

Three Laurens Groups receive Grant Money



ALL OF THE AWARD RECIPIENTS AT THE COURT HOUSE TUESDAY, JAN. 9. This group received grants totaling \$36,521.00 .



Laurens Librarian, Glenda Mulder accepts a \$2,000 award from the Pocahontas County Foundation. The award will fund two notebook computers for the library. Sue Gould of NW Communications made the presentation to Glenda.

The Pocahontas County Foundation held a celebration ceremony and announcement of their grant awards and results on Tuesday, January 9 at 2 p.m. at the Pocahontas County Courthouse Assembly Room. Grant recipients, county elected officials and the general public were in attendance.

Three from Laurens were among those recognized at this ceremony. Included were the following:

City of Laurens- Parks and Recreation. Second phase of concrete work at the Laurens Ball Park- \$2,000

Kids Korner- Laurens. New flooring for daycare center- \$3,400

Laurens Public Library- Two notebook computers- \$2,000

Other county entities receiving grants were the following:

Fonda: City of Fonda- \$2,000, Fire/EMS rescue station project

Lady of Good Counsel-

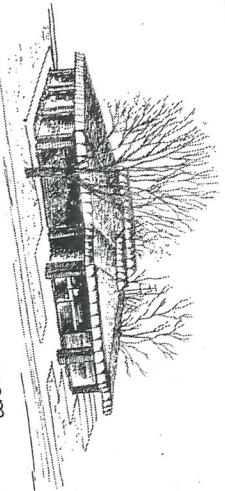
Glenda Mulder certified as City Librarian

The State Library of Iowa announced that Glenda Mulder has completed all requirements for public librarian certification.

The purpose of the Iowa Certification Program for Public Librarians is to improve public library staff skills of public library staff. Certification is a voluntary program. To receive a certification, individuals must meet certain work experience and educational requirements. Recertification requires a participant for three years. An additional 45 hours of continuing education every three years.

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Rob and Diana Roberts will give a program at 7 p.m. January 22 at the Laurens Public Library about the Meskwaki Li-Talkers in the U. S. Army during World War II.



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At the Library with Glenda Mulder

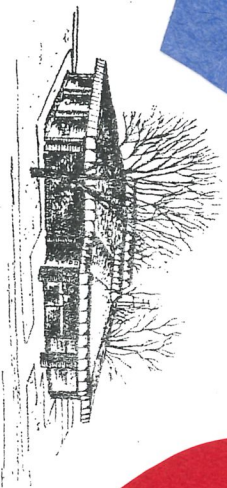
January 4, 2007

It's official! The paperwork arrived this week. I'm certified as a Level 2 Public Librarian by the State Library of Iowa. Requirements for this are completion of Library of Iowa. Requirements for this are completion of classes in Public Library Management. This is important years of public library experience. This is important because for our library to remain state accredited and receive the maximum funding available we must have a director with state certification.

Mark us on your calendar for the last couple Mondays in January. On Monday January 22nd Rob and Diana Roberts will be giving a program about the Meskwaki tribe's contribution to the US Army's top secret Code Talker unit during World War II. On January 29th we will have our first meeting of a new book discussion group. The first book we have chosen is **Plainsong** by Kent Haruf. It is the story of life in a small town in Colorado. We've got lots of copies available in regular print, large print and audiobooks. Please plan to join us for both of these programs.

The publishing houses don't schedule many new releases for the last half of December, so I don't have a list of new materials. It's probably just as well. I'm not sure how we would have processed them this week around all of our crazy schedules! I keep telling myself that things will slow down after the holidays and I will have time to read some of the books on my list.

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At the Library with Glenda Mulder January 17, 2007

Soon we should be able to see progress on our new roof. Stop by and check out the changes. Seeing the roofers up there on these cold winter days makes me very happy to have an inside job!

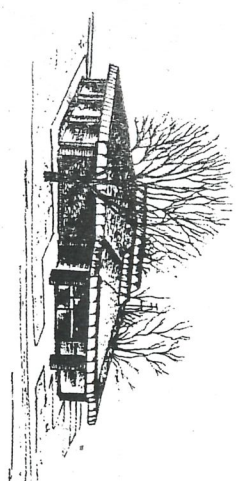
Join us on Monday January 22nd at 7:00. Rob and Diana Roberts will be giving a program about the Meskwaki tribe's contribution to the US Army's top secret Code Talker unit during World War II. They have done a lot of work to assure their relatives get recognized for their contributions to the war effort.

Don't forget about our first book discussion group on Monday, January 29th. **Plainsong** was written by Kent Haruf. It is the story of life and changes in a small town in Colorado. We've got lots of copies available in regular print, large print and audiobooks. Please come and tell us your thoughts on this book.

New fiction books this week are **Bad Blood** by Linda Fairstein, **Wildfire Season** by Andrew Pyper, **Head Games** by Thomas Cavanagh, **Deeper Sleep** by Dana Stabenow, **Red River** by Laila Tademy, **Dust** by Martha Grimes, **Suspect** by John Lescroart, and **I'm Not Julia Roberts** by Laura Ruby.

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At the Library with Glenda Mulder January 10, 2007

Once again I want to remind you of our upcoming programs. On Monday January 22nd Rob and Diana Roberts will be giving a program about the Meskwaki tribe's contribution to the US Army's top secret Code Talker unit during World War II. This promises to be a very informative evening.

At 1:00 on Friday, January 26th Trisha Cousineau-Peiffer will be hosting our storytime using her book **Have You Ever Heard of a Rainbow Farm?** as a theme. The kids get out of school early that day for a Teachers' In-Service, so send them to the Library!

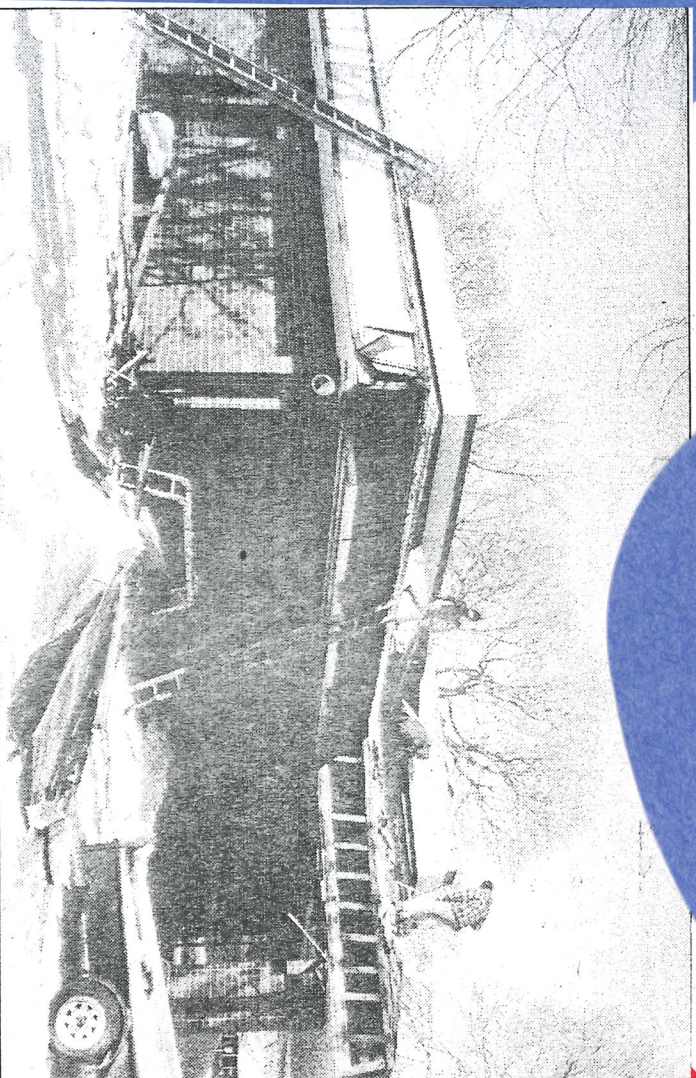
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New fiction this week includes **Plum Lovin'** by Janet Evanovich, **The Boleyn Inheritance** by Philippa Gregory, **Web of Evil** by J.A. Jance, **Murder Most Holy** by Iowa author Michael Manno, **Exile** by Richard North Patterson, and **The Echo Maker** by Richard Powers. Nonfiction includes Rhonda Byrnes' **The Secret**. For the younger readers we got in the fourth installment in the **Sisterhood of the Travelling Pants** series by Ann Brashares – **Forever in Blue**.

The Laurens Public Library offers free biweekly book delivery to Laurens residents that have a hard time getting out. If you would like to take advantage of this service, give us a call at 841-4612.

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CITY LIBRARY RECEIVES NEW ROOF AND SOFFIT. Workers have started on the new roof and soffit replacements. The money is coming from memorials, other gifts and some reserve funds

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County Foundation awards \$36,000 in grants

Pocahontas Record-Democrat - January 17, 2007



MS Rescue Station
ity of Laurens - Parks & Recreation, \$2,000, 2nd phase create work at the Laurens Ark.
ity of Pocahontas - Parks \$1,271, ramp for stage at ge Park.
Community and Family rees, \$2,500, operating for another year of taining treatment in onias for substance abuse gambling problems.
Domestic/Sexual Assault each Center, \$1,500, nd year of "Artists in ole" project for prevention allying in schools.
Dover Township, Varina ilding bus into a fire iment vehicle.
City of Gilmore City - ore City Library, \$1,550, 7 table-top copier.
Kids Korner - Laurens, 400, new flooring for daycare iter.
• Laurens Public Library, 000, two notebook mputers.
• Our Lady of Good Counsel, 300, new padding for edge of in stage.
Palmer Volunteer Fire epartment, \$2,800, ibrillator for First Responder ew.
• Pocahontas Community ealthcare, \$4,000, foundation aining mannequin for cardiac rd respiratory arrests.
• Pocahontas County Conservation Board, \$2,000, eared platform for Swan Lake

Grant awards

Pocahontas County Foundation were presented Jan. 9 to the following organization/community representatives, from left, front, Char Gustatson, D/SAOC; Bette Brinkman, Rolfe Public Library; Michelle Sandvig, Kids Korner; Helen Beneke, Princess City Players; Kyra Fritz and Kelly Vonnahme, Pocahontas Park Board; middle, Beth Stuh, D/SAOC; Berniece Hostetter, Community and Family Resources; Karen Kerns, Rolfe Public Library; Glenda Mulder,

Laurens Library; Bob Lampe, sheriff, and Josh Hammen, deputy, Pocahontas County Sheriff's office; Scott Kilbride, mayor of Fonda; back, Robert Anderson, Palmer Fire Department; John Hostetter, Community and Family Resources; James Roetman, administrator, Pocahontas Community Hospital; Brian Reis, Pocahontas County Conservation; and Father Tom Hart, OLCG Church, Fonda.

January 2007

At the Library with Glenda Mulder
January 24, 2007

New DVDs this week are *The Bourne Identity*, *The Bourne Supremacy*, *The Fast and the Furious*, *Air Buddies*, *Invincible*, *My Super Ex-Girlfriend*, *The Fox and the Hound 2*. We got a collection of Paul Newman's movies including *The Hustler*, *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*, *The Verdict*, and *Cool Hand Luke*, and John Wayne's movies *The Undeclared*, *North to Alaska*, and *The Comancheros*. New donated books include *Days on the Farm* given by Verlae Nichol in memory of Orville Nichol, *Encyclopedia of Pieced Quilt Patterns* given by Town and Country Quilters, *The Last Time We Met* given by Carolyn Perry in memory of Lois Roewe's sister Jean. Large Print versions of *Some Die Telling*, *Hear No Evil*, *Carolina Isle*, *No Defense* and *Soul Circus* were given by Ann Younggreen Sullivan in memory of Helen Ducommun. Also in Large Print we received *Open and Shut*, *The Blue Hour*, *The Body of David Hayes*, *Transfer of Power*, *Bad Boy Brawly Brown* in memory of Leland Grove by Ann Younggreen Sullivan. Fred and Sandi Neary donated a new Large Print Lori Wick book in memory of Leland Grove.

We got a new shipment of CD audiobooks on our Library Foundation lease plan. Titles include *The Coffin Dancer* by Jeffery Deaver, *Stalemate* by Iris Johansen, *Jack and Jill* by James Patterson, *The Night Collection* by Mary Higgins Clark, *Bergdorf Blondes* by Plum Sykes, *As the Crow Flies* by Jeffery Archer, *Baby Proof* by Emily Griffin, *All Over Creation* by Ruth Ozeki, *Anybody Out There?* by Marian Keyes, *Sharpe's Fury* by Bernard Cornwell, *Stolen Lives* by Malika Outkir, *Best Awful* by Carrie Fisher and *Red River* by Lalita Tademy.

New fiction includes *Triple Cross* by Kit Ehrman, *Blood and Circumstance* by Frank Turner Hollen, *Anonymous Lawyer* by Jeremy Blachman, *Free Fall* by Fern Michaels, *The Friday Night Knitting Club* by Kate Jacobs, and *The Terror* by Dan Simmons. Author Trisha Coussineau will join us Friday the 26th for a storytime centered on her kids book *Have You Ever Heard of a Rainbow Farm?* She will have extra copies of her book for purchase and autographing. Our first book discussion group will be Monday, January 29th. *Plainsong* was written by Kent Haruf. Please come and tell us your thoughts on this book. Also we need your input to set our next meeting time and chose upcoming book selections.

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FARM STORYTIME

Friday, January 26th @1:00

@ Laurens Public Library

JOIN US FOR FARM STORIES,
CRAFT & FUN!

Special Guest Author
Trisha Cousineau will
read and have copies
of her book *Have You
Ever Heard Of a
Rainbow Farm?*
available for purchase
and autographing



At the Library with Glenda Mulder
February 7, 2007

New fiction this includes *Sun Kissed* by Catherine Anderson, *Deep Storm* by Lisa Gardner, *Other Boleyn Girl* by Philippa Gregory, *White Lies* by Jayne Ann Krentz, *Head Games* by Thomas Cavanagh, *Castle in the Forest* by Norman Mailer, *High Profile* by Robert Parker, *Step on a Crack* by James Patterson, and *Blue Lake Days* by Norman Shey. In nonfiction we received *You on a Crack* Mehmet Oz and *Born on a Diet* by Sarah Tammlet.

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At the Library with Glenn
February 28, 2007
The book chosen for our March book discussion is **Cold Mountain** by Charles Frazier. The book is about a wounded and disillusioned soldier who decides to walk to his home in the Blue Ridge Mountains. I'm sure this will not be an exception to that. The book chosen for our March book discussion is about a wounded and disillusioned soldier who decides to walk to his home in the Blue Ridge Mountains. I'm sure this will not be an exception to that.

For the **Kirkus** Power readers' book
winner **The Higher** by David Wiesner
Flotsam by David Wiesner in a children's book
Medal for **Studs in Love** by Susan Pearson
our library **Studs in Love** for the young readers.
new picture book for the young readers.
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NATIONAL BESTSELLER

PLAINSONG

"THE MOST POWERFUL AND BEST WRITTEN NOVEL OF THE YEAR."
—THE NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW

KENT HARUF

At the Library with Glenda Mulder
February 14, 2007

Mark February 26th on your calendar. That's when our book discussion group will meet to talk about Anita Shreve's *Sea Glass*.

New fiction includes ***What is the What*** by Dave Eggers, ***Death of a Maid*** by M.C. Beaton, ***What is the Death*** by J.D. Robb, ***What*** by Dave Eggers, ***Innocent in Death*** by Danielle Steel, and ***White Chocolate Moments*** by Lori Wick.

