

Van Meter News



CITY OF VAN METER



Thank you to those who attended the American Legion Post 403 open house at the new building site. Community support is vital to the successful completion of a much needed meeting site for our Veterans families.



Legion Breakfast: Sunday, March 3rd 7:30 am to 12:30 pm Van Meter Community School

SPRING FEVER

Baseball is just around the corner! Before you head to the store to buy new baseball gear, you have the opportunity to purchase “gently used” gear, and support the Rec Complex at the same time.

The Little League Board, along with the Rec Complex, are asking you to bring the “gently used” baseball gear your son has outgrown, and then shop for the items you need for the ensuing season. It is a free-will donation for the items you purchase. All monies going to the Rec Complex.

So what can you bring?
“Gently used” items – Cleats, Gloves, Socks, Pants, Sliding shorts. As there are regulations for bats, we ask that you do not bring those.

Where can you drop off?

Saturday, March 2nd Elementary Winter Carnival, Van Meter gymnasium from 5:30-8:30. There will be a bin by the entrance, near the concession stand, along with a member of the Little League Board to answer questions.

City Hall or the Elementary Office are collection sites from Feb. 25—March 6. There will be a bin at each location.

Shopping for items will be on Saturday, March 9 from 9 am – 11 am **AND** Sunday, March 10.. from 1 pm – 3 pm in the Van Meter school lunchroom. Again, a free will donation is all that we ask, going directly for use of the Rec Complex.

Thank you for your support...

Elected Officials:

-Allan Adams, Mayor

Council Members—

-Becca Wiederholt,
Mayor Pro Tem

-Richard Booge

-Adam Coyle

-Bob Lacy

-Kim Sacker



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POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

CHARACTER BUILDING ACADEMY REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

The Van Meter Police Department in conjunction with the Dallas County Sheriff's Office and other Dallas County law enforcement agencies hosts the Character Building Academy at the Waukee Police Department in June of each year. This program is designed for young men and women between the ages of 12 and 16. The academy is two weeks in length in the morning. It is designed to teach leadership, character and build self-esteem. The Van Meter community is invited to sign up and participate. Sign up is done through the Waukee Police Department and is currently open. You can go to www.waukee.org and enter the police department page. On the page will be a tab for the 2013 Character Building Academy which will contain a registration link. The registration can then be mailed to the Waukee Police Department. I encourage any family wanting to address discipline or behavior issues with their young adult to consider the academy. If you have any questions don't hesitate to call me at [515-202-4154](tel:515-202-4154) or you can pick up a pamphlet at Van Meter City Hall or the Van Meter Schools secondary office.



VAN METER POLICE START NEW EXPLORER POST

The Van Meter Police Department in conjunction with other Dallas County law enforcement organizations is in the process of starting an law enforcement explorer post. This is sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America and is for young men and women age 14 to 20 who are interested in law enforcement as a career. As an explorer you can do ride-alongs, help with community events, do community service and explore law enforcement as a career. Anyone wishing to help with establishing and running the post or wishing to be an explorer is asked to contact Chief Daggett at 515-202-4154.



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SLOW DOWN!

TRAFFIC

As I work traffic in the community I am still seeing speeds of ten miles an hour and over in residential areas. I want everyone to take a moment and think about the children that play in and near our streets. Please slow down. I have issued warnings for the first several months to allow the community to get used to having an officer. As time passes speeds in excess of ten miles an hour plus over the speed limit will result in issuance of citations. Safety for everyone is my first priority and I am sure yours as none of us want to see an avoidable tragedy happen in our community.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The Van Meter Police Department is looking for people that would be willing to serve as block captains and help promote neighbors helping neighbors in our community. I will be ordering signs to be placed through out the community. If your interested in wanting to be a block captain or want to know more please contact me at [515-202-4154](tel:515-202-4154).



March 2013

LIBRARY NEWS—CHECK IT OUT!!

Phone: 996-2435

Email: vanmeterpl@mchsi.com

March newsletter:

Hello everyone! Jolena here and I want you to take part in **MAGAZINE MONTH**. In March, stop in and check out your favorite magazine or let us know what magazines you would like to see. We have the following magazines “National Geographic”, “National Geographic for Kids”, “Family Circle”, “Women’s Day”, “Sport’s Illustrated”, “Sport’s Illustrated for Kids”, “People”, “Reader’s Digest”, Large Print “Guideposts”, “Shape”, “Grit”, “Mother Earth”, “Taste of Home”, “Cooks”, “Iowa History”, “The Iowan”, “Organic Gardening”, “Better Homes and Garden”, “Fine Cooking”, “Iowa Outdoors”, “Country Living”, and several more. Be sure to let me know if there are other periodicals you are interested in. Then as the votes come in and the numbers are tallied it will continue to help us make decisions for our community. Thank you!

