Price Named June Community VIP!

Congratulations to the Laurens June 2017 Community VIP, Allison Lund Price!! Allison was nominated for her efforts to bring back the summer ball program to Laurens as well as her involvement with the Laurens-Marathon Charger Pride group at the Laurens-Marathon Community School! The community members of Laurens appreciate all that you do, Allison! Congratulations again!
LAURENS 2017
SUMMER CELEBRATION & RALLY4VETERANS
JULY 7TH, 8TH & 9TH

FRIDAY
6:00 am - 2:00 pm: Breakfast & Lunch at The Baking Tink Bakery
11:00 am - 3:00 pm: German Iowa & The Global Midwest Traveling Exhibit at Laurens Public Library
12:00 pm: Rally 4 Veterans Kickoff Luncheon at Hy-Vee
4:30-7:30 pm: Pocahontas County Museum Open
4:30-7:30 pm: Car Show - 3rd Street (in front of City Park)
5:00 - 6:00 pm: Straight Story Building Open
5:00 - 7:00 pm: Kid's Kona Scoop Meal at Fire Station
5:00 - 7:00 pm: Happy Hour at Silver Dollar Saloon
5:30 - 7:30 pm: Pocahontas Ice Cream Sundae at City Park
5:00 - 8:00 pm: Full Dinner Menu at Laurens Golf & Country Club
5:30 - 9:30 pm: Tractor Rodeo by Laurens Equipment at LMPC Generator Building
6:00: Introduction of Grand Marshal in front of LMPC Generator Building
7:00 pm: History of Albert City Tubs-Byrnes with Connie Reinfurt at Laurens Public Library
7:00-9:00 pm: Movie by Laurens Area Youth Group at Laurens City Hall Basement
Before Nightfall: Glow in the Dark Bracelets for sale by Washington DC Group at Sportsman's Park
Nightfall: Fireworks at Sportsman's Park

SATURDAY
7:00 am - 10:00 am: pancakes at Fire Station
7:30 am: Registration for Color Run at Fit
8:00 am: 5K Color Run sponsored by T&T and Chargre Pride at Fit
8:00 am - 5:00 pm: Vintage Marketplace Open
9:00 am - 1:00 pm: German Iowa & The Global Midwest Traveling Exhibit at Laurens Public Library
9:40 am: Parade by Rollover to Havelock to Laurens Bike Ride - start at Plover City Park
9:50 am: Parade Set-up
10:00 am: Parade Begins - announcement at corner of 3rd and Main
10:00 am: Bloody Mary Buffet at Silver Dollar Saloon
10:50 am: Kiddie Train in front of Fire Station sponsored by Pocahontas Mutual Insurance Association
After Parade: Kids' Water Fight sponsored by Laurens Fire Department at Fire Station
After Parade: 4:00 pm: Laurens Sister City Wine Festival at City Park
11:00 am - 5:00 pm: See-Comes and桶Colored by Laurens Boy Scouts at City Park
11:00 am - 5:00 pm: Miniature Golf and Carnival Games at City Park by Laurens Boy Scouts
11:00 am - 4:00 pm: Yard Signs for Sale by Charger Pride at City Park
11:00 am - 10:00 pm: Uniforms for sale by Charger Pride at City Park
11:00 am - 10:00 pm: Hamburger and Chips by Methodist Men at City Park Shelter House
11:00 am - 10:00 pm: Pizza Rascal Buffet
11:00 am - 2:00 pm: Pie by the Slice by Methodist Women at City Hall
11:00 am - 7:00 pm: Museum Open with Kid Activities Outside
11:00 am - 8:00 pm: Carnival Games by Laurens Area Youth at City Park
11:00 am - 4:00 pm: Heart's House Open
Noon - 3:00 pm: Tacos in a Bag by the Masons - free will donation at City Park
Nooon - 5:00 pm: Russell Lachey, Singer/Guitarist sponsored by Sister City Commission at City Park
1:00 - 2:00 pm: Silent Auction of Numbered Uniforms by Charger Pride at LM Old Gym
1:00 - 5:00 pm: Rifle & Pistol Shoot - bring your own firearm at Laurens Gun Range ($5/person)
1:00 - 5:00 pm: Petting Zoo at City Park
1:00 - 5:00 pm: Straight Story Building Open
1:00 - 5:00 pm: Free Swim at Laurens Swimming Pool
2:00 pm: Golf Ball Drop by The Splash Committee at Laurens Swimming Pool
2:00 pm: Chuck Golf 2 Person Tournament at Sportsman's Park Shelter House ($5/person)
3:00 pm: Presentation of Colors at Rally Point
3:15-6:30 pm: Vocals by Sarah (Pohman) Hager at Rally Point
3:30-6:30 pm: 2 Person Bean Bag Tournament on 3rd Street in front of Auction Building (North of old Rally Point)
3:30-5:00 pm: A Photo Op at Rally Point
4:00 pm: Pork Chop Sandwiches and chips by VFW at Rally Point
4:30 pm: Guest Speaker Rally4Veterans Becky Beach for Pappy Jokes Foundation
5:00 - 7:00 pm: Pizza Rascal Buffet
6:30 pm: Auction for Rally4Veterans by Cory Minker
8:30 - 11:30 pm: Kris Karr Band in front of Rally Point