Joyce Rigby donated **Leonard Martin's Classic Movie Guide** in memory of Kathy Jackson Meister. Fred and Sandi Neary have donated **Don't Let the Pigeon Stay up Late** in Memory of Dan Braunschweig.

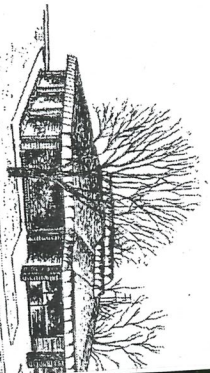
We purchased Webster's New Explorer
Dictionary of Synonyms and Antonyms and Worst
Pills, Best Pills with money from the Frances Hakes
Memorial Fund.

The 5th grade classes came to the library week for a lesson on the Dewey Decimal System. They were attentive listeners (to a rather dry topic!) and came up with some good questions that I never would have thought of. It's always interesting to see things from the kids' perspective.

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At the Library with Glenda Mulder
February 14, 2007

March 2007



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Ethan Perry was the first to use a new notebook computer at the Laurens Public Library on February 28, 2007. The purchase of these 2 computers was funded by a grant from the Pocahontas County Foundation. Ethan is also taking advantage of wireless Internet at the library provided by Laurens Municipal Power and Communications.

At the Library with Glenda Mu

March 7, 2007

At 1:30 this Friday March 9th Dr. Selden Spencer will speak about his experiences in Afghanistan. Women's Club meeting invites everyone to join them for this informative program at the library.

Mark Monday, March 26th on your calendar. We'll be meeting at 7:00 pm to discuss **Cold Mountain** by Charles Frazier.

When your family's movie night rolls around, check out these new DVDs: **Sweet Home Alabama**, **Legally Blonde**, **Glory Road**, **Little Man**, **The Lake House**, **Facing the Giants**, **Gandhi**, **The Prestige**, **Flicka**, and **Flushed Away**.

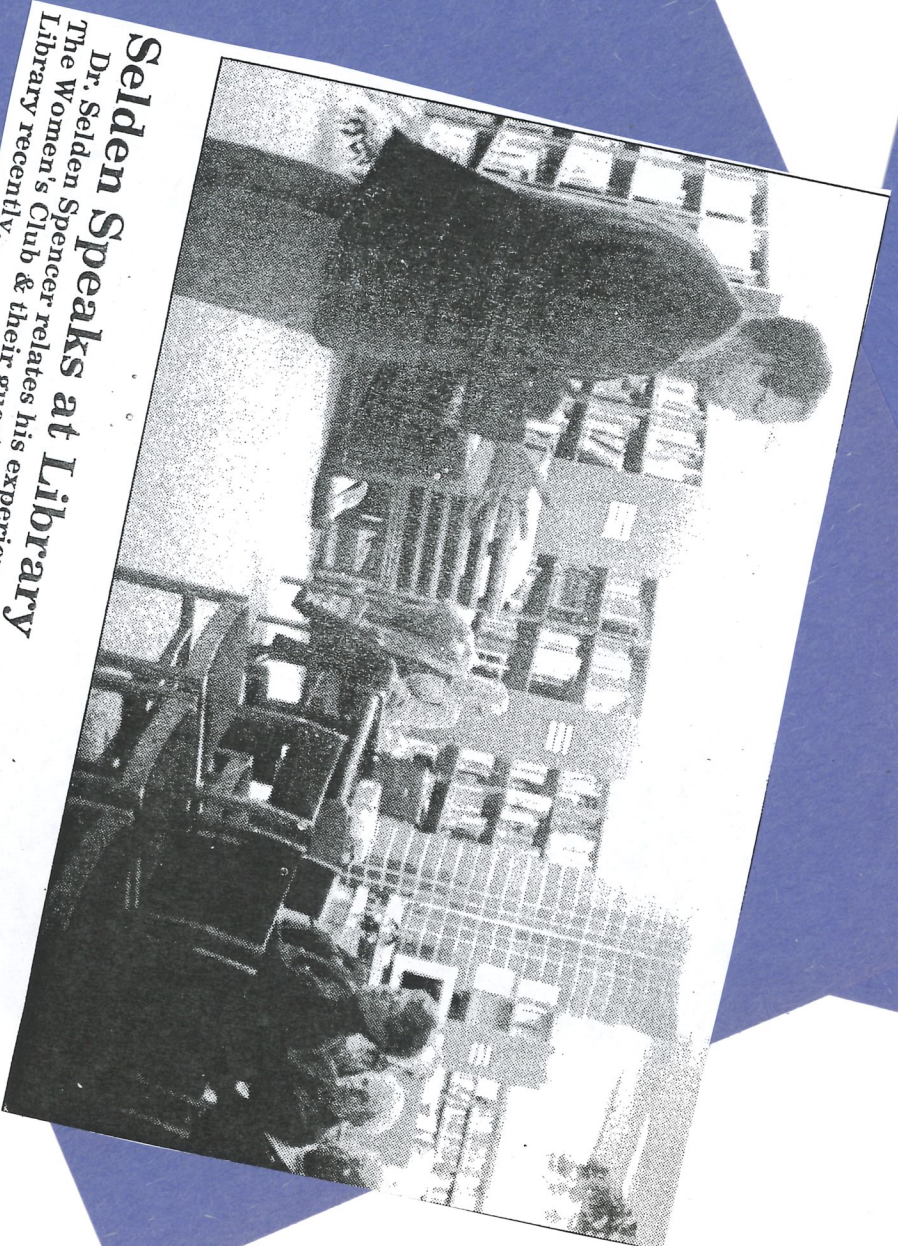
Our new notebook computers are ready for our patrons to use. These were purchased with a grant from the Pocahontas County Foundation. This doubles our number of public access computers to four. Next time you're in the library, just ask and we'll show you. We love to show off our new toys. (er... I mean new equipment!) We can also give you a demonstration of our wireless Internet access, courtesy of Laurens Municipal Power and Communications and Longlines.

New fiction includes **Because She Can** by Bridle Clark, **Tongue in Chic** by Christina Dodd, **Skylight Confessions** by Alice Hoffman, **History of Love** by Nicole Krauss, **When the Light Goes** by Larry McMurry, **McKettick's Luck** by Linda Lael Miller, **19 Minutes** by Jodi Picoult, **Red Cat** by Peter Spiegelman, **Dry Ice** by Stephen White, **A Far Country** by Daniel Mason, **Sugar Daddy** by Lisa Kleypas, **Whitehorn Woods** by Maeve Binchy.

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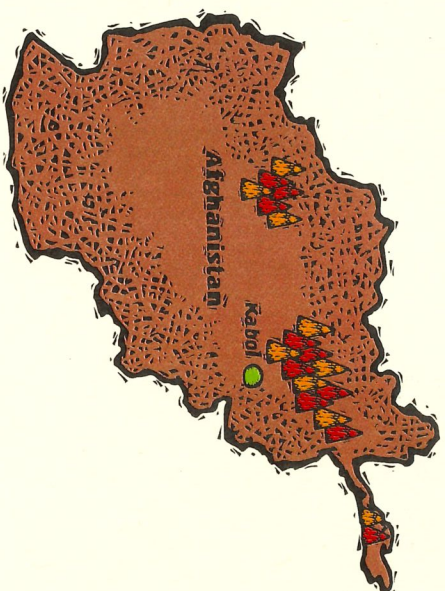
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PUBLIC LIBRARY





St. Patrick's Day Potato Bar and Card Party

@ the
Library
noon
Friday
March
16th



Please sign up
in advance @
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\$ 5.00
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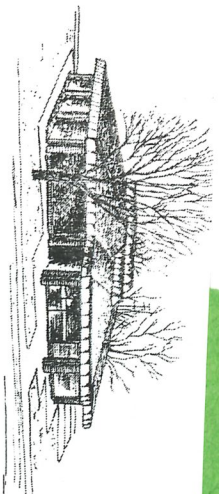
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At the Library with Glenda Mulder
March 14, 2007

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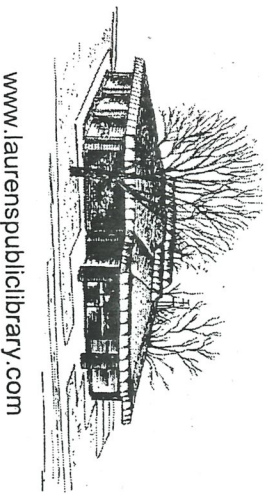
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At the Library with Glenda Mulder
March 21, 2007

Monday, March 26th on we'll be meeting at 7:00 in the evening to discuss **Cold Mountain** by Charles Frazier. This Civil War era book promises to spark an interesting discussion. I'm only about 2/3 of the way through it and I have lots of things to talk about already!

Check out these new movies on DVD: **Poseidon, Accepted, Casino Royale, The Holiday, Stick It, John Tucker Must Die,** and **Employee of the Month.**

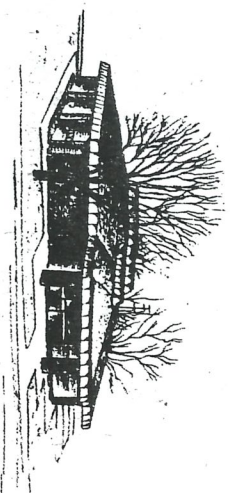
The Laurens Public Library Foundation sponsored its annual St. Patrick's Day Card Party on Friday, March 16th. 26 guests enjoyed a potato bar luncheon followed by an afternoon of Bridge or 500. Proceeds from this event will help fund the library's Summer Reading Program.

New fiction includes **Bidding for Love** by Katie Fford, **An Irish Country Doctor** by Patrick Taylor, **Sisters (Large Print)** by Danielle Steel, and **Burning Bright** by Tracy Chevalier. In nonfiction we received **Lute! The Seasons of My Life** by Iute Olson.

We got in a bunch of Large Print Westerns that were given in memory or in honor of special people. In Honor of Joyce Rigby's 28 years of service to the Laurens Public Library Evelyn Schleusener gave **Guns Along the Jicarilla, Law for Tombstone, Boomtown Buccaneers, A Time for Violence, Pelican Coast, Rendezvous, Little briches Father and I were Ranchers,** and **Fury on the Plains.** Fred and Sandi Neary gave **Chip, of the Flying U, Flying U Ranch,** and **The Fling U Strikes.** Other friends of Joyce's gave **Don Desperado, The Shadow on the Mesa,** and **The Fourth Horseman.** Joyce popped in the other day. She said she is enjoying her retirement, but doesn't seem to have much more time to read than she did before! **Comanche Chaser, The Elk-Dog Heritage,** and **Charbonneau's Gold** were given by Fred & Sandi Neary in memory of Cecil Rubel. Joyce Rigby donated **The Sergeant's Lady** and **The Sheriff's Son** in memory of Cecil Rubel.

Check it out at the Laurens Public Library!

Easter Bunny to be at Laurens Library Mar. 31
The Easter Bunny is coming to the Laurens Public Library on Saturday, March 31 at 10 o'clock. Kids are invited to hear Easter stories, make a craft to take home and decorate their camera. Bring your camera and take a picture with the Easter bunny. This event is sponsored by the Laurens Chamber of Commerce and the Laurens Public Library.



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At the Library with Glenda Mulder
March 28, 2007

The Easter Bunny will be hopping to the library on Saturday, March 31st. She will be here for an Easter storytime. Kids are invited to join us for stories, a craft, and of course, a snack! Bring your camera if you would like to take a picture of your child with the Easter Bunny. This event is sponsored by the Laurens Public Library and the Laurens Chamber of Commerce.

New fiction by some of our favorite authors this week includes **Simply Magic** by Mary Balough, **Hunter's Moon** by Randy Wayne White, **Absolute Fear** by Lisa Jackson, and **Obsession** by Jonathan Kellerman.

A few more memorial books came in this week. Janice Luka & Phyllis Schols gave **Jubilee Bride** and **Hero's Bride** by Jane Peart in memory of Lela Nonneman. Fred and Sandi Neary gave the large print version of Mitch Albom's **For One More Day** in memory of Leland Grove and **A Good Day** by Kevin Henkes in memory of Lela Nonneman. In memory of Leland Grove, Joyce Rigby gave Jimmy Carter's book **Palestine: Peace Not Apartheid.** Lynne Neimeyer donated six large print westerns in memory of her dad, Cecil "Curly" Rubel.

We received a huge shipment of kids' nonfiction books this week. There is something for all everyone in these books. For the younger kids we have books about patterns all around us, animal features, and where words. (Such as **In & Out, Above & Below**) The older kids will enjoy graphic novels about **Pearl Harbor** and **Apollo 13**, as well as The **Disgusting** Series, which includes: **Foods, Jobs, Animals, Bugs, Places,** and **Plants.**

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Meskwaki

Code Talkers

Program

Rob & Diana Roberts

Will speak of their
relatives' experiences
in the Army during
World War II

Monday, March 19th
7:00 PM at the
Laurens Public
Library

Code Talker Program

Approximately 60 people filled the Laurens Public Library on March 19th for the Code Talkers Program. Rob and Dianna Roberts of the Tama, IA area told of their quest to gain Congressional recognition for these men who served our country during both



World Wars. Much attention has been

given to the Navajo's Code Talkers, but the contribution from other tribes of Native Americans such as the Meskwaki, have been overlooked.

Many details of duties and missions served have been lost because the participants swore an oath of secrecy. This oath was lifted in 1968, but no notification was given, so many veterans took these secrets to their graves. Local residents enjoyed listening to the program and looking at the displays. Following this the Roberts answered many questions asked by audience members.



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ing World War II.
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March 2007

Meskwaki Code Talkers Program at Library Monday

Robin and Diana Roberts will share a pro-gram on Meskwaki Code Talkers at the Laurens Pub-lic Library on Monday, January 22 at 7 p.m.

Robin Roberts un-cle, Dewey Roberts was one of eight Meskwaki Tribal members from Tama who were members of the elite Code Talker unit. The other ward Benson, Melvin Twin, brothers Judy Wayne and Mike Wayne Wabaunasee, Dewey Youngbear, brothers Willard and Frank Sanache and Dewey Roberts.