The adult reading contest has been a success in January and February. We have had about 15 adults really compete on reading. I love the reading bingo sheet as it helped people read books that they normally wouldn’t be interested in. I want to say thank you to the businesses that supplied the great prizes for the drawings and the final award! Thank you to Casey’s, Ryan Wambold, Golwitzers, Shelly James, Cathy Dodson, Michelle Beschen, Maidrite, Fat Randis, the City of Van Meter, and Crisitie Sullivan. Most of these people have their own businesses. Please be sure Thank them when you see them.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES: The knitting, crocheting and weaving group meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at the library at 6:30 pm.

THE BOOK CLUB: meets each month on the third Thursday of each month at the library at 7 pm. The book we will be discussing at the March meeting is “Gilead” by Marilynne Robinson. This author teaches at Iowa State University. Please come join us for a lively discussion.

Also this month we have a **special craft time** with some of the high school kids: Casey Jamison, Leana Howard, Alexis Bardwell, Shaunna Rasmussen, Jenny Shepperd and Victoria Smiley are helping the kids with an Easter craft. The kids will get to dye eggs and decorate them. This starts at 10 am and ends at 12pm. The date is set for March 9th at the Van Meter Public Library. Please let us know if you plan on coming so that we get a count and we can be prepared with how many eggs. **I want to thank the FCCLA class.**

I want to let you know some of the new **MOVIES** that are in: “Paranorman”, “Transylvania Hotel” all of the “Ice Age” movies, “Hatfields and McCoys”, “Green Lantern”, “Something Borrowed”, “The 10th Kingdom”, “Criminal Minds Season 3” and “The Walking Dead” Season one.

I also wanted to mention some of the new **BOOKS** we have in that are highly recommended: “Cowards” by Glenn Beck, “Killing Lincoln” and “Killing JFK” by Bill O’Reilly, “Canada” by Richard Ford, “Private Berlin”, “Private London”, “11th Hour” all by James Patterson.

We have the new audio series in on “Halo”. In the **KIDS BOOKS** we have new one for “Berenstain Bears, Scooby Doo, and Star Wars. These are just to name a few.

Hope to see you soon!

Jolena Welker, Van Meter Public Library Director

Oh yes, I do have some IRISH in me! J



Library Hours

M, W, Thurs,
Fri—9 am—5 pm

Tues—
6 pm—8 pm

Sat—9 am to noon



Please stop in for fresh bean coffee daily and /or popcorn. We are usually celebrating something too. Be sure to see what some of the kids have been learning at your Van Meter Public Library.

“It was one of those March Days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light and winter in the shade. “

Charles Dickens

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SUNDAY, MARCH 10
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
TIME—SET YOUR
CLOCKS ONE HOUR
AHEAD & CHECK THE
BATTERIES IN YOUR
SMOKE ALARMS

MEMO

Submit Raccoon River Days suggestions to Becca Wiederholt (210-2848) or Leslie Herman (669-4038) or send an email to raccoon-riverdays@gmail.com.

Easter Egg Hunt

...For kids 10 and under...



Date: Saturday, March 30

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Place: Johnson Park

[Park is off Hazel St on the SW edge of the city]

Sponsored by the Van Meter Park and Recreation Board



www.vanmeterprek.org

The Van Meter Community Pre-Kindergarten is now enrolling for our 3 and 4 year old preschool classes for 2013/2014. They must be class age by September 15th to attend.

Scholarships are available to cover up to 100% of tuition.

To request an application please call 996-2030 or visit their website.

Summer Child Care Openings Available for Children, Ages 5-12

Kids Care at the Van Meter United Methodist Church

Kids Care is a not-for-profit licensed childcare center for children ages 5-12. It is an outreach ministry of the church to Van Meter and surrounding communities. Our purpose is to provide quality care to elementary children. Our staff is experienced and caring. We will help develop character-building traits such as respect, responsibility and charity to others. Our summer activities include: swimming, fieldtrips, Bible stories, prayer, devotions, crafts, science experiments, gardening, baking and games. We serve delicious homemade snacks and lunches. We provide fun and learning with structure without being rigid. Children are given choices in their daily activities. For an additional fee we also have individual tutoring available from an experienced licensed elementary teacher. Please email or call Beth Keyt with questions, to schedule a visit or to reserve your spot: beth.keyt@vmumc.com or 515/ 996-2117.