SUNDAY
10:00 am: Presentation of Colors at Laurens Golf & Country Club
10:15 am: 'Remember Our Vets' 15k Mile 2 Person Best Shot ($4/person includes lunch and dinner) at Laurens Golf & Country Club
10:30 am - Noon: Brunch by United Methodist Church at United Methodist Church

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JULY 7, 2017
5:30 -6:30 P.M.
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Field Trip Time!

The kids at the Laurens Public Library’s story time went on a short field trip to see how The Laurens City and Municipal Power and their workers “Build a Better World” by building a better Laurens.

Laurens Director of Public Works, Julian Johnsen, showed the kids all the pipes and tubes the water goes through to make it sparkling clean and delicious to drink. The kids thought this was pretty interesting, but weren’t sure they liked the smell in there!

Chad Cleveland, General Manager of Laurens Municipal Power and Communications, gave the kids a tour of the generator building and the opportunity to see the generators and controls up close. They seemed to be especially fascinated with that big louvered screen door that they open for ventilation when the generators are running.

The favorite stop for many of the kids was with Laurens Street Superintendent James Litwiller. He showed them the machines that help keep our City clean. He even let them climb up in a few of them! The kids were amazed when they noticed the street sweeper has 2 sets of controls so it can be driven from either position!
LAURENS SUMMER CELEBRATION

SHOW N’ SHINE

CAR, TRUCK, TRACTOR AND MOTORCYCLE SHOW

FRIDAY, JULY 7, 2017

LAURENS CITY PARK
260 N. 3RD STREET

4:30 – 7:30 P.M.

FREE REGISTRATION

VOTE ON MULTIPLE CATEGORIES

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Services Held for Robert L. Rigby

Robert L. Rigby - age 92, of Laurens, passed away on Monday, June 19, 2017, at the Laurens Care Center in Laurens, Iowa.

Robert Lloyd Rigby was born June 14, 1925, on a farm northeast of Laurens. He was the son of Douglas and Winnie (Peterson) Rigby. Bob attended Cummins #2 country school and then Mallard High School, graduating in 1942. Bob enlisted in the Army Air Force in 1943. After training, he became assistant Engineer and Nose Gunner on a B-24 Liberator Bomber. He and his crew joined the 15th Air Force, 464 Bomb Group in Italy. They flew 23 bombing missions against Nazi targets in Europe, until the conflict was over, ending WW II action. His crew had earned the Europe / Africa / Middle East Theater medal with five bronze campaign stars; Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, President’s Unit Citation, The American Theatre Ribbon, WW II Victory Medal and the Good Conduct Medal. After discharge from service, Bob returned to help his dad on the farm. He also worked on neighbors’ farms and bought a truck to do custom hauling.

In March of 1950, Bob married Mildred Blake in Jackson, Minnesota and the couple settled in Laurens, Iowa. To this marriage three sons were born; Allen, Kevin and Dennis. Beginning in 1947, he worked at the Laurens Implement (IHC) for 22 years as Parts Manager. Bob worked in the Parts Department of S & H Motors in Pocahontas and then as Parts Manager at Dudley Implement in Laurens. Later, he worked part-time for Jensen Spraying, Positech and as a truck driver for Bobalee. Millie passed away in May of 2014.