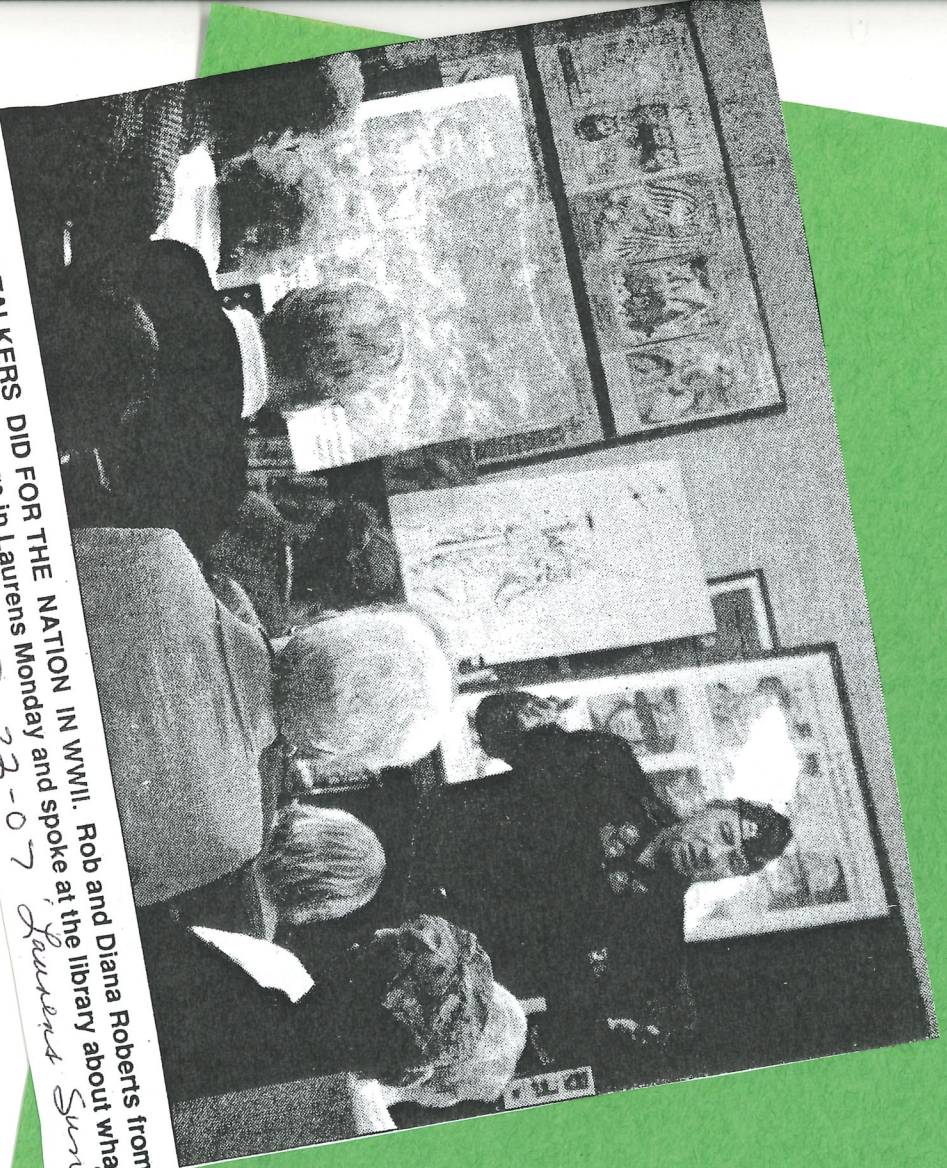
They were specially trained to use their Native American language to communicate top secret

military messages during World War II. The enemy was never able to break the "code" of the Meskwakis and other Tribes who contrib-uted their language skills to the war effort.

Mr. Roberts, for-merly of the United States Marine Corps, has been working on state and na-tional recognition for the Meskwaki Code Talkers; however the ultimate goal is to honor all Native Ameri-can Code Talkers with the United States Congres-sional Gold Medal of Honor for their dedication and service during World War II. As many as 19 Native American nations, including

the Meskwaki nation, con-tributed to the development of unbreakable codes dur-ing World War II which were used to communicate en-emy troop movements, di-rect artillery fire and other secret information through walkie-talkies.

Did we "pique" your interest to learn more about the Meskwaki Code Talk-ers? If so, you will not want to miss this very interesting program by Robin and Di-ana Roberts on Monday evening, January 22 at 7 p.m. at the Laurens Public Library.



WHAT CODE TALKERS DID FOR THE NATION IN WWII. Rob and Diana Roberts from the Meskwaki Indian tribe were in Laurens Monday and spoke at the library about what their relatives did in the army in WWII.

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Laurens Sun

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Monday, March 19th
7:00 PM at the
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The Easter Bunny reading to the kids

H A P P Y



The story time kids



Chandler



Making crafts



Jordan Saunders, Chandler Todd & Allyssa Kuntz



Craft time.

Attention Kids!!

EASTER STORIES, CRAFT & SNACK

10:00 am Saturday, March 31st

at the Library



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& Laurens Public Library**

Easter Bunny Visits

Saturday the Easter Bunny visited the library for a story time. More than 50 kids enjoyed the stories, making an Easter craft and frosting their own Easter cookies. Many pictures were taken with the Easter Bunny. This event was co-sponsored by the Laurens Chamber of Commerce and the Laurens Public Library.

Our April Book Club book has arrived. The selection is *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston. For more information on this book, stop

at the library. Or if you prefer, on the Internet follow the Book Club link on the library's Events and Exhibits webpage. We meet at 7:00 pm on the fourth

Monday to discuss the book of the month.

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seller *Heyday* by



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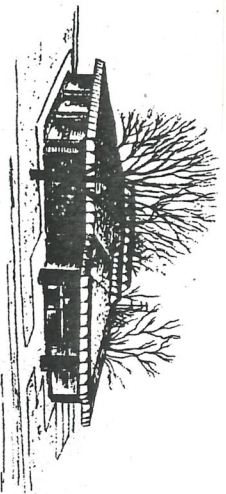
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At the Library with Glenda Mulder

April 4, 2007

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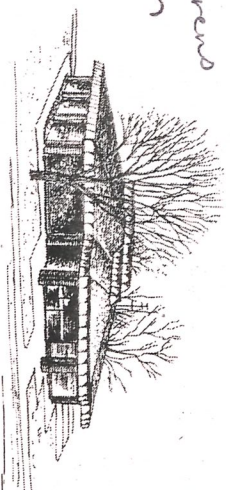
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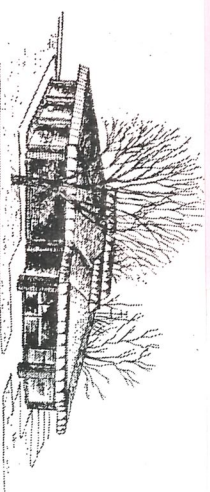
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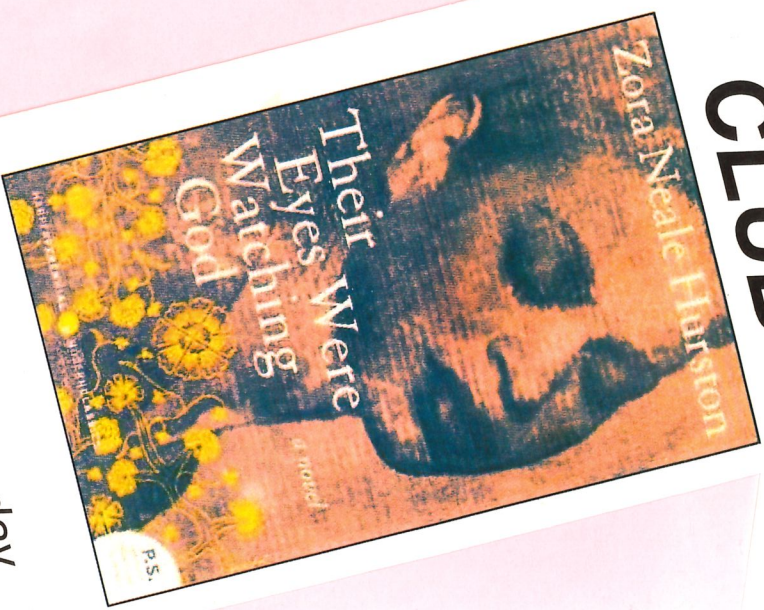
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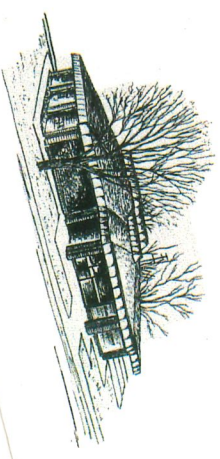
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BOOK CLUB



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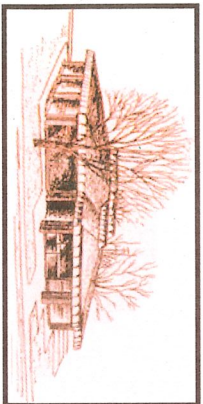
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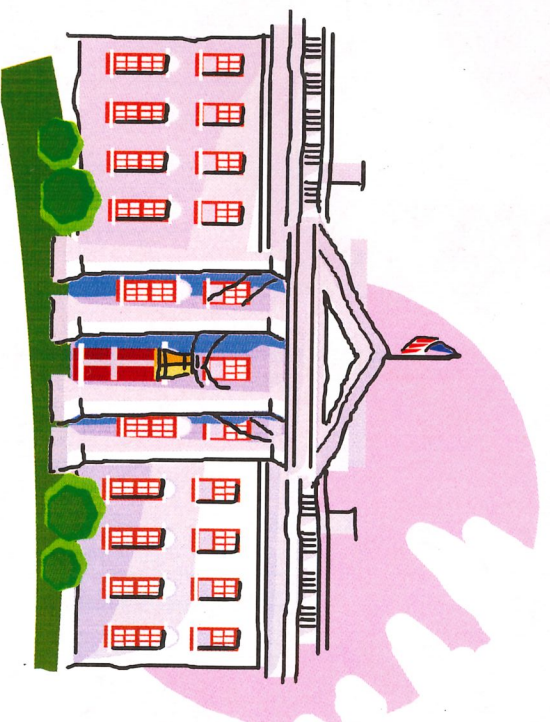
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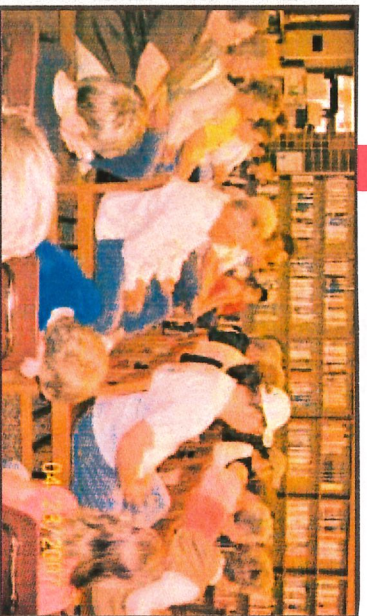


President Reports 11:11 am Monday, April 23 At the Laurens Public Library

Bring a lunch,
if you'd like, and
see what
Mrs. Aronson's and
Mrs. Behrens' 3rd
graders have learned
about their
presidents



Picture-People Attending
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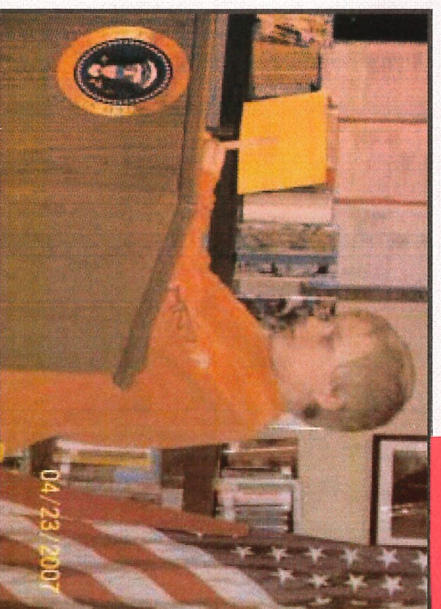


Third Graders Give President In a Bag Reports

On Monday, April 23, the L-M 3rd grade students gave their "President In a Bag" reports at the Laurens Public Library for family and friends. Glenda Mulder, head librarian, had things set up so the kids had a podium with the

Presidential seal on it and an American flag in the background. Mrs. Behrens and Mrs. Aronson, third grade teachers at Laurens-Marathon, along with associate Pat Reese were very proud of the kid's efforts.

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Pictured: Quentin Nissen gives his "President In a Bag" report on Rutherford B. Hayes.

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Victoria Wilson
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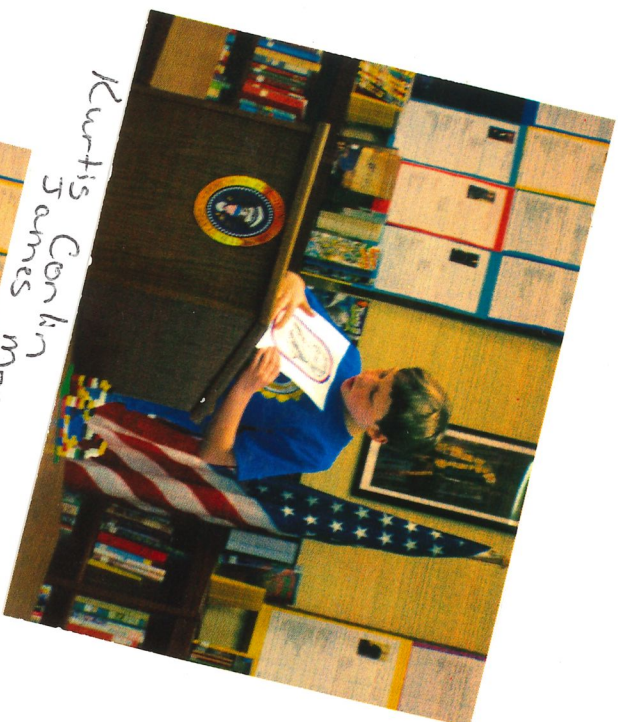
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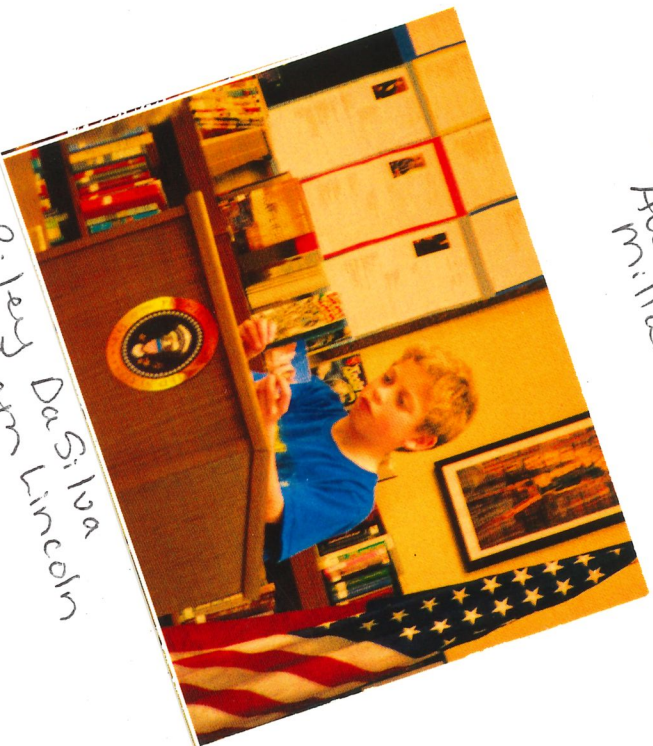
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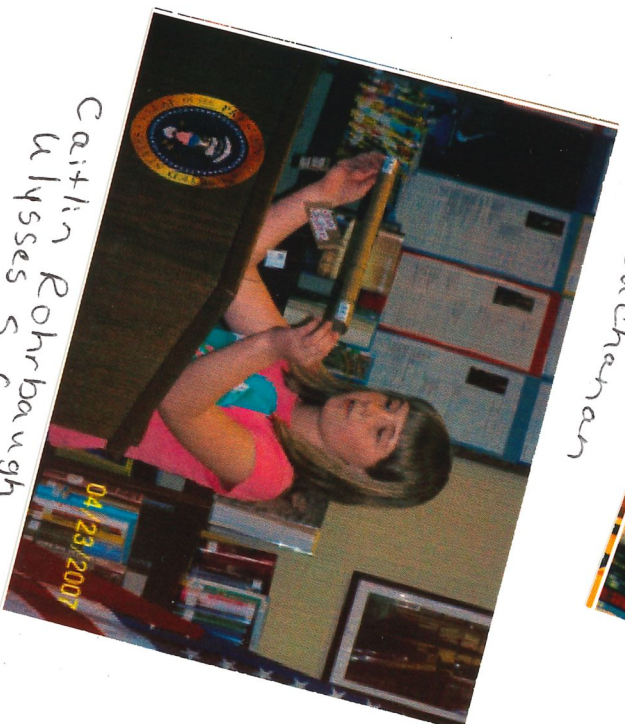
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Quentin Nissen
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Wyatt Lowman
James Buchanan



