrol and Sioux Center officers. The wage adjustments approved amounted to an average of \$2 more per hour.

"After review of all city salaries," said Woudstra. "We feel it is important to deal now with this one. We have a very good police department, we don't want to lose our officers."

Police officers are part of a collective bargaining unit. Woudstra said the collective bargaining agreement allows wage increases without negotiations.

"We will continue to look at the wages of all our employees," Woudstra said.

Other action

In the new Gelderland First Addition, the council set the August 7 meeting of the council for the public hearing for vacation of a section of the Gelderland First Addition to allow a developer to build 15 1,200 square-foot homes on the south side of 14th Street Southeast.

The city's planning and zoning commission approved the vacation for the planned development.

The council also approved Mayor Deb De Haan's appointment of Colin Brue to serve on the Orange City Public Library board.

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