

# Van Meter News

July 2015

**Elected Officials:**

**Mayor**-Allan Adams

**Council-**

- Bob Lacy,  
Mayor Pro Tem
- Mike Peterson
- Kim Sacker
- Owen Stump
- Beth Tweed



**City Staff:**

- Jake Anderson-  
City Administrator  
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- Liz Thompson-Clerk  
515-669-6396
- Dave Herman-  
Public Works  
515-240-9280
- Chad Gillespie-  
Public Works  
515-371-9933
- Alex Brayton -  
Parks & Rec Coordinator  
515-518-5734
- Dorothy Knight-  
Librarian  
515-996-2435
- Bill Daggett-  
Chief of Police  
515-202-4154
- Jon Bruen-Fire Chief
- Dallas County  
Non-emergency -  
515-993-4567
- Emergency—911

## FLOOD OF 2015



Mother Nature struck again! It was 2008 when the rec complex was last under water and now seven years later we are faced with the daunting task of another clean up. As the mighty Racoon recedes we will focus our efforts on the baseball and softball fields. Anyone who is interested in helping should contact city hall. Any help is very much appreciated!

## PARKS & REC COORDINATOR HIRED



The new Parks and Recreation Coordinator, Alex Brayton, started June 1 and has been working with several established organizations throughout the community while trying to update and maintain existing facilities. During the month of July, the Parks and Recreation department will look to expand their programming to include weekly family events, youth activities leading up to the school year, regular recreation programming, and much more.

Alex earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Northern Iowa before moving on to the University of Iowa for his Master's in Recreation and Sport Management. Through his first month of employment, Alex has enjoyed getting to know the people of Van Meter and looks forward to continuing that work and advancing the recreational opportunities for the citizens of the community.



### Hours

Monday : 9—5 PM  
 Tuesday : 12—8 PM  
 Wednesday : 9—5 PM  
 Thursday : 12—8 PM  
 Friday : 9—5 PM  
 Saturday : 9—12 PM



Phone: 515-996-2435  
 Email: [library@vanmeteria.gov](mailto:library@vanmeteria.gov)  
[vanmeteria.gov/library](http://vanmeteria.gov/library)

## 2015 Summer Reading Program

### How does it work?

#### Kids:

Time Card: Mark each day you read 20 minutes or more. After 14 days, come in for a half-way prize. After 28 days, come in for your finisher prize and enter a chance to win a grand prize! Can't read on your own? No problem! If someone reads TO you for at least 20 minutes, that counts as your reading time.

#### Teens:

This year, Teens can choose between keeping track of their time, or completing a BINGO card.

Time Card: It's the same as the Kids Time Card, but instead of 20 minutes a day, you have to read 1 hour!

BINGO Card: Each square contains a different challenge! Complete 3 bingo squares and receive a prize. Complete 6 BINGO squares and receive a half-way prize. Complete all 9 BINGO squares to receive a final prize and be entered into the grand prize drawing.

#### Adults:

BINGO Card: It's the same as the Teen BINGO Card, but the challenges are different!

### BONUS ROUND!

Read an extra 21 days or complete another BINGO card for a 2nd entry into the grand prize drawing!

Grand Prizes this year will include: Family Membership to the Zoo, Kindle Fire HD, Family Membership to the Science Center, assorted Gift Cards, and Surprise Goodie Bags.

If you haven't picked up a reading card yet, there's still time! Visit the library and get yours today!

**Last day to turn in your card for prizes is August 7th. Grand Prize winners will be posted August 8th.**



# Book Corner

## Events

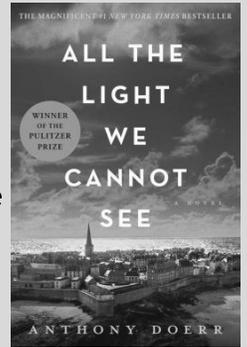
### Library Movie Theater!