Caitlin Rohrbough
Ulysses S. Grant



Devin Hughes
Chester A. Arthur

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John Reese
Grover Cleveland



Jordan Saperaga
William McKinley



Brandy Andersen
Taft
William Howard



Lexi Rydstrom
Benjamin Harrison



Hailey Farnsega
Theodore Roosevelt



Sydney Kay
Woodrow Wilson



Riley MacHarding
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Benjamin D. Hubbell
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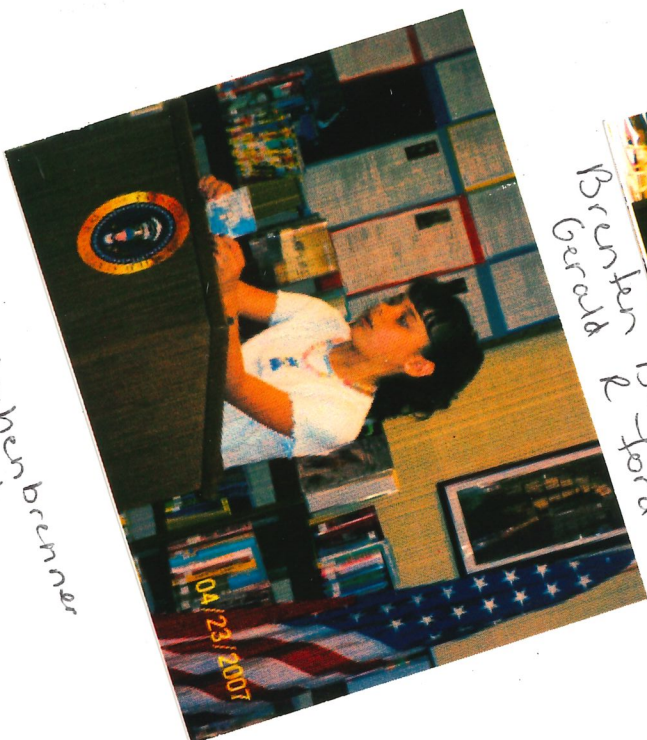
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Gerald & Jord



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Jimmy Carter



Asher
Asher & George



The Parents & other visitors



Mrs. Aronson

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Quint - County Reading Awards

May 2007

Reading Council award winners *Laurens Sun 5-10*

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Quint-County Reading Awards
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Pictured: Glenda Mulder receiving the Quint-County Reading Association's Celebrate Literacy Award from from Peggy Neubaum.

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"School by Addy Boettcher"

I love school because it's so cool. The coolest thing about school is you can read to exceed and make your brain bigger-As big as a really tall building or as big as a whale. From reading you can say your favorite tale. I also love school because we have recess. You can jump, skip, hop, and play. What game do you want to play today? Hopscotch, jump rope, spies, or maybe even dolls! Any game or any book you choose. Now I am ending this poem quite fine. I hope you thought this poem was divine!



Photo is of Addy Boettcher with her teacher Mrs. Stewart



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Glenda reading to the Brown Bag Kids from school May 2007

May 2007

At The Library

with Glenda Mulder - May 9, 2007

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Elizabeth Berg and *Lying with Strangers* by one of our favorite new authors, James Grippando.

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May is the last month of the school year for Brown Bag lunches with the elementary kids. This week I was reading *The Fastest to the Third Graders*. We read about the cheetah being the fastest land animal and the orca the fastest sea animal. Then we got to a page about the fastest growing plant. One girl's hand shot up & her answer was, "dandelions!" I just had to laugh, because around here, I'm sure she's right! Of course, the book didn't agree. It says that bamboo can grow 24 inches a day to a height of 164 feet. Hard to imagine, isn't it? Check it out at the Laurens Public Library!

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At the Library

with Glenda Mulder - May 16, 2007

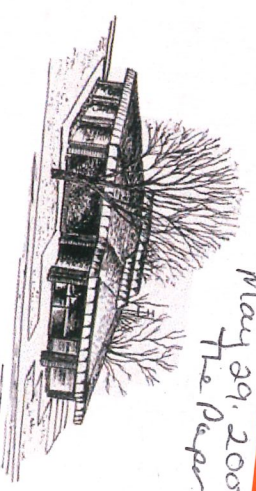
My run of good luck continued at the QuintCounty Reading Council meeting. My name was drawn for \$100 to be used to promote literacy. I have used this money to purchase some books for our kids' summer reading program. The theme for this year is "Get a Clue." Tuesdays at 1:00 will be lively starting June 12th. More details on that as they develop.

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Submitted by Glenda Mulder



May 29, 2007
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This just in for your summer fiction reading pleasure: *Sleeping With Strangers* by Eric Jerome Dickey, *4th Order* by Stephen Frey, *Sudoku Murders* by Shelly Fredont, *Bloodthirsty* by Marshall Karp, *Good Guy* by Dean Koontz, and *Ghostwalk* by Rebecca Scott. If you prefer nonfiction try these: *Rickels' Book* by Don Rickels or *Ship of Ghosts: The Story of the USS Houston* by James D. Hornfischer.

We have several extra copies of *The Secret Life of Bees*, so stop in and pick up a copy. Then join us at the library Monday, June 25th at 7:00 for what is sure to be a lively discussion. Check it out at the Laurens Public Library!

At the Library *The Paper*

with Glenda Mulder May 22, 2007

Last weekend we went to an art show at the fort in Fort Dodge. As we were looking around, we wandered in to an old school house. In the back was their library cupboard. Hanging on its door was the following sign.

Warning

Steal not this book for fear of shame;

In it you'll find the owner's name.

And when you die the Lord will say,

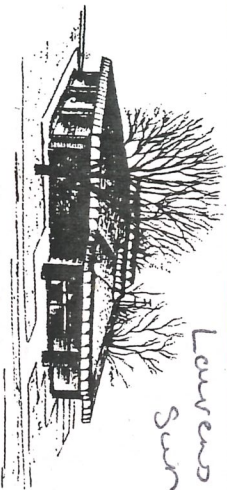
"Where is that book you stole away?"

And if you say, "I do not know,"

The Lord will say, "Go down below!"

Wow, were they harsh, or what? I wonder if threats like that would make for less overdue books at our library...

The new book of the month is *The*



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At the Library with Glenda Mulder

May 2, 2007

We got more good news at the library this week. We received notice that we will be getting a grant from the Pocahontas County Foundation. This will be used to purchase a Dewey Decimal rug, Dewey posters, Dewey Bingo and a multimedia projector. Every year the library is asked to do a presentation about the Dewey Decimal system and I thought this would spice up a relatively dry subject. The Pocahontas County Foundation has been a great resource for funding fun projects that don't fit in our regular budget.

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Our large print department received **The Duet** by Robert Elmer, **The Killing Hour** by Lisa Gardner, **This One and Magic Life** by Anne Carroll George, **The Year the Lights Came On** by Terry Kay, **The Third Life of Grange Copeland** by Alice Walker, **What Becomes of the Broken Hearted** by E. Lynn Harris, **The Master** by Colm Toibin, **The True Pleasure** by Robert Morgan, **Firstborn** by Robin Lee Hatcher, **Dreamboat** by Judith Gould, **The Drowning Tree** by Carol Goodman, **Southern Comforts** by JoAnn Ross, **Missing** by Sharon Sala, and **The Goddesses of Kitchen Avenue** by Barbara Samuel.

To keep up with the resurgence of the popularity of knitting, we ordered two books on the subject. Come and check out **Teach Yourself Visually to Knit** by Sharon Turner and **100 Knitting Projects** by Jean Leinhausen. They make me want to pick up my needles again. If only I could knit and read at the same time!

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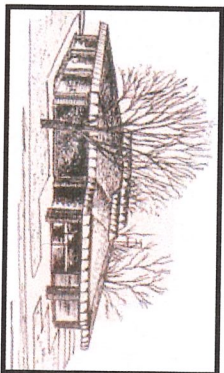
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Around the Truck by Sharon McCrumb,

and *Joshua's Family* by Joseph F. Girzone.

New nonfiction selections are *The Freedom Writer's Diary*; How a Teacher and 150 Teens Used Writing to Change the World About Them, When

God Winks: How the Power of

Coincidence Guides Your Life, *The Wild*

Trees: A Story of Passion and Daring,

Paula Deen: It Ain't All About the

Cookin', *If I am Missing or Dead*; *A*

Sister's Story of Love, Murder, and

Liberation by Janine Latus, and *The Black*

Swan: The Impact of the Highly

Improbable by Nassim Nicholas Taleb.



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At the Library with Glenda Mulder

May 9, 2007

Book Club usually meets the 4th Monday of the month at 7 pm, but this month that is Memorial Day. So we'll be meeting a week earlier on May 21st at 7:00 pm. Discussion of **To Kill a Mockingbird** will be led by Pat Harms. For more information stop at the library or visit our web page www.laurenspubliclibrary.com

New interesting titles in fiction we received this week include **Savannah Blues & Savannah Breeze** by Mary Kay Andrews, **Suffer the Little Children** by Donna Leon, **Dream When You're Feeling Blue** by Elizabeth Berg and **Lying with Strangers** by one of our favorite new authors, James Grippando.

The Josephine Hoffman Memorial money is being spent on new copies of classic junior books. Fred and Sandi Neary donated new copies of **The Wizard of Oz** and **The Long Winter**. **The Jungle Book** was added by Ron & Pat Harms. We also got new copies of three **Mary Poppins** books with this memorial.

In memory of Helen Ducommun, Coni Samsetl donated the following nonfiction books; **Kabul Beauty School** by Deborah Rodriguez, **Einstein - His Life and Universe** by Walter Isaacson and **Where Have All the Leaders Gone?** by Lee Iacocca.

May is the last month of the school year for Brown Bag lunches with the elementary kids. This week I was reading **The Fastest** to the Third Graders. We read about the cheetah being the fastest land animal and the orca the fastest sea animal. Then we got to a page about the fastest growing plant. One girl's hand shot up & her answer was, "dandelions!" I just had to laugh, because around here, I'm sure she's right! Of course, the book didn't agree. It says that bamboo can grow 24 inches a day to a height of 164 feet. Hard to imagine, isn't it?

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May 2007



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May 29, 2007

Preparations are underway for our kids' Summer Reading Program. The statewide theme this year is **Get a Clue!** Bette Joliffe, the Marathon librarian, and I were at the school's Reading Awards last week to get the kids fired up about it. Bette had worked up a little skit. She was the Queen of Hearts who had lost her tarts. I got to be the King of Hearts, so I bet you can all guess where those tarts went! The Laurens Library's reading program starts Tuesday, June 12 at 1:00 and runs for five weeks. June 19th will feature a special program **Inspector Iwannano and the Case of the Missing Mom**. That looks to be a fun show that the bigger kids will also enjoy. Mark you calendars now!

This just in for your summer fiction reading pleasure: **Sleeping With Strangers** by Eric Jerome Dickey, **4th Order** by Stephen Frey, **Sudoku Murders** by Shelly Fredont, **Bloodthirsty** by Marshall Karp, **Good Guy** by Dean Koontz, and **Ghostwalk** by Rebecca Stott. If you prefer nonfiction try these: **Rickels' Book** by Don Rickels or **Ship of Ghosts: The Story of the USS Houston** by James D. Hornfischer.

We've got lots of extra copies of **The Secret Life of Bees**, so stop in and pick up a copy. Then join us at the library Monday, June 25th at 7:00 for what is sure to be a lively discussion.

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Library receives Carver Grant

The Laurens Public Library received a grant from the Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust. This grant money will pay 20% of the roof and soffit repair project. Pictured with the check are Laurens Library Board members Jeanette Korret, Kristy Mather, Jan Herson, Library Director Glenda Mulder, Jane Christensen, Pat Boughey and Library Board President Russell Thumma. Absent when the photo was taken were Jeanette Korret, Kristy Mather, Jan Herson, Connie Dallenbach and Mary Kliegl.

Pictured from left to right: Jeanette Korret, Pat Houghy and Russell Thumma
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"Busiest Little Town In Iowa"

