

Van Meter News

August 2013

Elected Officials:

Mayor-Allan Adams

Council-

- Becca Wiederholt, Mayor Pro Tem
- Richard Booge
- Adam Coyle
- Bob Lacy
- Kim Sacker

City Staff:

- Jake Anderson-
City Administrator
515-954-6094
- Liz Thompson-
Deputy Clerk
515-669-6396
- Dave Herman-
Public Works
515-240-9280
- Chad Gillespie-
Assist. Public Works
515-371-9933
- Bill Daggett-
Chief of Police
515-202-4154
- Jolena Welker-
Library Director
515-996-2435
- Gary Herrick-
Fire Chief
- Dallas County
Non-emergency -
515-993-4567
- Emergency—911



RAGBRAI 2013



Photo by Lisa Hess



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RAGBRAI's visit to Van Meter was a huge success! Positive comments keep rolling in! Thank you to all for your help, patience and positivity! We could not have done it without **YOU!**



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Photo by Sharlotte Peterson



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Library News Check it Out!



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Hello! I wanted to share special and fun information about August. This is information from the internet so it must be true! :)

August is "Admit you're Happy month" and "Romance Awareness Month." The first week in August is "Simplify Your Life week!" OK— I can't make this stuff up! August 4th is National Forgiveness Day, August 8th is "Sneak Zucchini on your Neighbor's porch Day," August 12th is "Middle Child Day," August 17th is "Bad Poetry Day," and August 27th is "Just Because Day"

I hope everyone is having a great summer. I know I am and so are the kids and teens. I have to say these kids and teens are making me very proud of all the reading and learning they have been doing this summer. There were a total of 3,025 books read this summer!!



2013 Summer Reading Winners



Most of you know I have a new assistant. Her name is Michelle Boren. She graduated from Van Meter High School in 2010. Be sure to stop in and say Hello!

The book club in August will be reading and discussing "The Pilot's Wife." The knitting and crocheting group meets on the second Thursday of each month. We also need to have a teen advisory meeting in August. Watch the city Facebook for more information.

I would like to let everyone know I did receive my certification from the state Library. I would also like to state that the trustee board has a new President and Vice President. Rachel Backstrom is our new president and Lisa Boyd our new VP. Please be sure to thank them and the rest of the board for their work to make the library awesome.

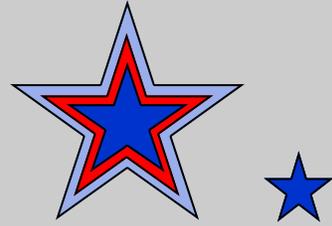
We have quite a few new DVD's in—"Argo," "Life of PI," "Lincoln," and many others.

New books for adults, young adults and kids are aplenty. **BUT** this month I would like to challenge you to check out an older read. Maybe biographies, classics or fairy tales. We have great reads. I really love books by Miss Read and Eugenia Price. I also love the true stories on adventures in Alaska and places in the wild. Helen Hoover and Gary Paulsen are two of my favorite authors in this genre.

Please stop in and check out all your library has to offer. I hope to see you soon! Jolena

Wendell Moon Productions is looking for people in the Van Meter area to be interviewed for the TV series "Monsters and Mysteries in America." As they know no one is still alive that experienced 1903, but they are looking for individuals who may have had more information or have experienced other odd occurrences. If you would like to contact them call Jolena at the library and I will give you their information. Thank you!

CITY ELECTION



City Councilmembers Richard Booge, Adam Coyle, and Becca Wiederholt have terms that end on December 31, 2013. Copies of nomination papers are available at the city clerk’s office, county auditor’s office, or on the Secretary of State’s website: <http://sos.iowa.gov/elections/electioninfo/CityElections.html>



For those interested in running for council, the time-frame in which the City Clerk is allowed to accept nomination papers is from Monday, August 26, 2013 to Thursday, September 19, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. Nomination papers must be filed during the filing period. The affidavit of candidacy and nomination petitions must be filed together or they will be rejected. There are no filing fees in Iowa .

City council meetings are held on the second Monday of each moth. Anyone considering candidacy is encouraged to attend a meeting.

Candidate qualifications include the following:



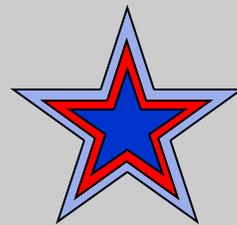
A candidate must be an eligible elector in the city and city ward (if any) at the time of the election. An eligible elector meets all of the requirements to register to vote but does not have to be registered to vote.

[§376.4(1)]

An eligible elector **MUST**:



- Be a citizen of the United States,
- Be a resident of Iowa, and
- Be at least 18 years old.



An eligible elector may **NOT**:

- Be a convicted felon (unless voting rights have been restored by the president or governor),
- Be currently judged incompetent to vote by a court, and
- Claim the right to vote in any other place.



Vote November 5

VAN METER FARMERS MARKET

SATURDAYS FROM 8:30 AM TO 11:30 AM

The Van Meter
Farmers Market is
open June 1st
through
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, 408 Grant Street invites. 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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Find us on Facebook!

WOO HOO! Back to School!

School Resumes
August 14

Drive Slowly!

Please Keep our
Children Safe!



I would like to extend a huge **THANK YOU** to the RAGBRAI committee, all of our volunteers, the American Legion, Department of Public Safety and City Staff. All of your hard work and dedication made the event a huge success. The positive comments about the flags, our Legion building, the apple pie and our great community were numerous. The credit goes to each and every one of you. I would also like to thank all of our citizens for their help and patience with the event, the setup and clean up. I know we inconvenienced a few of you, but all of us appreciate it and the riders enjoyed our community.

Thank You!

Mayor Allan Adams

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RAGBRAI T-SHIRTS—back by popular demand! We are going to be placing another order for t-shirts. Forms can be found on our website. The cost is \$15 and are due Friday, August 9.

Garbage Collection—
Tuesday, Sept. 3rd
due to Labor Day!

To recycle televisions, computers or other appliances take them to:

Environmental Services of Iowa
2221 Brickyard Road
Adel, Iowa
993-1870

There is a fee associated with the recycling. Please call them for hours of operation and for a fee schedule.

This is a great green alternative to taking them to the landfill!