#### Movie Days In July!

- ◆ Thur. July 9, 10:00 AM : Despicable Me 2 - PG
- ◆ Sat. July 11, 1:00 PM: Guardians of the Galaxy - PG 13
- ◆ Thur. July 16, 10:00 AM: The Incredibles - PG
- ◆ Sat. July 25, 1:00 PM: McFarland USA - PG
- ◆ Thur. July 30 10:00 AM: Big Hero 6 - PG



New York Times bestseller and 2015 Pulitzer Prize winner in Fiction, "All the Light We Cannot See" tells the story of a blind French girl and a German boy whose paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II. Deftly interweaving the lives of Marie-Laure and Werner, Doerr illuminates the ways, against all odds, people try to be good to one another. This book will engulf you in its story, to the point where you



won't be able to put it down.

### Drop-in Make & Take Tuesday

Tuesdays during July between 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM. Each week will feature a different project. Get creative and have fun!

### Food Drive : July 6 - July 11

The Library will be collecting non-perishable food to donate to the Adel Good Samaritan Food Pantry. Contact the Library or go to our website for more information.

### The Library is going to the Farmers' Market!

Come see us **August 6th** at the Farmers' Market! We will have fun activities and treats for everyone. While you're there, find out more about what your library has to offer!

### Advice for your Device

We offer help with Apple devices, Kindle, Nook, Android , many types of computer software, and more! Contact the library to find out how you can sign up for a specialized technology help session. Just have a quick question about your device or computer? Stop in any time!

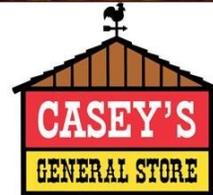


**Saturday July 18th, 2015**

Van Meter Fire and Rescue and Stivers Lincoln Ford  
are proud to present the 2015 Street Dance



In front of the Public Safety Building  
in downtown Van Meter  
Food available for purchase  
Gates Open at 5pm  
Beer Garden Opens at 6pm  
**LASER DJ** 8pm to midnight.





Good Samaritan Food Pantry of Adel  
 115 S 10th St, Adel  
 (United Methodist Church)

## Parents in the Van Meter School District

Do you need a little help giving your children meals and snacks this summer?

The Good Samaritan Food Pantry would like to help by starting a new program to provide meals for children in the ADM and Van Meter school districts.

We will provide a bag with 7 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 14 snacks for each child once a week.

To use this program we ask that you bring a picture ID and a piece of mail with your name at your current address. We also need birth dates of all members in your household.

Our hours for this program will be 5:00—7:00 pm Wednesdays beginning July 1 through August 12.



If you are working people who have been unable to use the food pantry during our regular daytime hours you may come at this time also. Please bring your most recent pay stub along with the above mentioned items.

Good Samaritan Food Pantry of Adel  
 115 S 10th St, Adel  
 (United Methodist Church)  
 Use steps on West side of the church under the awning  
 515.423.0753



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## Thanks to everyone who celebrated Raccoon River Days 2015!

Thanks to everyone for all of the  
support and  
participation of the event!  
Save the date for next year

June 3-5, 2016.

*a family community event*



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.

**July 2015**  
**Recycling Schedule**  
**Monday, July 13**  
**Monday, July 27**

## SHOW SOME RESPECT Iowa Civility Project

Respect:  
given, not earned.



### 10 Ways to Show Respect

1. Treat people how you want to be treated.
2. Be tolerant of differences.
3. Use good manners.
4. Be considerate of the feelings of others.
5. Listen to other people's viewpoints.
6. Don't gossip.
7. Rely on facts, not assumptions
8. Do what you say you'll do.
9. Deal peacefully with disagreements.
10. Be kind online.

Others shouldn't have to earn your respect. Give respect freely, regardless of the respect that you receive.

Why? Because everyone has worth as a human being and deserves our respect. You don't have to like everyone and you don't have to agree with them.

Their opinions may make your blood boil and their actions may make you cringe. Treating people with respect does not mean that you endorse their ideas or behaviors. It means that you are willing to show respect to an individual without agreeing with their decisions.

#### Show Some Respect

Improving respect and civility in our community isn't someone else's job. It can start with you.

The Show Some Respect campaign urges Iowans to be respectful and encourage others to do the same. To help you get started, we'll provide tips for navigating tough situations in a respectful way.

Whether you need help teaching your kids about manners or want to be more open to other opinions, we can help you show some respect.

#### Iowa Civility Project

The Iowa Civility Project is a partnership of Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines, Interfaith Alliance of Iowa, Drake University, and the Greater Des Moines Partnership.

[ShowSomeRespectIowa.org](http://ShowSomeRespectIowa.org)

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