

*****Tentative Events*****

June 1st – June 3rd, 2018

VM Raccoon River Days/Sesquicentennial

**This year's theme is: "Tradition with a Vision
Celebrating 150 Years"**

Grand Marshal – Shirley Jackson

Friday

Little Mr. & Miss Van Meter Contest Sponsored by University Kids- 6:00pm (FREE registration 5:30-6:00pm)

Location: Fire Station 505 Grant – Ages 4-6

Trivia – GroVer Flavors 7:30pm

Mongo Tom and DJ Heavy C – Karaoke at GroVer Flavors– following Trivia estimated 9pm

Saturday

BBQ Contest – starting at 6am 505 Grant Fire Station. Meat will be provided and then used for evening dinner. Sponsored by EBANK and BBQ Contestants

Raccoon River Days 5K Run– registration 7am @ American Legion Post 403 Shelter

Race starts at 8am – proceeds go to Raccoon River Days Events.

Farmers Market – 8:30am – 11:00am by Fire Station/ Library Area

Library – open 9am-3pm Summer Reading Kickoff – Library's Rock!

Float Contest – Judging @ 9:45am (Cash prizes – 1st - \$75, 2nd - \$25)

Parade – 10am (registration 9-9:45am) Parade begins at High School

Commentary on parade will be broadcast downtown across from Post Office.

MONEY DROP – Immediately following the parade downtown. Ages 2-10

(Sponsored by the Fire Fighters Association)

Community Band Performance – Immediately following the parade downtown

Train Rides – Trip 1 (8:30am-9:15am) Trip 2 (11:45-12:30) Trip 3 (1:00-1:45)

Sponsored by Iowa Interstate Railroad and VM Fire Department suggested \$5 per person donation to VM Fire Department

History Hall – 11am- 2pm Historical photos, videos and collections on display in 408 Grant St. Contact Becca (515-210-2848) to get your memorabilia displayed.

Historical Bus Tour – Meet near Library Area at 12:45 pm for bus tour of city with stories from its history.

Lunch– available at Fire Station – 10:45 am -12:30 pm

Bags Tournament – 1pm –505 Grant Fire Station - \$20 per team email Jay Olson jolson@vanmeteria.gov or call 515-996-2644. Cash prizes!

Beer Garden -1pm-10pm – near Fire Station

All School Reunion – Informal gathering – 5:00 pm 505 Grant St near Fire Station

Games, Activities – at Fire Station/Library area starting at 6:00pm Wristbands \$5 gets you inflatables and games.

Inflatables, Rides & other games.

PIE Baking Contest – 6pm Library 505 Grant St (registration 5-5:45pm)

Dinner served by EBANK– 5:00-7pm free will donation

Photo Booth – 5:30-9:30pm

Fun for all Ages 6-10pm!

Mechanical Bull (waiver needed), Cars Slide,

Bungee Run, Rock Climbing Wall, Obstacle Course, Animal Kingdom and Bounce House for toddlers.

New this year Zoo Crew – Animal Riders check them out on Facebook

The Sons of Gladys Kravitz Band- Live Music – 7-10pm

Pie Auction – 7:30 pm

Fireworks @ Dusk

Sunday

Legion Breakfast – 7:30 am – 12:30 pm omelets, pancakes, biscuits & gravy.

Donuts, Coffee and Juice – 9:45am American Legion Post 403 Memorial Garden Shelter – free will donation!

All Community Church Service – 10:30am American Legion Post 403 Memorial Garden Shelter limited seating please bring lawn chairs! 910 Main Street Van Meter, IA

Community Tree Planting Ceremony– following Church service – estimated 11:30. Van Meter Community Schools.

Ice Cream Social – 12:30pm Van Meter Performing Arts Courtyard – free will donation

Bill Riley Talent Search – 1pm Van Meter Performing Arts Center – contact Tom Walton 515-283-8003 or 515-729-1982, twalton@nyemaster.com

Please visit the city website for entry forms and more information www.vanmeteria.gov

Questions contact - RaccoonRiverDays@gmail.com Becca Wiederholt (515-210-2848) or Leslie Herman (515-669-4038)



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**All evening events Downtown Van Meter 505 Grant St.
Bring a lawn chair.
Shuttles available from School parking lot**

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