

# CITY OF VAN METER

# Van Meter News

**HAPPY Mothers Day!**

May 2013

**Elected Officials:**

**Mayor-**Allan Adams

**Council**

-Becca Wiederholy,  
Mayor Pro Tem

-Richard Booge

-Adam Coyle

-Bob Lacy

-Kim Sacker

**City Staff:**

Jake Anderson-  
City Administrator

Liz Thompson-  
Deputy Clerk

Dave Herman-  
Public Works  
515-240-9280

Chad Gillespie-  
Assist. Public Works  
515-371-9933

Bill Daggett-  
Police Chief  
515-202-4154

Jolena Welker-  
Library Director

Vickie Benson-  
Assistant Director

Gary Herrick-  
Fire Chief

## Raccoon River Days May 31 and June 1&2

### ROLLIN' ON THE RIVER

- **Friday Night Events**—Little Mr. & Miss Van Meter
- **Saturday Events**—  
Day: Parade, Float Contest, Tina Turner Look-Alike Contest, Games, Inflatables, Crafts, Pie Baking Contest  
Night: Laser Tag, Rock Climbing Wall, Bounce House, E-Bank Sponsored Dinner Free-Will donation to benefit Community Betterment, The Band Exit 113, Fireworks
- **Sunday Events**—Community Church Service and Community Betterment Breakfast/Donuts

The schedule is subject to change depending on the level of interest and the weather.

**T-SHIRT ORDER INFORMATION COMING SOON!**

**STILL LOOKING FOR A GRAND MARSHAL...**

**SUBMIT IDEAS TO [RACCOONRIVERDAYS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:RACCOONRIVERDAYS@GMAIL.COM)**

**VISIT THE CITY WEBSITE AT [WWW.VANMETERIA.GOV](http://WWW.VANMETERIA.GOV)**

Find us on Facebook - City of Van Meter



Mark your calendars, schedule your vacation day and tell your friends and neighbors...

**RAGBRAI is coming through Van Meter -**

**Tuesday, July 23rd** and we need your help! If you are between the ages of 8 and 108, you can help! We need people with all skills and abilities to be a part of the planning and execution of this day. We expect between 10,000 and 25,000 visitors through Van Meter that day. Please consider helping make this day amazing for all! You can choose one or all of the options below to volunteer.



Our goal is to create a fun, enjoyable day for the RAGBRAI riders and allow them to experience what the community of Van Meter is all about. Our theme will be a patriotic one that will tie the State Veteran's Cemetery and the new Veteran's Reception Center into our events that day.

To help you understand how you can help, here are some of the committees we are considering: Volunteers, Website/Communications, Entertainment/Special Events, Food Service and Non-Food Vendors, Hospitality, Recycling and Sanitation, Electrical, Public Safety/Law Enforcement, and Medical. Visit the following URL to sign up <http://bit.ly/VMRagbrai>.



## FARMERS' MARKET

**Farmers  
Market  
June 1  
through  
October 5,  
2013**

DEAR VM FARMERS MARKET VENDOR,

WE ARE STARTING TO PLAN FOR THE 2013 MARKET SEASON. THE FIRST MARKET FOR THE YEAR WILL BE DURING RACCOON RIVER DAYS, JUNE 1, 2013. YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR A VENDOR MEETING MAY 1, 2013 AT 6:30PM. THE LOCATION WILL BE 408 GRANT STREET IN VAN METER. THIS IS MICHELE BESCHEN'S STUDIO.

THIS YEAR WE ARE OPENING THE MARKET FOR FLEA MARKET AND ANTIQUE VENDORS TO JOIN US EVERY MARKET DAY. PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND THIS MEETING TO OBTAIN VALUABLE INFORMATION REGARDING THIS YEAR'S VM FARMERS MARKET.

PLEASE RSVP TO: [VMFARMERSMARKET@GMAIL.COM](mailto:VMFARMERSMARKET@GMAIL.COM)

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL 515-996-2702.  
PLEASE FORWARD THIS MESSAGE TO ANYONE YOU MAY THINK IS INTERESTED.