Bob was a member of the Laurens United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Men. Bob enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, gardening and reading. When he was younger, he was a private airplane pilot. A highlight in 2010 was to go on a WW II Honor Flight to Washington D.C. to see all of the monuments. He was especially thankful to Keith Hoffman and other local veterans for that trip. Bob served several years on the Laurens Senior Pioneers Board, was on the Laurens Fire Department for 17 years, was a 70-year member of the American Legion and a 56-year member of the VFW.

Survivors include his sons, Allen (Bobbi) Rigby of Aurora, CO; Kevin (Mary) Rigby of Vilonia, AR and Dennis (Jane) Rigby of Marion; six grandchildren, Shawn (Candice) Rigby of Sioux City; Joel (Liz) Rigby of Wellington, CO; Sarah Rigby of Springdale, AR; Nicole Rigby of Vilonia, AR; Mark Rigby of New York City and John Rigby of Los Angeles, CA; five great-grandchildren: Elyse, Rachel, Donavan, Ashton and Tommy; two great-great-grandchildren; sister, Jeanette Korrect of Laurens and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Millie; sister, Lucile Freeman; brothers-in-law, Chuck Blake, Harold Wicker, Darrell Korrect, Clyde Freeman, John Blake and sisters-in-law, Vi Blake, Elvera Blake and Dorothy Wicker.
At the Library
with Glenda Mulder
July 5, 2017

By the time you are reading this, I will most likely have picked up the exhibit and be ready to set it up! This “German Iowa and the Global Midwest” exhibit will be at our Library until July 17. It is a joint project of University of Iowa and Humanities Iowa. The 12 banners tell the story of German Iowans from when we became a state in 1846 through today. In the early 1900s, Germans were the largest ethnic group in the state, and even in 1990, over half of Iowans claimed German ancestry. Yet with the exception of the Amana Colonies, Iowa’s German heritage is largely invisible to modern eyes. This exhibit reminds us why we should not lose sight of the past, and it invites us to think about immigration, diversity, and power more broadly. German Iowans are one part of that larger story, which continues today.

I am also excited that we have an event on the calendar for the Town Celebration! Sandwiched between the Car Show and the Fireworks, Connie Reinert will be here Friday night at 7 o’clock to tell us of the history of Albert City Threshermen and Collector’s Show. As a member of the Board of Directors, Connie has a unique perspective and access to many behind the scenes stories and pictures. Join us to learn how, with the help of loyal volunteers, exhibitors and patrons, “Threshermen’s” has grown to be one of the best collector shows in the region. (7/7 at 7 pm, this has to bring us some sort of good luck, wouldn’t you think?!

Last Wednesday our story time had a “field trip” to see how some people are Building a Better Laurens, and help us “Build a Better World.” They got to tour Laurens Municipal Light & Power’s generator plant, The City of Laurens’ water treatment plant, and see firsthand some of the equipment needed to keep our city running smoothly. I’m a little sad that I didn’t get to go on these tours also, but someone had to stay back at the library and be an adult. Who would have thought I would be chosen for that?! Anyway, the fun continues as we “Build a Better World” each Wednesday at 1 o’clock and all day every Friday as we host LegoMania!

You’ve no doubt heard of the book “A Man Called Ove”? Well, it’s our Book Club choice for July, so stop and get a copy and join the discussion Monday, July 24th at 7 pm.

COMING EVENTS
• “Build a Better World” 1:00 pm every Wednesday
• “LegoMania” Every Friday 11 am to 5 pm
• Take it Tuesday - 1st Tuesday 6:30 Open card making!
• “German Iowa & the Global Midwest” July 5-17
• History of Albert City Threshermen and Collector’s Show with Connie Reinert 7 pm July 7
• Book Club 4th Monday at 7 pm

A group hug from the parents, children, director and board members of Kids Korner Daycare to all the businesses who supported the Kids Korner Daycare Golf Tournament. Our sponsor list was filled before we even got around to all. That’s how great our community is!!

