

Van Meter News

June 2018

CITY OF VAN METER

Theme:

TRADITION WITH A VISION
CELEBRATING 150 YEARS!

Grand Marshall:

SHIRLEY JACKSON

RACCOON RIVER DAYS JUNE 1ST—JUNE 3RD, 2018

Friday

Little Mr. & Miss Van Meter Contest Sponsored by University Kids—
6p (*FREE* registration 5:30—6p)

Location: Fire Station 505 Grant – Ages 4-6

Trivia—GroVer Flavors 7:30p

Mongo Tom and DJ Heavy C—Karaoke at GroVer Flavors—
following Trivia 9p estimated start time

Saturday

- **BBQ Contest—**starting at 6a 505 Grant Fire Station. Meat will be provided and used for the evening meal.
Sponsored by EBANK and BBQ Contestants
- **Raccoon River Days 5K Run—**7a registration American Legion Post 403 Shelter;
Race starts at 8a—proceeds go to Raccoon River Days
- **Farmers Market—**8:30-11a by Fire Station/ Library (505 Grant Street)
- **Library—**9a—3p Summer Reading Kickoff – **Library's Rock!**
- **Float Contest—**9:45a Judging (Cash prizes— 1st \$75; 2nd \$25)
- **Parade—**10a (registration 9-9:45a) 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 (8:30a-9:15a) Trip 2 (11:45a-12:30p) Trip 3 (1p-1:45p)
Sponsored by Iowa Interstate Railroad and VM Fire Department suggested \$5 per person donation to VM Fire Department
- **History Hall – 11a- 2p** 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 12:45p for bus tour of city with stories from its history.
- **Lunch—available at Fire Station—**10:45a -12:30p
- **Bags Tournament—**VRC—1p. \$20 per team; cash prizes! to register email Jay Olson; jolson@vanmeteria.gov
- **Beer Garden—**1p—10p near fire station
- **All School Reunion—**Informal gathering at 5p 505 Grant Street
- **Games, Activities—**at the Veterans Reception Center starting at 6pm
- **PIE baking Contest—**6p (registration 5-5:45p)
- **Dinner served by EBANK—**5-7p—free will donation
- **Photo Booth—**5:30-9:30p

All evening events will be held
Downtown Van Meter—
505 Grant St.
Bring a lawn chair.

Shuttles available from the school
parking lot

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- 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 – 7-10p
- **Pie Auction** – 7:30p
- **Fireworks @ Dusk**

Sunday

- **Legion Breakfast**—7:30a-12:30p—omelets, pancakes, biscuits & gravy.
- **Donuts, Coffee and Juice**—9:45a Am Legion Post 403
- **Memorial Garden Shelter**—free will donation!
- **All Community Church Service**—10:30a Am 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 11:30a. **Van Meter Community Schools.**
- **Ice Cream Social**—12:30p VM Performing Arts Courtyard—free will donation
- **Bill Riley Talent Search**—1p VM Performing Arts Center—contact Tom Walton 515-283-8003 or 515-729-1982; or twalton@nyemaster.com

Sponsors

Premium Platinum Level

American Legion Post 403

City of Van Meter

City Wide Heating & Cooling

Edge Commercial

Bill and Susan Knapp

Platinum Level

American Legion Post 403 Auxiliary

BioLife Plasma Services

Earlham Savings Bank

Fat Randi's Bar & Grill

MidAmerican Energy

Nyemaster—Tom Walton

Van Meter Veterinary Clinic

Waste Connections

Gold Level

Bernhardt & Smith orthodontics

Casey's General Store

Craft Cottage

Des Moines Dermatology

Gotcha Games

Midwest Family Lending—

Jason Pleggenkuhle

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Silver Level

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Allan Adams

Integrated Sales Inc

Jim Lavia Construction

Jones Creek Apparel

Rich & Jeri Hudnut – Iowa Realty

The Law Shop

Second Generation Floor Covering

Suellen's In-Home Daycare

Van Pelt Painting

Wyant Flooring

Special Thanks

City of Van Meter

Gayle O'Brien

Van Meter Community Betterment

Van Meter Community School

Van Meter Public Library

Van Meter Fire Department

Van Meter Fire Association

Van Meter Public Safety

Van Meter Baptist Church

Van Meter United Methodist Church

Questions

CONTACT

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515-210-2848

Leslie Herman

515-669-4038



Volunteers still needed!! Sign up by following this link:

<https://signup.com/client/invitation/6775657374/1895086/false#!1895086/false/false>

June 2018



Daily Admission is \$6.00

Recreational Swimming Bus – 2018

Where: Adel Aquatic Center

When: Tuesday and Thursday Afternoons

➔ First Day – Tuesday, June 5
Last Day – Thursday, August 9

- Transportation only is being provided and please remember ... the bus driver and lifeguards are NOT babysitters
• Emergency info below must be completed for each child & given to the bus driver their first day on the bus
• Kids are responsible for displaying exemplary behavior both on the bus and at the pool.

This opportunity is a privilege. Please respect it and Let's have a fun-filled summer!!!

Bus Pickup Schedule
NOTE: If the bus reaches full capacity, that's as many swimmers as we can take that day!
Tuesdays
Group 1.
12 Noon -Departs Methodist Church
3:00 PM - Departs pool & returns to Church
Group 2.
12:50 PM – Departs VM School Parking Lot
1:00 PM – Departs Crestview (Bus stop at Tracy & Bulldog)
4:00 PM – Departs pool & returns to VM
Thursdays
12:15 PM – Departs University Kids
12:30 PM - Departs VM School Parking Lot
12:45 PM – Departs Crestview
1:00 PM – Departs Hickory Lodge (Bus stop at Hickory Lodge Drive & Hickory Ridge Drive)
4:00 PM – Depart pool & return to VM

The bus driver must have this information for each child. Complete & bring the first day they go swimming.

Recreational Swimming Emergency Information

Participant's Name Last First Middle Initial
Home Address

In case of an emergency, notify the following:

#1 Contact:
Name:
Relationship:
Phone #:

#2 Contact:
Name:
Relationship:
Phone #:

Health Information: Personal Doctor/Clinic
City Phone #

Hospital of Choice

Medical history, allergies, medications taken and any other information that a doctor or First Responder should be aware of:

Ph. (515) 996-2435

www.vanmeteria.gov/library

LIBRARY NEWS

Each week we will be having two Story Times, with the same theme, so everyone will have a chance to join. We will continue with the Tuesday evening Nighty-Night Story Time at 6:30p, and will add a Wednesday morning Story Time at 10:30a. Tweens and teens can join us for creative time Wednesday afternoons at 3p and all are invited to our Friday Movie Matinees at 1:45p.

We also have some special events planned. An interactive movie showing of Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory for tweens and teens will be shown on Wednesday, June 13 at 3p. There will be golden tickets for all, fizzy lifting drinks, golden eggs, and of course, candy for all. On June 23 at 1p the park and street in front of the library will be filled with the sound of drumbeats. Soten Taiko is central Iowa's only taiko drumming group. The name of the group translates as "Blue Sky" Taiko. Our goal is to share the ancient sounds of taiko drumming under the blue skies of Iowa.

The Blank Park Zoo will be sharing 'Animal Sounds and Stories' on June 25 at 10:30a. We all have a story to tell and so do the animals at the zoo! Our stories come alive with sound and movement as we discover the many ways animals communicate. Join a zoo educator and animals from the zoo's Education Department during this fun and interactive program.

For the teens and adults who are music lovers we have a presentation entitled 'The Words You Hear, The Songs You Sing: Lyrics as Literature' on June 28 at 7p. When we listen to music, there are usually two parts: the tune and the lyrics. The tune can elevate our hearts and souls, but so can the lyrics if we take the time to listen. Whether the songs are from Frank Sinatra or Sammy Hagar, the words we hear can tell a story that can be just as meaningful as the songs we sing.

In July, Dallas County naturalist, Mike Havlik, is hosting a "Nature Rocks! Kid's Concert" on the 11th at 10:30a. Weather permitting, we will be outside and encourage people to bring lunches to enjoy after the program. He plays guitar and his songs are participatory and fun!