**Memorial Day Service  
at Iowa Veterans Cemetery  
8 am Memorial Day  
May 27, 2013**



**Vietnam Veterans  
Recognition Day  
May 7, 2013 - 12 p.m.  
Vietnam War Monument  
Iowa State Capitol Grounds**



# HUGE BOOK SALE

## FRIENDS OF THE VMPL



May 11, 2013 the FRIEND's of the Van Meter Public Library will hold there annual:

### Book and Bake Sale

**Where:** The United Methodist Church

**When:** 8:30 am to 2:30pm

The FRIENDS will also serve a noon meal.

So stop in and browse the books for donations and enjoy a meal inside.

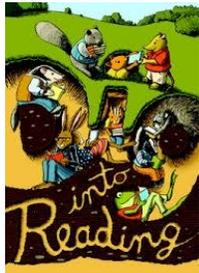
There will also be many baked items and goodies.

The meal and baked items will be priced.

The books, movies, etc. will be for donations.



Thank you for supporting the Van Meter Public Library!



## Summer Reading Program 2013

The kick off to the summer reading programs is June 3rd 10 am to 3pm.

We will be serving lemonade and cookies in the park (unless it rains).

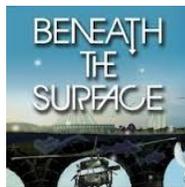
Children are encouraged to bring their pets with them, **BUT must have** a parent or guardian with them.

We will hand out the reading bags and have sign up information on how to record your books that day.

### Come join in the fun!

The kids reading program is "Dig Into Reading" and the teens is "Beneath the Surface"

Thank you! Vickie and Jolena

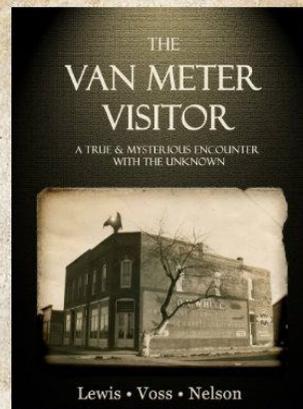


## VAN METER PUBLIC LIBRARY

515-996-2435

CREATURE ATTACKS VAN METER!

WHAT HAPPENED BACK IN 1903?



Book Release Presentation

When: May 4th

Where: School Gym

520 First Street, Van Meter

Time: 7pm

Free- Open to all ages

[www.postermymwall.com](http://www.postermymwall.com)

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# Plant sale

READY FOR SPRING PLANTING AND MOTHER'S DAY!!

\*Vegetables \* Floral Plants \*

\* Potted Plants \* Hanging Baskets \*

**SATURDAY, MAY 11—8AM TO 2PM**

AT THE CITY MAINTENANCE BUILDING

LOCATED JUST WEST OF CASEY'S

A beautiful hanging basket makes a great Mother's Day gift!!!



**Congratulations!**

**Class of 2013**

**Van Meter**

**Graduates!**

We wish you  
happiness and success  
in your future  
endeavors!



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**City Wide Garage Sale—Saturday, May 11th**

All kinds of exciting items & wonderfully delicious baked goods at 105  
Arlington.

**Pop Can Drive—Saturday, May 18th**

Set your cans out front where they can be seen.  
Collection will begin that morning around 9:00 a.m.

There is also a bucket in Casey's for additional donations.

All proceeds go to help fund their trip to Knoxville, TN

## ImagiNation Destination



Team Challenges are long-term problems that the team works on over the course of a season. In August of each year, Destination ImagiNation releases seven challenges, a Technical challenge, a Scientific challenge, a Theatrical challenge, an Improvisational challenge, a Structural challenge, an Early Learning challenge and a Service Learning challenge. Teams then have until the date of their first tournament to work on the challenges. All challenges include an acting portion, rehearsed or on the spot. Besides the acting, each challenge offers a unique trait that requires the team to do.

**Memorial Day**- garbage and  
recycle collection will be  
**delayed** one day due to the  
holiday. Please have gar-  
bage set out on Tuesday,  
May 28th by 7 a.m.