

Elected Officials:

Mayor-Allan Adams

Council-

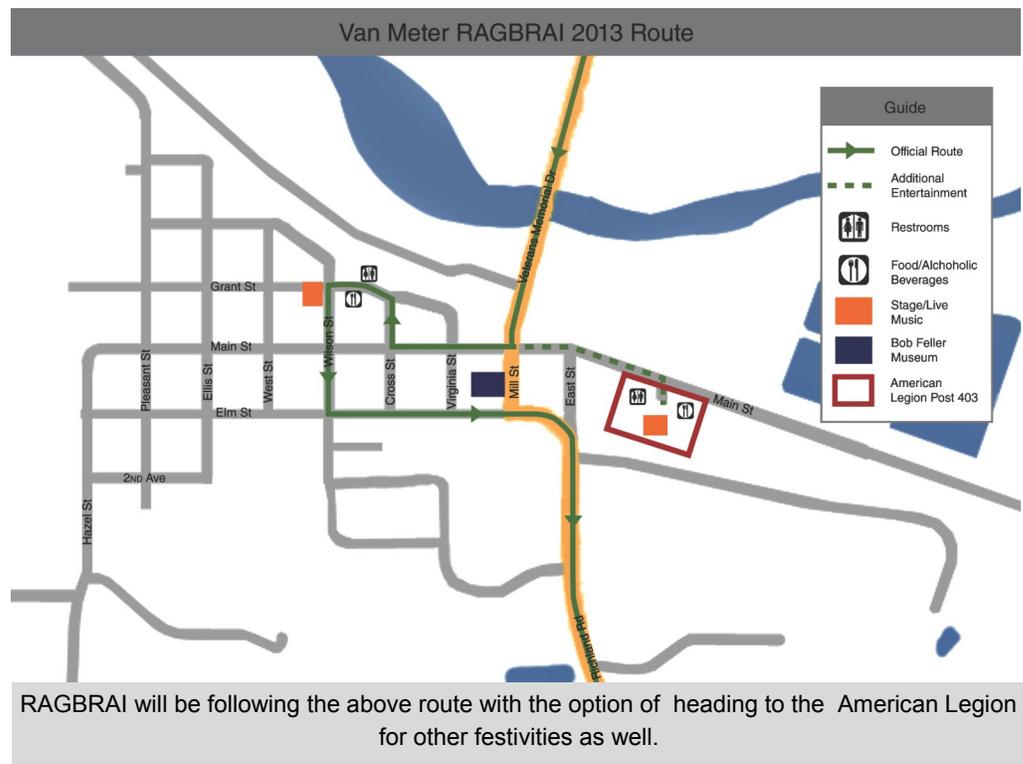
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RAGBRAI—JULY 23RD



Join us in celebrating Van Meter, where veterans rest at the home of baseball's best, and help support the American Legion!

Although Van Meter is a "pass-through" town, our town has been predicted as the big stop of the day for riders. Approximately 25000+ riders are predicted to come through town.

If You Live On or Near the Route:

All residents should plan on entering and exiting town via Hazel Street, as both Richland Road and Veterans Memorial Drive will be part of the RAGBRAI route. Volunteers will be regulating traffic in and out of town on Hazel Street in order to prevent RAGBRAI busses and visitors from parking near the festivities. If you live on the route, please plan on your street being **shut down from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM that day**. You will not be able to drive out of or into your property. Please park in the school parking lot. The main entrance to the school parking lot on East Street will not be accessible so plan on entering at the gate on Wilson Street.



Volunteers:

We are predicted to be **the** big stop of the day. **We desperately need volunteers!** The Van Meter RAGBRAI Committee has predicted that 300+ volunteers will be needed. Please sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D4FA9A82FA75-vmragbrai>. We also need volunteers with gators and golf carts to help transport supplies throughout the day. Van Meter School students have the option to earn service hours while volunteering during the event as well.

Vendors:

We still need vendors! Interested vendors should fill out an application found at <http://vanmeteria.gov/ragbrai-2/visitors/vendors/>. Local groups are strongly encouraged to participate! The Van Meter RAGBRAI

Committee is now offering a rebate for the vending fee to encourage vendors to participate. All vending documents can be found on the city website. The community of Van Meter will also be selling burgers, hot dogs, chicken sandwiches, chips, fruit, pie, and drinks in an effort to raise money for the American Legion Reception Center.

Entertainment:

South Dallas County Crew Cut Cowboy Band and Exit 113 will be performing on two different stages, and water activities will be available! **Have a band or want to be a part of the entertainment?** Please email ragbrai@vanmeteria.gov. We would be happy to have you!

T-Shirts:

Van Meter RAGBRAI t-shirts are for sale to those interested. Please see the design and order form on at <http://vanmeteria.gov/ragbrai-2/residents/ragbrai-van-meter-t-shirts/>. Orders are due July 5. Shirts can be picked up at City Hall after July 15.

Trash/Recycle Containers Needed:

We need to borrow approximately 50-75 trash and recycle bins for the day of RAGBRAI. We will put a note on your bins the week prior to the event and ask that you leave them out for us to pick up Monday evening, July 22. The city will return your empty container Wednesday, July 24. Doing this will save the city up to \$2000 on trash costs for the event. **Please help by volunteering your bin!**

Join us in the festivities! Hope to see you there!

Postal News – RAGBRAI

On Tuesday, July 23 the community of Van Meter will be entertaining the many bike riders that will be passing through town. Due to the number of riders, the Post Office expects that there may be some impact on mail delivery that day. The street in front of the Post Office will be blocked off which may make it impossible to get to the Post Office to pick up mail or do postal business. We may also have some impact to customers who have mailboxes on the RAGBRAI route the riders will be taking through town. Until the day arrives we truly don't know exactly what we may encounter, but we want you to know that every effort to deliver everyone's mail that day will be attempted. If we are unable to get to your mailbox we will bring your mail back to the Post Office for delivery the next business day. If you have questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us at 996-2458.

Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding as we host this very exciting event in our community.

Lisa Eittrich, Postmaster Van Meter

Library News Check it Out!



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*"That beautiful season the summer!
Filled was the air with a dreamy and magical light;
And the landscape Lay as if new created in all the freshness of childhood."
~Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*

Happy 4th of July—Be sure to celebrate our freedoms in America!

The summer kids and teens programs have really taken off. We have another strong year with large numbers turning out and even more teens participating than ever! Contest winners will be posted in the August newsletter! This is a very tight competition.

Be sure to stop in the library this summer and see what we have to offer. Whether you have been playing outside or swimming in the pool, be sure to come in and cool off. We have items on gardening, lawn care, vacations, being thrifty, crocheting, quilting, art, and sports just to name a few.

We also offer **DVDs**! Some are older and great for families, and some are new! We have "Lincoln," "Pollyanna," "Black Beard's Ghost," "Magical Summer," "Bedknobs and Broomsticks," "Tom Sawyer," "Huckleberry Finn," "Pete's Dragon," "Grown-ups," "Parental Guidance" and more.

Enjoy your summer Van Meter!

Jolena Welker
Library Director

Please note that the library will be closed on Tuesday, July 23 as RAGBRAI comes through town.

NEW! Library Hours
Monday & Friday 9am—5pm
Tuesday Evening 3pm—8pm
Wednesday & Thursday 9am—8pm
Saturday Morning 9am—Noon

VAN METER FARMERS MARKET

SATURDAYS FROM 8:30 AM TO 11:30 AM

The Van Meter
Farmers Market
kicks off June 1st
and concludes
October 5th.

Stop down and support your favorite vendors each week in addition to welcoming an exciting mix of new vendors. We invite everyone to take advantage of the fresh weekly offerings including seasonal produce, baked goods, and handmade items.

LOCATION

The Farmers Market takes place in downtown Van Meter, on Grant Street, by City Hall and the Public Library, rain or shine! In the event of severe rain or inclement weather, vendors will set up indoors at the **b. organic exchange**, 408 Grant Street.

VENDOR INFORMATION

The vendor fee is only \$5.00 per vendor and is paid on a weekly basis. Everyone is looking forward to a jam-packed market each week, so bring the entire family and join in on the fun!

You will also want to make time to stop into the Library for their Saturday morning festivities

b. ORGANIC EXCHANGE

The b. organic exchange is a unique learning center with workshops, classes, open studio hours, and an eclectic market stocked with handmade goods out of natural and reclaimed materials, modern homesteading supplies and other healthy offerings. The b. organic exchange will also be the pick-up site for Van Meter's Organic Garden Destination CSA members each week - Fridays from 3:30p.m.-5:00p.m. To inquire about any remaining CSA member shares, visit them online at: www.gardendestination.com; or by phone: 515.993.4100.

We continue to work on ways to grow the Van Meter Farmers Market, if you are interested in becoming a vendor (or) farmers market volunteer please don't hesitate to contact us:

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Pursuant to Iowa Code, Section 727.2, “any person using or exploding any fireworks commits a simple misdemeanor.” In addition to other penalties, punishment for violation of this Code section includes an assessment of a fine of at least \$250. The City has an interest in both protecting its citizens and enforcing Iowa law, and it intends to enforce any violations under this provisions. Please refrain from either using or exploding, or permitting the use or explosion of prohibited fireworks within the City. Call Police Chief Daggett at 515-202-4154; or Dallas County Dispatch at 515-993-4567 to report any violations.



VAN METER POLICE DEPARTMENT ADDS NEW RESERVE OFFICER

I would like to introduce a new member of the Van Meter Police Department.

Officer Brandon Carter who was sworn in by Mayor Adams on April 8th. He is a Chef at 801 Chophouse and has served in the United States Army. He is finishing his certification for EMT-A in Iowa and served as a reserve officer in Indiana.

It is my goal to use the program to enhance police services to the community and provide for as much patrol coverage as possible with well trained and certified Iowa law enforcement officers. As additional members are appointed to the department I will introduce them to the community through the newsletter.

VAN METER POLICE/FIRE EXPLORER POST

On July 1, 2013 the Van Meter Police Department in cooperation with all other Dallas County law enforcement will initiate a law enforcement/fire explorer post. The post will meet for the first time in the beginning of July. It is for males and females 14 to 18 years of age who have completed the 8th grade. The cadets assist with major events, ride with sworn officers and train in real law enforcement and fire scenarios with their safety in mind. If you are interested in being a part of the post contact Chief Daggett at 515-202-4154 or pickup an application at City Hall.



SLOW DOWN!! CHILDREN AT PLAY IN OUR HOMETOWN



Please remember— with Summer— comes the increase of children playing in and near our streets. Please slow down and give them a brake...



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Find us on Facebook!

Thanks to everyone who celebrated Raccoon River Days 2013!

Thanks to everyone for all of the support and
participation of the event!

Save the date for next year

June 6-8, 2014.

COMING SOON—Photos from this year!

Visit www.vanmeteria.gov to view pictures from

a family Raccoon River Days *event*



New Markers for Disc Golf at Johnson Park—Check out the new tee markers recently added to the Johnson Park disc golf course. The tee markers indicate from which side a player should throw the disc. Thanks to Mike Bullis for leading the effort to add the markers. Others instrumental in making the signs and getting them installed were Ben Bright, Isaac Bright, Eric Winkelman, Dylan Frascht and C.J. Kiley. Thank You all for improving the course and enhancing the player experience!