Van Meter Park and Recreation Board Annual Plant Sale



The Park and Recreation Board is taking orders for vegetables and flowers with proceeds to be used for park development. All plants are greenhouse quality. Please return orders to either City Hall or to any Park Board member along with your payment by April 5. Plants can be picked up at the City Maintenance Building (just west of Casey's) on Saturday, May 11 between 8 am and 2 pm -- just in time for Mother's Day !!!

Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone # _____

Amount Enclosed _____
 Check _____
 Cash _____

Order Form

Items	Unit Price	X	Quantity Ordered	Item Total
<i>Vegetable Bedding Plants - 4 Plants/Pak -- 12 Paks/Flat (48 plants/flat)</i>				
Tomatoes	Beef Master	\$1.50	x	
	Better Boy	\$1.50	x	
	Big Boy	\$1.50	x	
	Celebrity	\$1.50	x	
	Yellow	\$1.50	x	
	Roma	\$1.50	x	
	Cherry	\$1.50	x	
Peppers	Green Bell	\$1.50	x	
	Sweet Banana	\$1.50	x	
	Hot Jalapeno	\$1.50	x	
<i>Floral Bedding Plants - 4 Plants/Pak -- 12 Paks/Flat (48 plants/flat)</i>				
Ageratum	Blue	\$1.50	x	
Alyssum	White	\$1.50	x	
	Purple	\$1.50	x	
Begonia	Red	\$1.50	x	
	White	\$1.50	x	
	Pink	\$1.50	x	
	Mixed	\$1.50	x	
Dwarf Marigolds	Yellow	\$1.50	x	
	Orange	\$1.50	x	
	Tu-Tone	\$1.50	x	
Dusty Miller	White	\$1.50	x	
Impatiens	Red	\$1.50	x	
	White	\$1.50	x	
	Pink	\$1.50	x	
	Mixed	\$1.50	x	
Pansy	Mixed	\$1.50	x	
Petunias	Red	\$1.50	x	
	White	\$1.50	x	
	Blue	\$1.50	x	
	Pink	\$1.50	x	
Vinca	Grape	\$1.50	x	
	Pink	\$1.50	x	
	Rose	\$1.50	x	
	Red	\$1.50	x	
Snap Dragons	Mixed	\$1.50	x	
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Items		Unit Price	X	Quantity Ordered	Item Total
Potted Plants					
Geraniums 4 1/2" Pots	Red	\$3.00	x		
	White	\$3.00	x		
	Pink	\$3.00	x		
	Salmon	\$3.00	x		
	Violet	\$3.00	x		
7 1/2" Pots	Red	\$10.00	x		
	White	\$10.00	x		
Hybrid Impatiens 4 1/2" Pots	Pink	\$3.00	x		
	Red	\$3.00	x		
	White	\$3.00	x		
	Orchid	\$3.00	x		
	Orange	\$3.00	x		
10" Terra Cotta Pot w/Saucer	Red	\$16.00	x		
	White	\$16.00	x		
	Pink	\$16.00	x		
	Orchid	\$16.00	x		
	Orange	\$16.00	x		
Hostas, 8" Pot	Assorted Varieties	\$5.75	x		
Grass	Purple Plume	\$5.75	x		
Mini-Roses, 4 1/2" Pot	Assorted Colors	\$6.50	x		
Garden Mums	Assorted Colors	\$2.50	x		
Accent Plants	Vinca Vine	\$1.70	x		
	Spike	\$1.70	x		
	Sprenger Fern	\$1.70	x		
	Bacopa -4 1/2" Pot	\$3.50	x		
Sweet Potato Vine	Green - 4 1/2" Pot	\$3.50	x		
	Purple - 4 1/2" Pot	\$3.50	x		
Hanging Baskets					
Fuchsia		\$17.00	x		
Boston Fern		\$17.00	x		
Asparagus Sprenger Fern		\$17.00	x		
Ivy Geraniums	Red	\$17.00	x		
	White	\$17.00	x		
	Pink	\$17.00	x		
	Purple	\$17.00	x		
Verbena	Red	\$17.00	x		
	Purple	\$17.00	x		
Hybrid Impatiens	Lilac	\$17.00	x		
	Red	\$17.00	x		
	Pink	\$17.00	x		
Strawflower	Yellow	\$17.00	x		
Mini Petunia	Pink	\$17.00	x		
	Yellow	\$17.00	x		
	Red	\$17.00	x		
	Dark blue	\$17.00	x		
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Orders Due
April 5.

Please make checks payable to the Van Meter Park and Recreation Board.

Thank You!!

Van Meter Park Board