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Rialto Theater  Tastefully Simple (MacKenzie Johnsen)
Pocahontas Community Hospital  Piercy Graphics  Cedar Creek Co.
Silver Dollar Saloon  Laurens Car Wash
Rally4Veterans

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, July 7, 2017
HyVee Drug Store kicks off Rally4Veterans!
Lunch in front for the HyVee Drug Store at noon

Saturday, July 8, 2017
3:00 pm  Presentation of Colors
3:15 pm  National Anthem sung by Chandler Todd & Sydney Harrold
3:30 - 6:30 pm “Sarah Sings” by Sarah Pohlman Hager
3:30 pm  Tickets and Assorted Items for Sale in Auction Building
Raffle Tickets on AIR CONDENSING UNIT donated by Hawk-I Plumbing, Inc.
MAUI MAT donated by Barefoot Bar
BAKED GOODS ★ TEE SHIRTS ★ HATS ★ KOOZIES
3:30 pm  Bean Bag Tournament, sign up at Rally Point, no fee
3:30 pm  Photo op! Get your cameras ready! Variety of cut-outs!
1951 Dodge / M-37 / Military Vehicle
4:00 pm  VFW serving Pork Chop Sandwiches, free will donation
4:30 pm  Guest Speaker, Becky Beach with Puppy Jakes Foundation
6:30 pm  Auction with Cory Minkler
8:30 - 11:30 pm  Kris Karr Band

Sunday, July 9, 2017
Laurens Golf & Country Club, 18-Hole 2 Person Best Shot
$40 per person  (call 712-841-2287 and sign up)
10:00 am  Presentation of Colors
10:15 am  Shotgun Start
Lunch:  Pulled Pork Sandwich, chips and cookie
Dinner:  Iowa Chops, baked potato and salad

The 2017 Fundraiser will be giving back to the counties having Rally4Veterans fundraisers. Each county on board will receive monetary donations for Honor Flights. ALL VETERANS deserve an opportunity to visit America’s Thank You. Tours are simply not possible without public support. An “Honor Flight Tour” is simply a small token of our appreciation and gratitude for all they have done.

Thank You for Your Support!

Rally4Veterans
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DOWNTOWN LAURENS 3:30-6:30PM

sarah sings.
JULY 8
ALL PROCEEDS WILL SUPPORT THE HONOR FLIGHT

SATURDAY, JULY 8TH
8:30 - 11:30PM
ALL PROCEEDS WILL SUPPORT THE HONOR FLIGHT
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Rally 4 Veterans
Golf Tournament Fundraiser
Sunday July 9, 2017

2 PERSON BEST SHOT
10:00 am PRESENTATION OF COLORS
10:15 am SHOTGUN START
$40/person
Includes 18 hole green fees, lunch & supper

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO HONOR FLIGHT

Sign up at Laurens Golf & Country Club
or call 712-841-2287
This Week at First Christian Church

Pastor Rev. Rita Cordell

Wednesday, July 5
1:00 p.m. - Willing Workers
7:00 p.m. - Mission Council

Friday, July 7
7:00 p.m. - AA

Sunday, July 9
9:30 a.m. - Worship followed by coffee fellowship

This Week at Bethany Lutheran Church

Thursday: July 6, 2017
7:00 PM - Hand Bell Rehearsal

Friday: July 7, 2017
5:00-7:30 PM - Bethany Sundae Stand at the city park for the Laurens Summer Celebration

Saturday: July 8, 2017
10:00 AM - Parade begins

Sunday: July 9, 2017
5th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 AM - Ecumenical Worship at UMC
4:00 PM - Laurens Care Center

Tuesday: July 11, 2017
5:00 PM - W/M Mtg.

Wednesday: July 12, 2017
7:00 PM - Council Mtg.

This Week at Laurens United Methodist Church

Fri., July 7th:
Men’s Bible Study @ 7 a.m.

Sat., July 8th:
United Methodist Men’s Hamburger Meal from 11 a.m.- 1 p.m.
at city park shelter house
United Methodist Women’s Pie by the Slice from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at city hall

Sun., July 9th:
Adult Sunday School @ 8:30 a.m.
Worship @ 9:30 a.m.
Brunch from 10:30 a.m.-NOON

Mon., July 10th:
Quilt Club Potluck @ 6 p.m. here

Ecumenical Service
Sponsored by Bethany Lutheran Church,
First Christian Church
and Laurens United Methodist Church

Sunday, July 9, 2017
@ 9:30 a.m.

at Laurens United Methodist Church
201 W. Main St.

Brunch to follow.
Free will offering.