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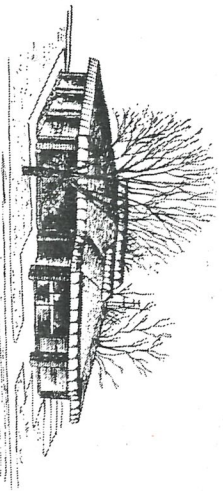
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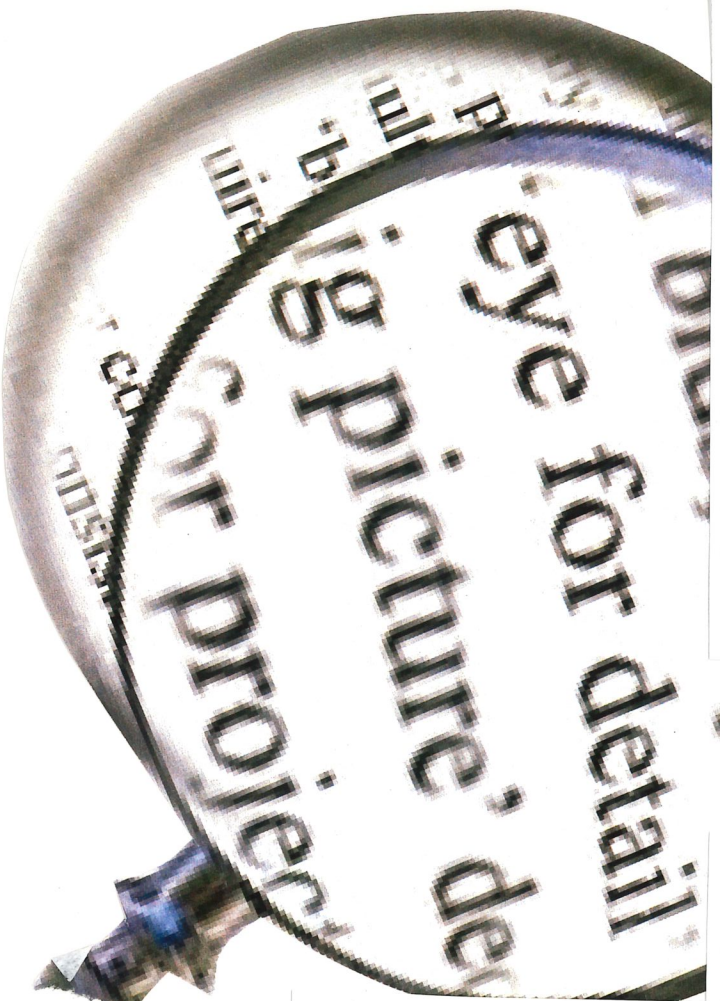
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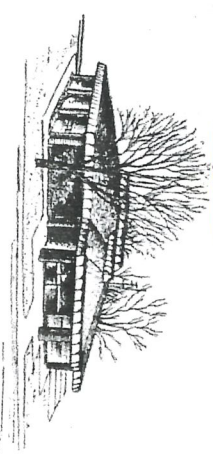
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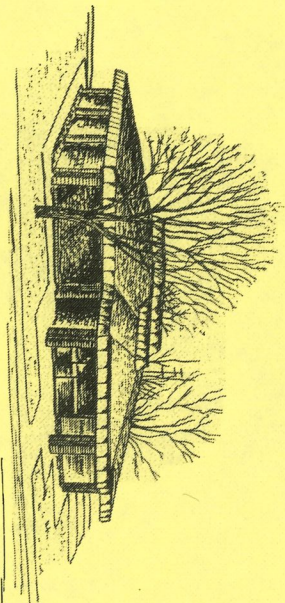
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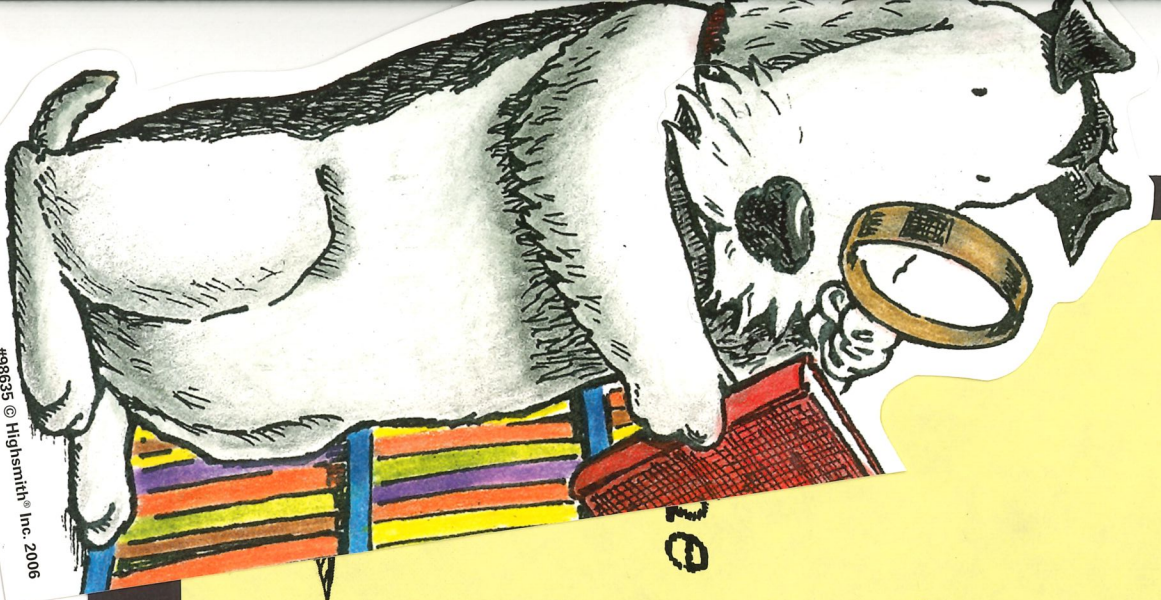
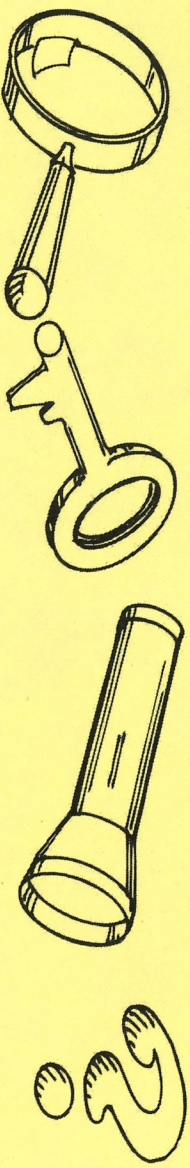
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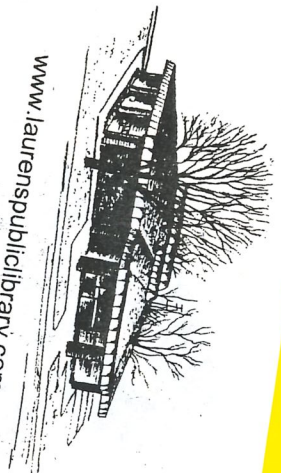
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Join us for
stories, games,
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1:00 Tuesdays
June 12, 19, & 26
July 3 & 10

the more books you read,
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At the Library with Glenda Mulder June 12, 2007

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June 12th - Bigfoot



Making 'The Bees'



Bigfoot Story Time - Made Bigfoot + had Juice & Snacks

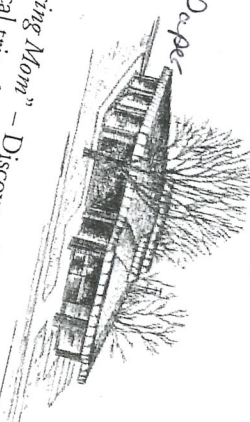


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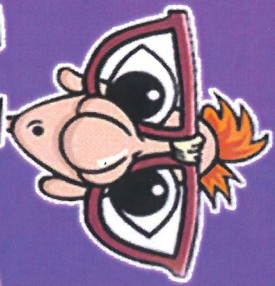
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Bigfoot at the Library!

More than 50 Bigfoot were seen leaving the Laurens Public Library Tuesday afternoon. They were heard to say that beef jerky supplied by Link Snacks helped them "Feed Their Wild Side." Don't know what's going on? "Get a Clue!" (it's the kids' Summer Reading Program) at the Library! 6-19-07 The Paper Pictured is Bigfoot Braden Ehn.

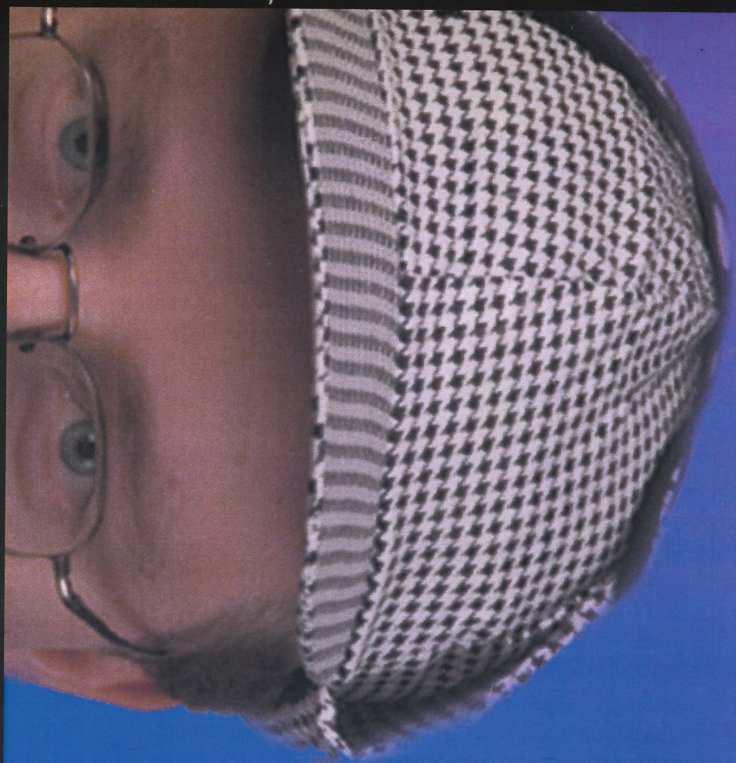
Laughter, Fun, & MAGIC!



CHRIS COLLINS
PROUDLY PRESENTS:

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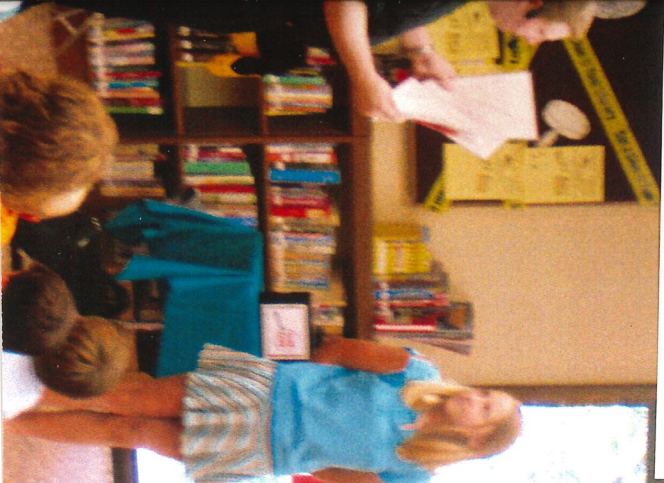
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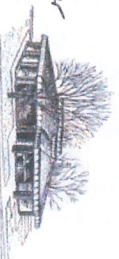
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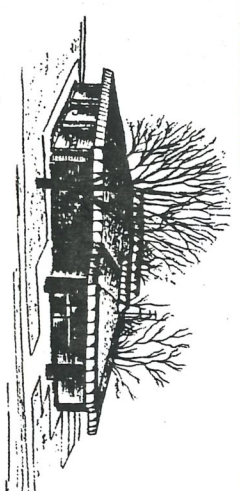
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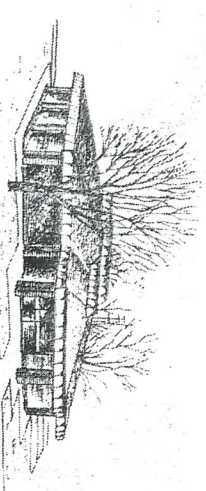
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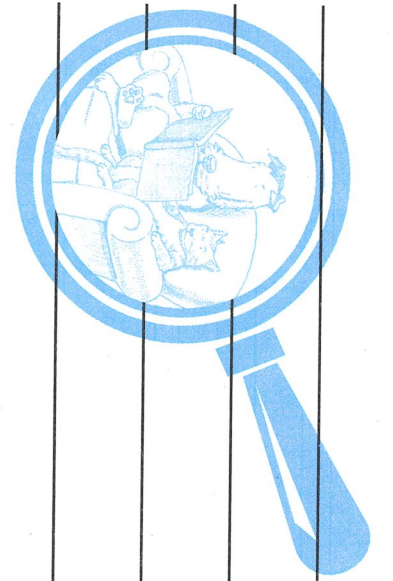
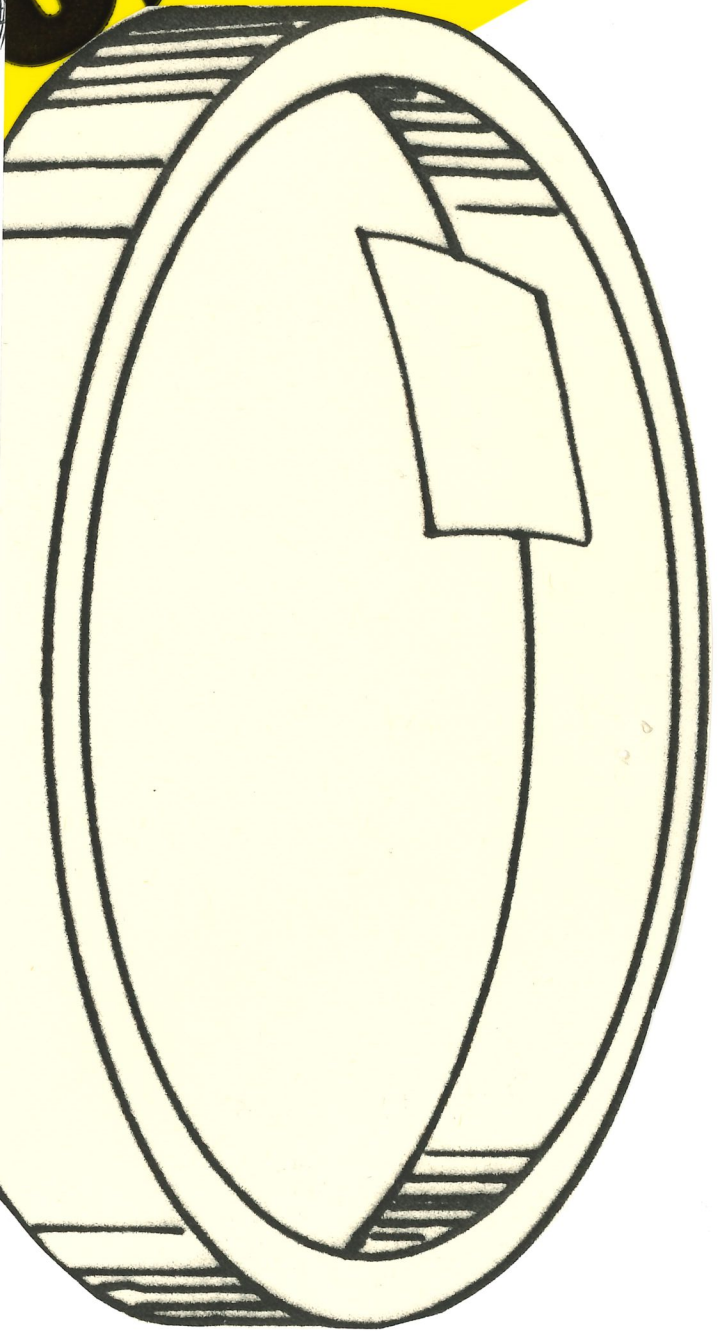
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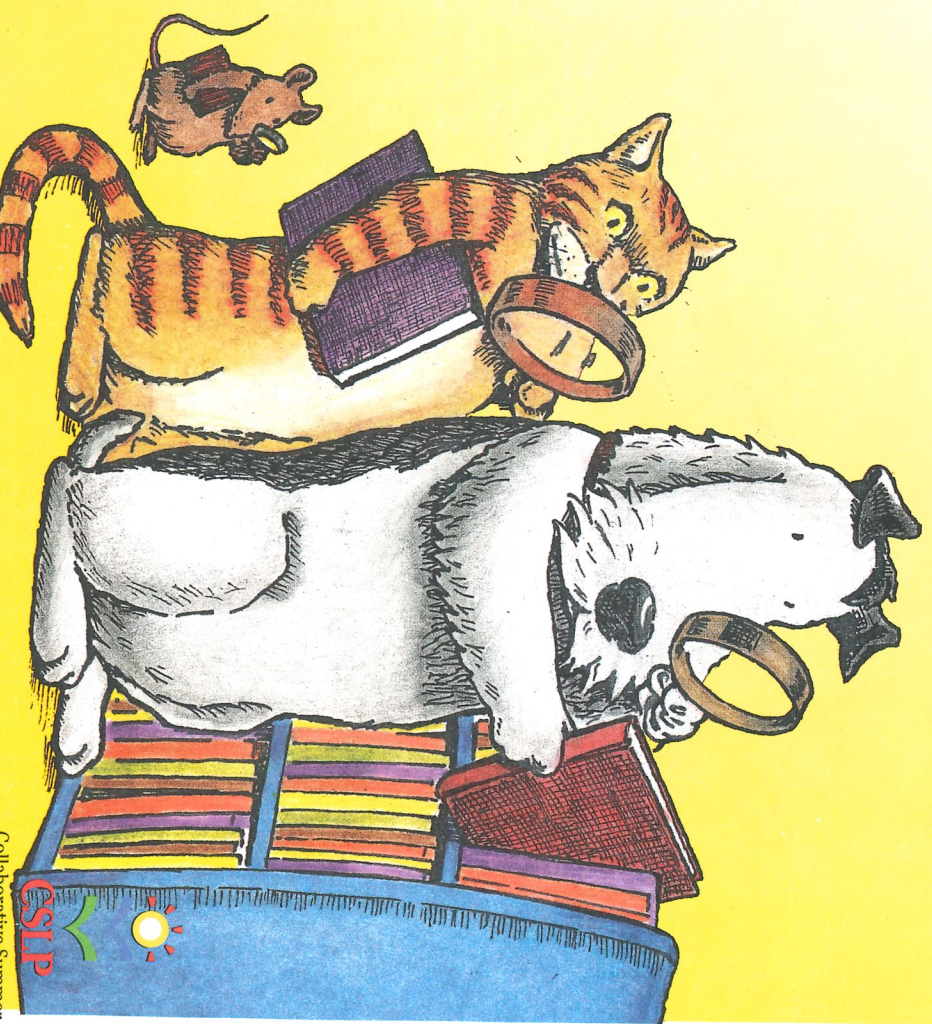
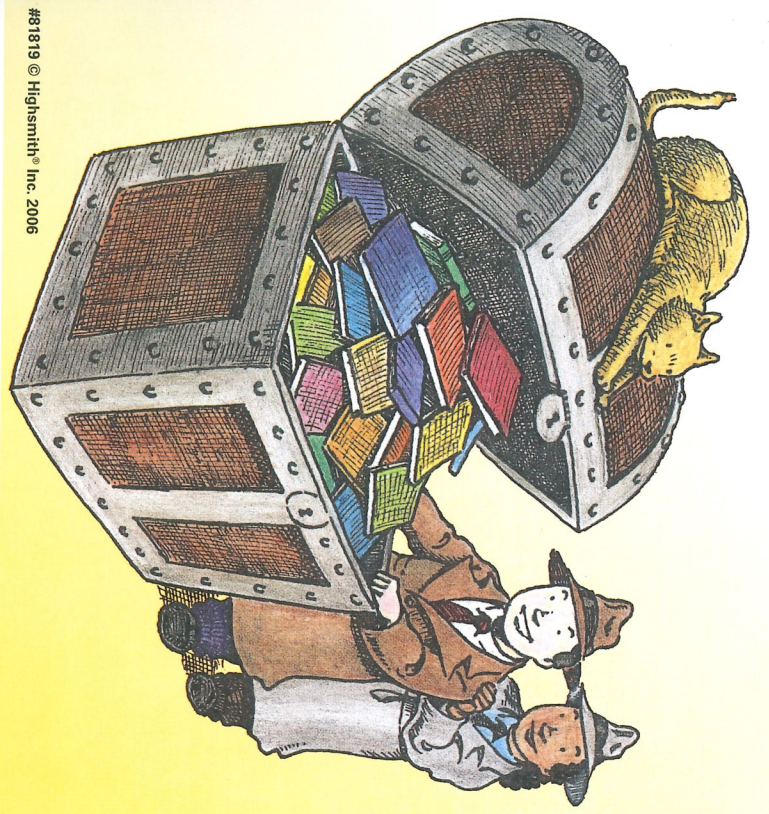