Our last special program of the summer will be a petting zoo without animals! The Des Moines Symphony will be at the library on July 25 at 10:30a. During the Petting Zoo, children will explore the following: listening to the difference between stringed instruments, exploring the different parts of the violin and cello, learning about the instrument's sounds and dynamics. Their hands-on experience will include: introductory time on the violin and cello, bowing all four strings, and holding the violin and cello on their own.



Summer Reading 2018

Visit the library to sign up for all the summer fun! The reading program begins on June 2 during Raccoon River Days, but you can sign up at any time after June 2nd. The whole family can get involved with programs, reading logs, and prizes!

The Summer Reading Program runs from June 2 – August 3. We will not have Story Times or the Tween/Teen Crafting time during the week of July 4. If you have any questions, please contact the library at 515-996-2435 or library@vanmeteria.gov.

Please stop in to see us!



2017 WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR VAN METER MUNICIPAL WATER WORK

This report contains important information regarding the water quality in our water system. The source of our water is groundwater. Our water quality testing shows the following results:

CONTAMINANT	MCL - (MCLG)	Compliance		Date	Violation Yes/No	Source
		Type	Value & (Range)			
Total Trihalomethanes (ppb) [TTHM]	80 (N/A)	LRAA	10.00	09/30/2017	No	By-products of drinking water chlorination
Lead (ppb)	AL=15 (0)	90th	ND	2017	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	AL=1.3 (1.3)	90th	0.29 (0.05 - 0.41)	2017	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
950 - DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM						
Fluoride (ppm)	4 (4)	SGL	0.669 (0.382-0.669)	2/16/17	No	Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Chlorine (ppm)	MRDL=4.0 (MRDLG=4.0)	RAA	1.0 (0.6 - 1.42)	09/30/2017	No	Water additive used to control microbes
02 - WELLS #2 ('68) AND #3('04) AFTER TRTMNT						
Barium (ppm)	2 (2)	SGL	0.14	07/08/2014	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Sodium (ppm)	N/A (N/A)	SGL	25	09/20/2017	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Added to water during treatment process
Nitrate [as N] (ppm)	10 (10)	SGL	1.66	2017	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits

Note: Contaminants with dates indicate results from the most recent testing done in accordance with regulations.

DEFINITIONS

- Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) – The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) -- The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- ppb -- parts per billion.
- ppm -- parts per million.
- pCi/L – picocuries per liter
- N/A – Not applicable
- ND -- Not detected
- RAA – Running Annual Average
- Treatment Technique (TT) – A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- Action Level (AL) – The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) - The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Elected Officials:

-Allan Adams, Mayor

Council Members—

-Kim Sacker,
Mayor Pro Tem

-Adam Coyle

-Joe Herman

-Lyn Lyon

-Steve Meyer

City Staff:

City Hall -
515-996-2644

David Herman-
Public Works

Michael Abbott-
Public Works

Suzanne Lindaman-
Library Director
515-996-2435

Bill Daggett-Police
Chief

Craig Greer-Officer
Dispatch: 515-993-4567

Jon Bruen-Fire Chief
515-996-9253

- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- SGL – Single Sample Result
- RTCR – Revised Total Coliform Rule
- NTU – Nephelometric Turbidity Units

GENERAL INFORMATION

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water posed a health risk. More information about contaminants or potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. VAN METER MUNICIPAL WATER WORK is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

This water supply obtains its water from the sand and gravel of the Alluvial aquifer. The Alluvial aquifer was determined to be highly susceptible to contamination because the characteristics of the aquifer and overlying materials provide little protection from contamination at the land surface. The Alluvial wells will be highly susceptible to surface contaminants such as leaking underground storage tanks, contaminant spills, and excess fertilizer application. A detailed evaluation of your source water was completed by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, and is available from the Water Operator at 515-996-2644.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions regarding this information or how you can get involved in decisions regarding the water system, please contact VAN METER MUNICIPAL WATER WORK at 515-996-2644.

City Council meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Legion Hall and are open to the public.