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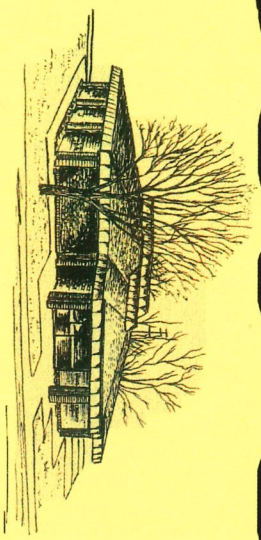
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Get a Clue @ YOUR LIBRARY

LAURENS PUBLIC LIBRARY
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For every two "J" or "Y" books you read this summer, you will earn a book buck, up to a maximum of 10 books. Your book bucks can be spent at any member business of the Laurens Chamber of Commerce
Sign up at the library after June 12, 2007

Join us 1800 PM
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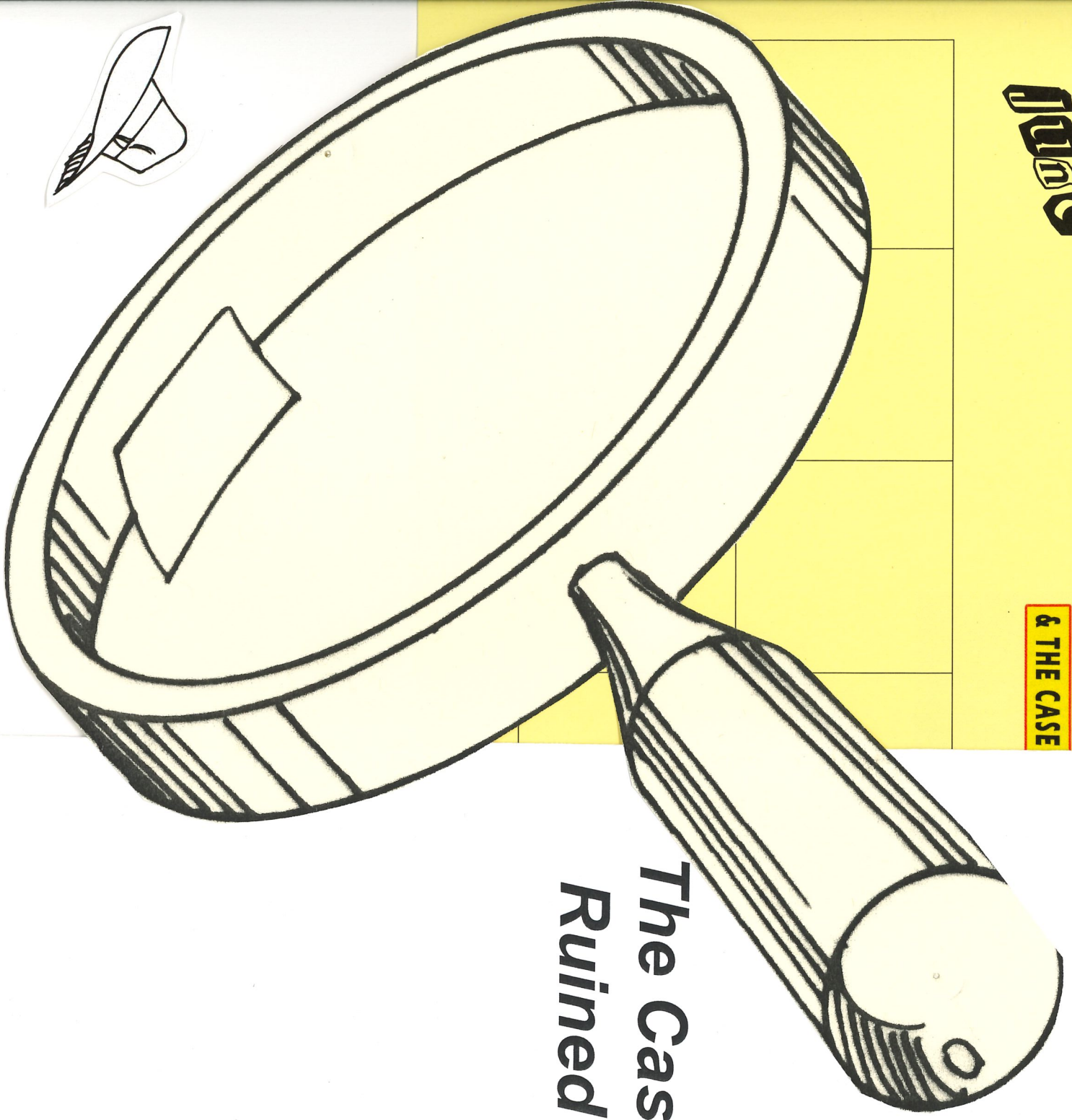


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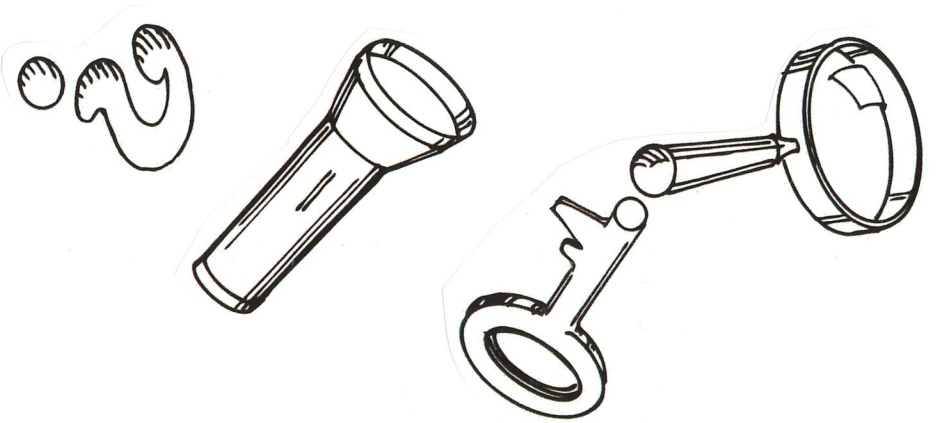
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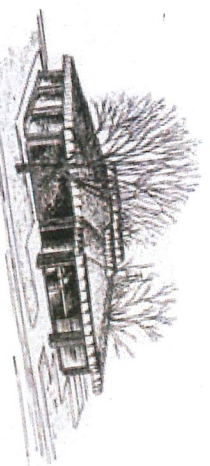


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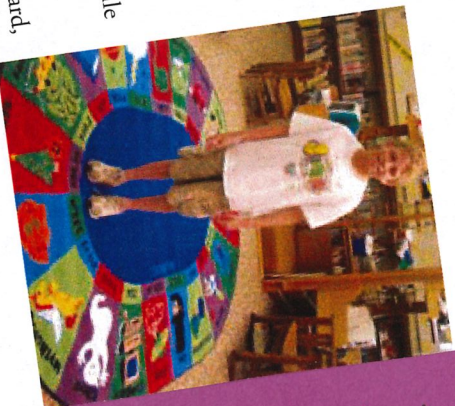
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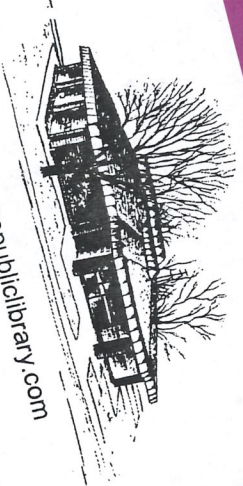
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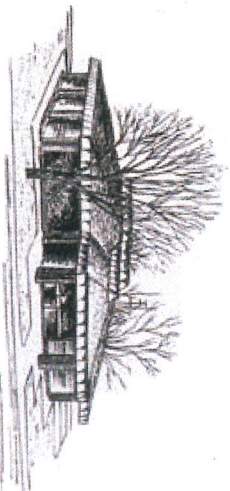
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Our Town Our Paper!

I got a call from the Rialto Theater in Pocahontas. They will again be giving a free ticket to all the kids in Pocahontas County that finish their library's Summer Reading Program. And only the kids that have finished their reading challenge will be invited to our Awards Party!

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July 2007

Laurens City Map

I think I can get to Laurens in time for the QuasQuiCentennial Celebration!

- QuasQuiCentennial
- Headquarters
- Parade Route
- Parking
- Handicap Parking
- Shuttle Stop
- Food Vendor
- L-M School
- Parade Staging
- Laurens Public Library
- City Park
- Fire Station
- Wine Festival - Walnut St. east of 3rd St.
- Inflatables - North 3rd St.
- Car Show - Main St. east & west of 3rd St.
- Motorcycle Show - South 3rd St.
- Tractor Show - Walnut St. west of 3rd St.
- Farmall Promenaders - North 3rd St.
- Sportsman's Park
- RV Parking
- Laurens Golf & Country Club
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Quasquicentennial



Friday of
Tractor kids
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Library

FRIDAY, JULY 20TH



Tractor Ride

9:15 A.M. - Depart from Fire Station
Lunch break planned - Entry forms
\$20 in advance - \$25 that day
Contact Mike Sangwin 712-845-2465
5:00 to 7:00 P.M. - Sportsmans Park
KC's and Rosary Society
Opening Ceremony
Little Miss Laurens Crowned
Music by Kevin Lind's Band
9 to Midnight "Ski Band" at the Reservation
Fireworks!!



SATURDAY, JULY 21ST



Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast

8:00 to 10:30 A.M. - Fire Station
Parade Registration and Staging
L-M Football Field

Laurens Quasquicentennial Parade

10:15 A.M.

Depart from L-M School, south on 3rd St. to Myrtle,
1 block east to 2nd St., south to Veterans Rd.,
east to Sportsmans Park
Contact Lee Bailey 712-845-4419



Wine Festival

All Day

Walnut St. between 1st and 3rd Sts.
Iowa Wines and More!!
Wine glasses for purchase
Contact Julie Murr 712-841-2546



The
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Kacie Mulder, (Back to front)
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Very cute
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AFTER THE PARADE

Food Vendors

North 3rd St., Masonic Lodge, L-M School,
United Methodist Church

Antique and Collectible Car Show

Main St. east and west of 3rd St.
Contact Roger Siddall 712-426-2149

Motorcycle Show

South 3rd St.

Contact Cindy Dubbert 712-845-2038
or Brett Barglof 712-841-2374

Antique Tractor Show

Walnut St. west of 3rd St.

Sponsor: First Cooperative Association
Contact Roger Neuhring 712-841-4566

Inflatables for the Young

North 3rd St.

Sponsor: Laurens Chamber of Commerce

Hilmer's Kiddie Train

West Main St.

Sponsor: Pocahontas County Mutual Insurance

Gilbert Ranch Pony Rides

City Park

ALL SCHOOL REUNION

Laurens-Marathon School

School Tours 1:30 to 3:30 P.M.

Contact Becky Braesch 712-841-2679

Time Capsule Opening

From 1976 U.S. Bicentennial

3:30 P.M. - L-M School Grounds

Quilt Bed Turnings

with demonstration

5 and 3:15 P.M. - Laurens Public Library

Town and Country Quilters



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So
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Quilts!



Monday, July 23 2007



RAGBRAI
Lei over in Laurens



Bikers are shade
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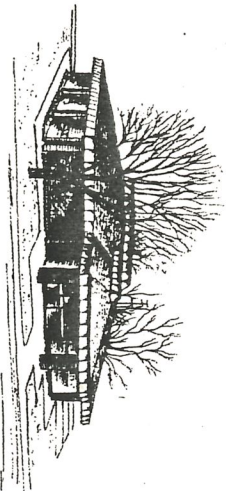


Bookworms - Courtney Post,
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with Glenda Mulder August 7, 2007

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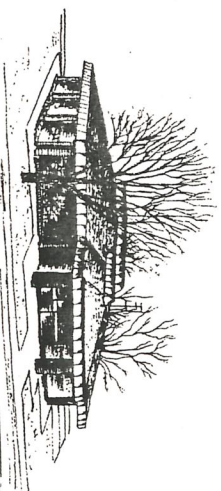
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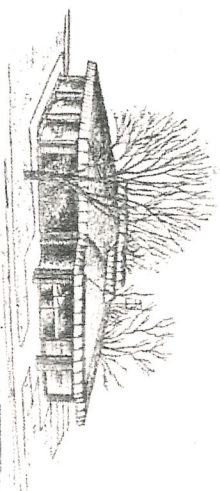
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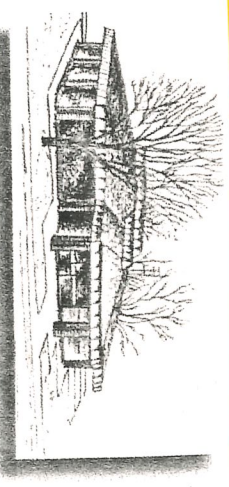
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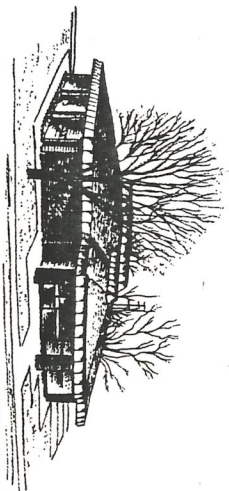
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- they fed our bodies as well as our minds! I still feel full, and if you know me at all, you know that's really saying something!

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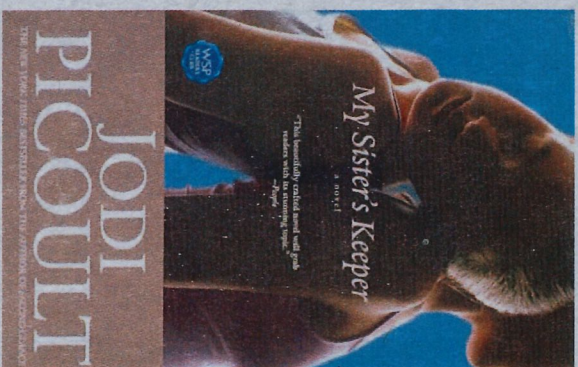
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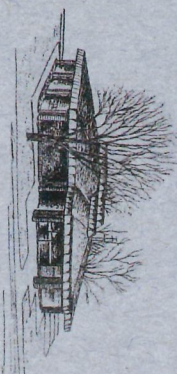
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Book Reader's August Choice



Join us for a discussion at 7:00 pm, Monday, August 27th



Laurens Public Library

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Partners in Education begins at L-M School

Partners in Education or PIE is an important part of the grades kindergarten through fifth grade at the Laurens Marathon Community School. It pairs up a Laurens business place with an elementary class.

It is up to each class and their partner to decide on their own activities. This may include learning about a specific business, taking a class on a field trip to the business, reading together or having crafts together or having special treats on a holiday.

Classes in turn, decorate the windows or bulletin boards in the business and several decorate trees together for the annual community Christmas tree festival.

This is the 10th year for PIE. Partners this year include the following:

Dallenbach Insurance- (10th year) Jeri Wenell
City of Laurens- (New this year) Judy Boetscher
Iowa Trust & Savings Bank - (10th year) Audrey Herbers

Laurens Public Library - Sylvia Ballman
Good Samaritan Home- (New teacher to PIE) Katy Roling

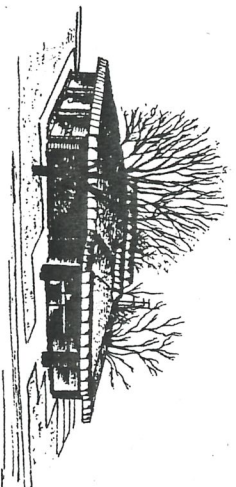
Laurens Country Store- Sandy Aronson
Ressler Drug- (10th year) Les Stewart

Laurens State Bank- (10th year) JoAnn Behrens
Bieri-Christensen DDS- Diana Noonan

In addition, the Laurens Public Library has brown bag lunches or library visits for early childhood and grades second, third, fourth and fifth. Students enjoy stories, explore the library and further research classroom material or subjects.

By supporting and being involved with Partners in Education, local business places can help today's students be tomorrow's well educated, skilled and motivated work force. PIE partners also provide an important part of today's education as they can help individualize instruction, promote school and community interaction and enrich curriculum.

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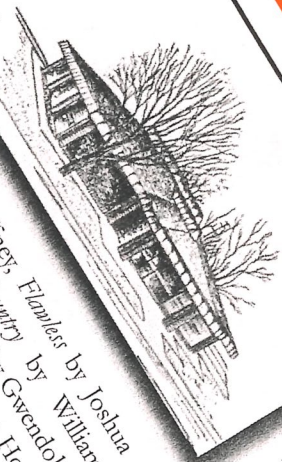
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If you still need a copy let us know & we'll see what we can do. I think this means we'll have a lot of people that enjoyed this book!

Next time you're in the area, stop in to check out our bulletin boards. During the school year they are decorated with the projects of the Laurens-Marathon Art Department. The amazing work that hangs on these boards is a testament to the talent of the local students and their teacher, Rhonda Saunders. We love the way it brightens up the library. Check it out at the Laurens Public Library!



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Dead Heat by Dick Francis, **Mad Dash**

At the Library with Glenda Mulder

September 11, 2007

Well, we've had our first Brown Bag Lunch with the elementary school kids, so I guess that means we're back in the swing of things. My research revealed that September is National Honey Month, so that's the topic I chose for our first sessions. Of course, I found a perfectly fascinating book about Honeybees to read, trivia questions, a crossword puzzle and even a few jokes. Okay, if the kids have to put up with me, you can too. What goes zzub, zzub, zzub? Answer - A bumble bee flying backwards! Now don't tell the kids, you'll ruin all my fun!

Thanks to the Art Meyer Memorial, our Sister City shelf is filling out nicely. We recently received the following books: **Rick Steves 2007 France**, **Lonely Planet France**, **Sightseers Paris 1789: a Guide to Paris on the Eve of the Revolution**, and **Languedoc-Roussillon: The Wines and Wine Makers**. I also thought it would be fun to have a few movies, so this is what we added: **Reunion in France** (starring John Wayne) and **Avenue Montaigne**, and for the younger generation I ordered **Families of France**. These items are featured in our reading area near the magazines. Check them out next time you're in the library!

New for our nonfiction readers we have **The Preacher and the Presidents: Billy Graham in the White House** by Nancy Gibbs and **Crisis, Pursued by Disaster, Followed Closely by Catastrophe: A Memoir of Life on the Run** by Mike O'Connor. For those who prefer fiction we received **You've Been Warned** by James Patterson, **Away** by Amy Bloom, **Heartsick** by Chelsea Cain, **The Collection** by Gioia Diliberto, **Patriot Acts** by Greg Rucka, **The Careful Use of Compliments** by Alexander McCall Smith, **Hard Row** by Margaret Maron, and **74 Seaside Avenue** by Debbie Macomber.

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At the Library with Glenda Mulder

September 18, 2007

Next time you're in the area stop in to check out our bulletin boards. During the school year they are decorated with the projects of the Laurens Marathon Art Department. The amazing work that hangs on these boards is a testament to the talent of the local students their teacher Rhonda Saunders. We love the way it brightens up the library.

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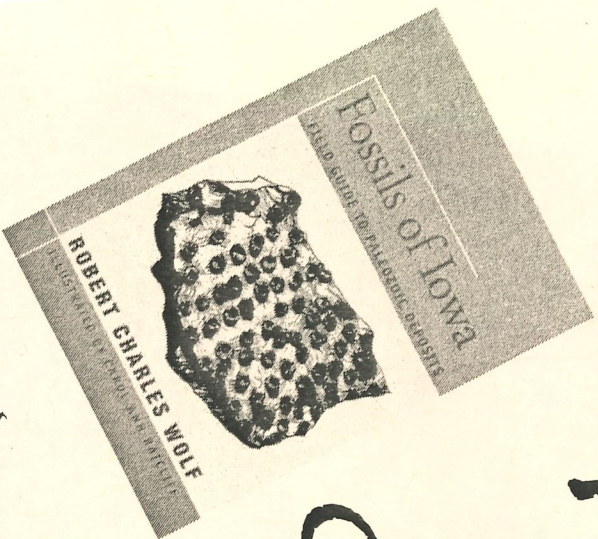
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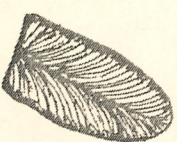
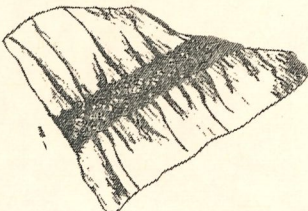
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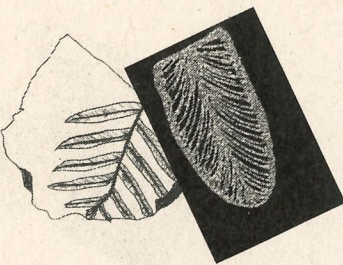


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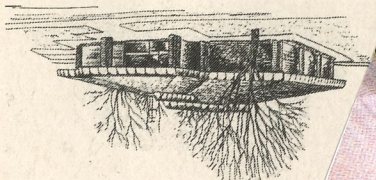
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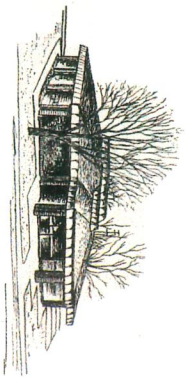
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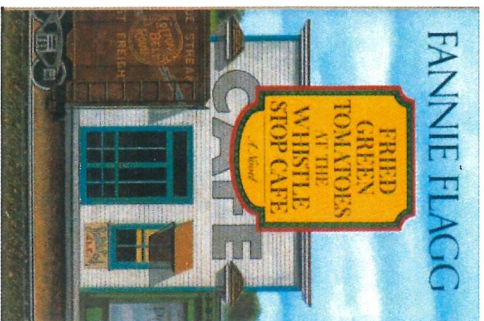
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Laurens Public Library's September choice



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at the
Whistle Stop Cafe

At the Library

with Glenda Mulder
October 2, 2007

Did you miss me last week? Well, my vacation is over and I'm back in the swing of things. We were invaded by a pirate birthday party last Wednesday. Those scallywags must have heard about those new kids' pirate books we got in.

New additions to our fiction department include: *Garden Spells* by Sarah Allen, *The Bone Garden* by Tess Gerritsen, *Night Work* by Steve Hamilton, *Dexter in the Dark* by Jeff Lindsay, *Intruders* by Michael Marshall, *Biting the Apple* by Lucy Jane Bledsoe, *Playing for Pizza* by John Grisham, *High Season* by John Loomis, *Bridge of Sighs* by Richard Russo, *Pontoon: a Lake Wobegon Novel* by Garrison Keillor, *Flawed* by Jo Bannister, *Skin* by Ted Decker, *The Choice* by Nicholas Sparks, *Mothers and Daughters* by Gwen Madoc, *Dark of the Moon* by John Stanford, and *Shoot Him if He Runs* by Stuart Woods.

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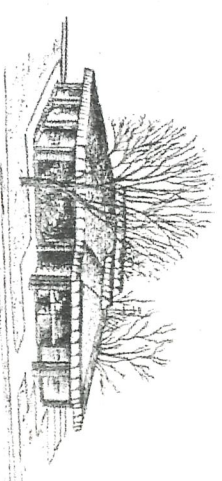
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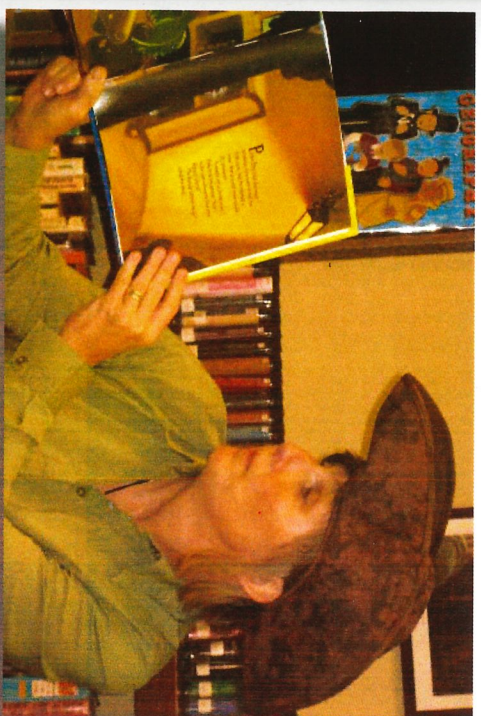
FREE Concert!

Local Pirate Spotted!

Local pirates spotted at the Laurens Library!! A special 8th birthday party for two Laurens "pirates in training" would not have been as much fun without going to the library for some special pirate stories and a hidden treasure with our very own Pirate Glendal

Thank you from all of the Crew Members and "Walk the plank!"

The Paper



Free Concert!
10-11-07
at the Laurens Public Library.
Plan to join us for this evening of musical entertainment, sponsored by the Laurens Foundation
Public Library
17:30

Peter Fletcher to perform Thursday

Classical guitarist Peter Fletcher will be entertaining at the Laurens Public Library on Thursday evening, October 11. The concert will begin at 7 p.m. There is no charge to attend the concert. It is sponsored by the Laurens Public Library Foundation.

A native of Atlanta, Georgia, Mr. Fletcher began guitar study at the age of seven. In December 1983, he made his formal debut at the age of fifteen under the auspices of The Brassstown Concert Association in North Carolina. In 1990, the Music Teachers National Association awarded Fletcher a prize at its national level competition. In 1995, he received the Master of Music degree from the Eastman School of Music and was twice the recipient of a Eastman Graduate Award.

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Peter Fletcher's three recordings, The Art of Classical Guitar, A Peter Fletcher Recital and Federico Mompou: Guitar Works, have received critical acclaim. Mr. Fletcher's latest recording, Peter Fletcher plays Erik Satie, was released in September '05. It involves an all-Satie project for which he himself wrote the guitar transcriptions.

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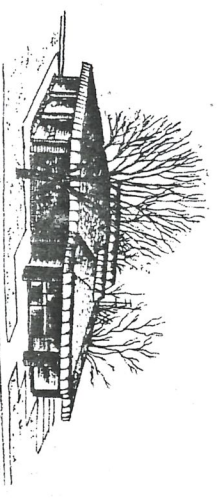
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At the Library

with Glenda Mulder
October 9, 2007 *The Paper*

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Our Halloween tradition of magical entertainment will continue this year. Magician Larry Dunbar will start his show at 6:30. He always packs the house, so mark it on your calendar and plan to join us. It's great fun to see all the kids in their costumes as they enjoy the show.

We're bursting with new fiction selections. These include: *Fire in the Blood* by Irene Nemirovsky, *Kissing Christmas Goodbye* by M.C. Beaton, *Noble Lies* by Charles Benoit, *World Without End* by Ken Follett, *Beyond Seduction* by Stephanie Laurens, *Where Angels Go* by Debbie Macomber, *Beating the Babushka* by Tim Maleeny, *Truth or Bare* by Richard Cahill, *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao* by Junot Diaz, *North River* by Pete Hamill, *Italian Lover* by Robert Helenga, *Waiting to Surface* by Emily Listfield and *Women of Magdalene* by Rosemary Poole-Carter. Come choose one!

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Guitar Concert

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Peter Fletcher Guitarist



Fletcher Fans!

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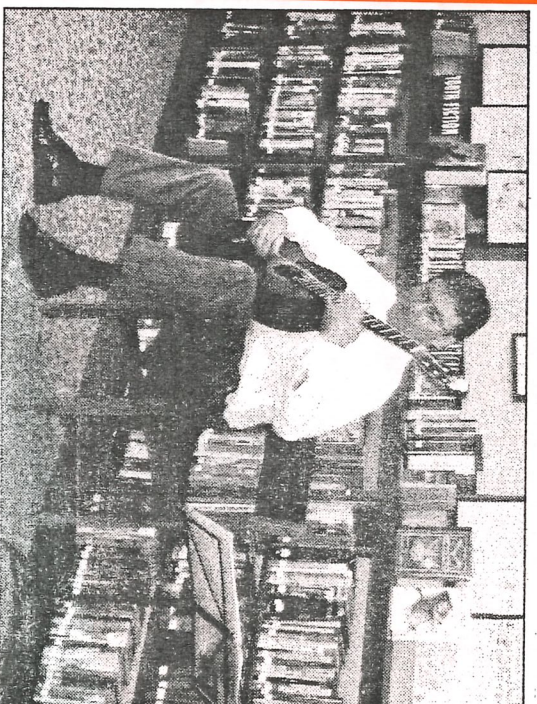


The crowd enjoying Peter Fletcher



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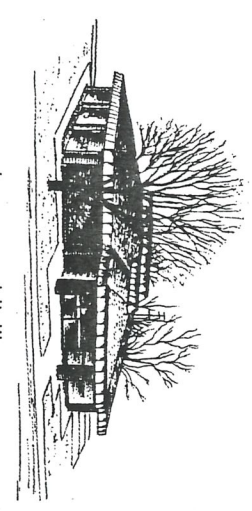


Peter Fletcher signing CDs Megan + Ashlynn
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Partners in Education

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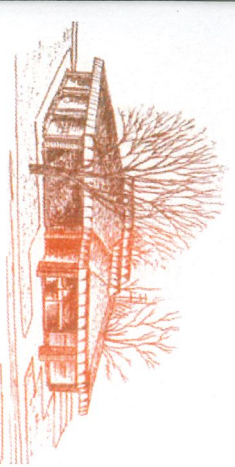
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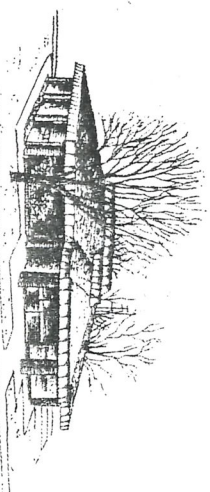
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Pancakes and fall. A perfect match. Laurens Public Library Foundation Fundraiser, November 8, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Christian Church. Served by Kiwanis. Free will donation
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Larry Dunbar and his Halloween magic will be returning to the Laurens Public Library,

October 31 at 6:30. Come if you dare. 21-1c



At the Library with Glenda Mulder

October 23, 2007 *Laurens Sun*

Dorothy Runneberg picked our next book of choice. It is *One Thousand White Women* by Jim Fergus. In 1854 Cheyenne Chief Little Wolf asked for 1,000 white women as brides for his warriors in exchange for 1,000 horses. Using this true incident, Fergus lets his imagination go wild and creates a journal of one of his ancestors who became one of those brides in 1875. This portrait of the American West follows May Dodd as she leaves the East Coast asylum to which she had been committed by her high-society family, heads west, and with the help of this government program, ends up marrying a chief of the Cheyenne nation. Stop at the library and pick up a copy. Anyone is welcome to join us at 7 pm Monday, November 26th to talk about this book.

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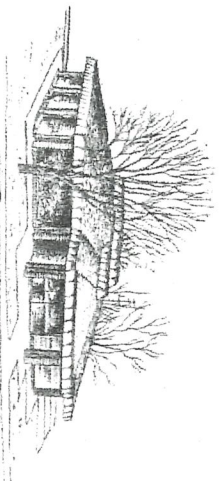
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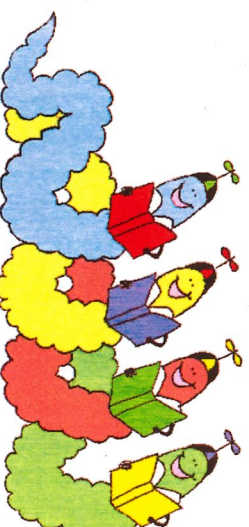


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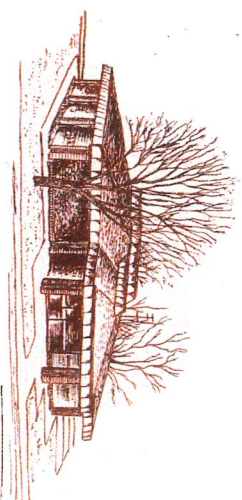
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Very eager to answer
Glenda's questions about
'Book worms'.

October 2007



Local News

Library Foundation Fundraiser

The Laurens Public Library Foundation will hold its fifteenth annual fund raiser on Thursday, November 8th, 2007. Proceeds will be used to purchase a DVD rack and a ceiling mount screen. The vendor that usually supplies books for the foundation book sale is unavailable so instead, the library will be offering canvas book totes with the Laurens Library logo on the front. These can be purchased at the library or the pancake supper. The Laurens Kiwanis will serve a pancake supper at the Christian Church from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. A free will donation will be accepted for the supper. The

Library Foundation was established as a non-profit corporation under Iowa law. Gifts to the foundation are deductible not only for Federal estate purposes but also for Federal income and Iowa inheritance tax purposes. The mission of the foundation is to benefit the community by raising, managing and distributing funds to enhance the services and collections of the library. Projects sponsored by the Laurens Public Library Foundation this past year included a Halloween Magic program by Larry Dunbar and Code Talkers program by Rob and Diana Roberts. The foundation



Library Incubworms

After we read some worm books, we practiced being Library Incubworms. After that we made worm bracelets and ate worms!

4H Club

Some of the members of the Golden Horizons 4H club are sharing their projects by displaying them at the Laurens Public Library. Pictured are the kids who volunteered to help with the worm story time at the Li-



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Biggest Little Paper In Town!



Brice Wenell leading
an inch worm
around the library.
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fun being
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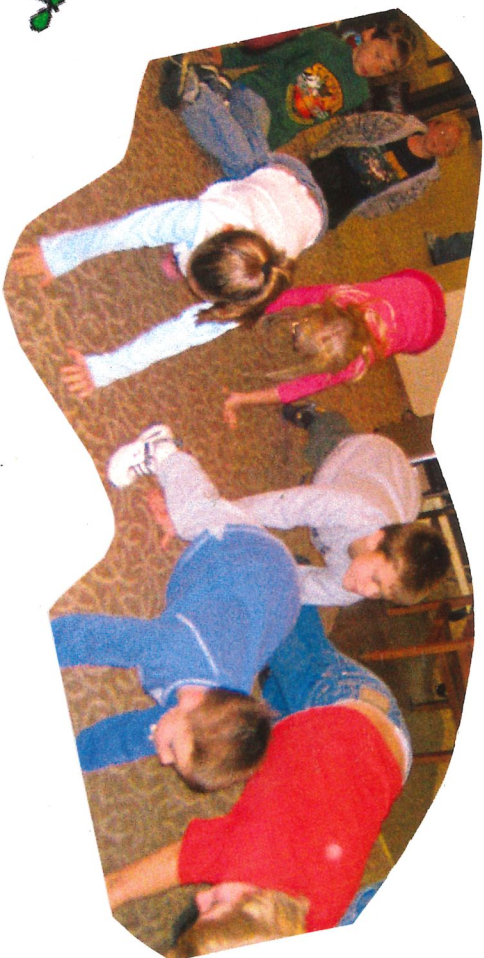
Tori, Reese & Eli Handy





Addy Boettcher
showing how to
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Inch Worms



Cydnee + Skylar Hopkins, Emily Spensides,
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Kylea Jahr, Maali Todd, Addy Boettcher, Alexis Michigan
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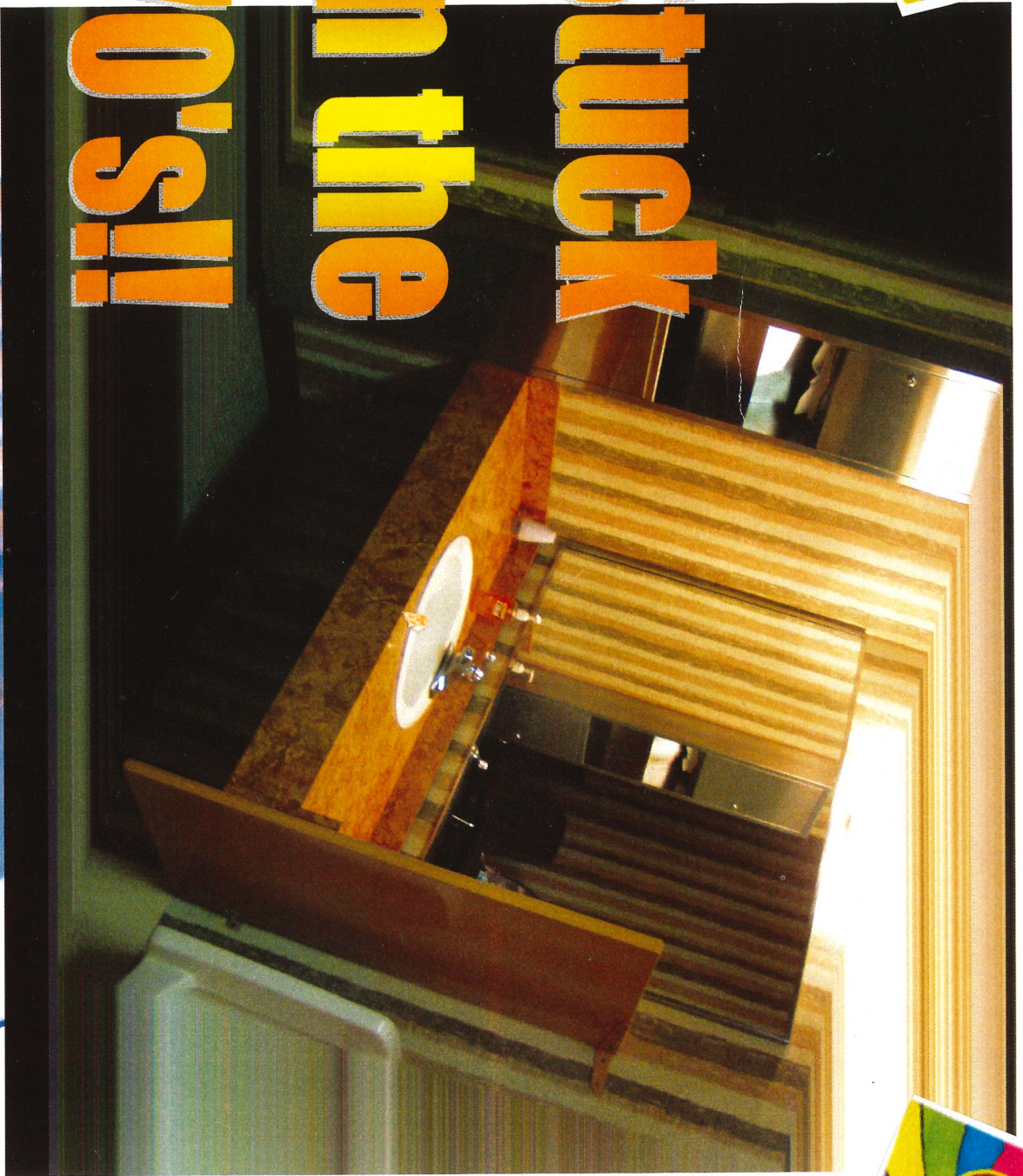


Alexandra Ahlers, Kylie Weinholtz
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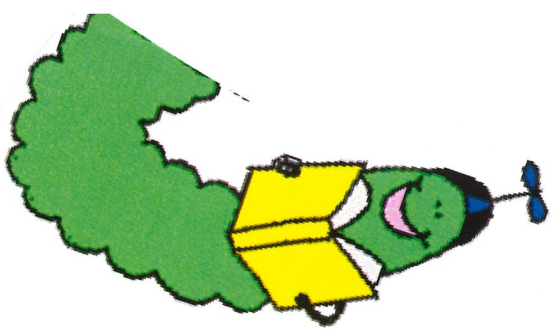
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Buy BookWorms for

just \$1!



Stuck
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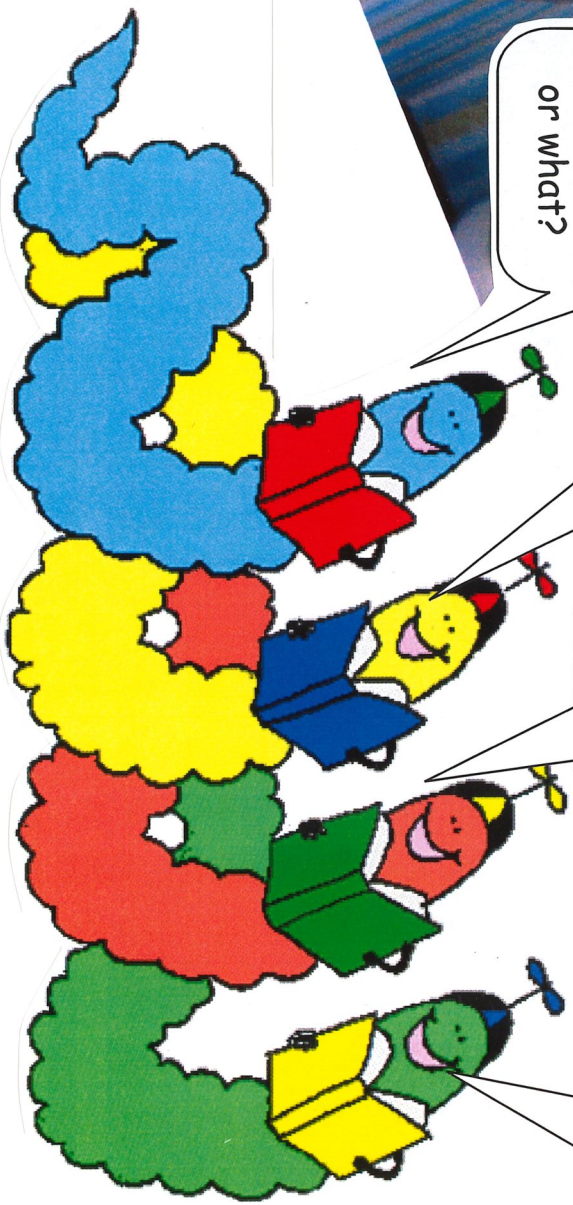
Help us update
our
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Is this the ugliest bathroom in Laurens, or what?

Gotta love that 70's decor....

What were they thinking?

It looks like the "before" picture on a makeover show...



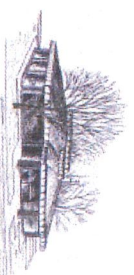
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Halloween Magician!

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Check it out at the Laurens Public Library!

Halloween

at the

Laurens Public
The Magic of Larry Dunbar & Co.



Wednesday, October 31st @ 6:30

Sponsored by

Laurens Chamber of Commerce

Laurens Public Library Foundation



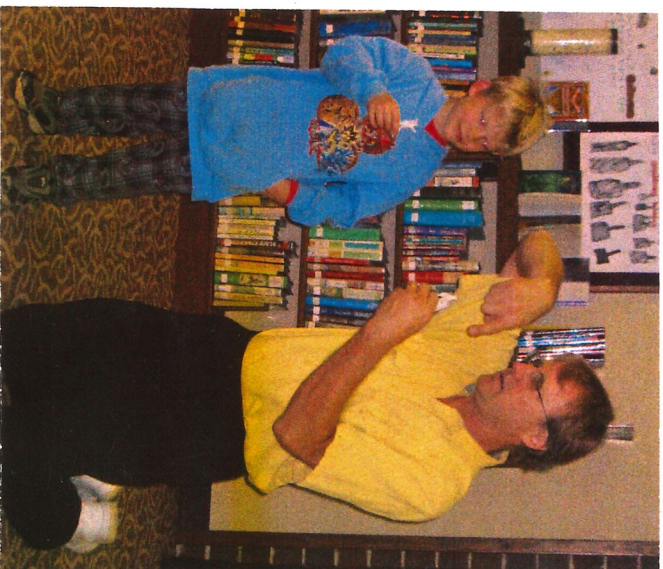
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El: Handy learning magic



Library Foundation to hold Fund- Raiser

Thursday

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Established as non profit corp

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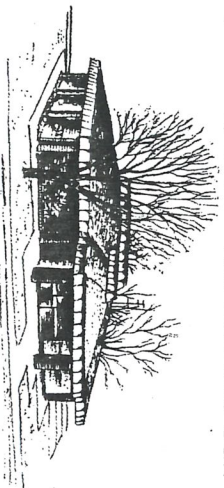
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Pancakes and fall. A perfect match. Laurens Public Library Foundation Fundraiser, November 8, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Christian Church. Served by Kiwanis. Free will donation

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At the Library with Glenda Mulder

October 30, 2007

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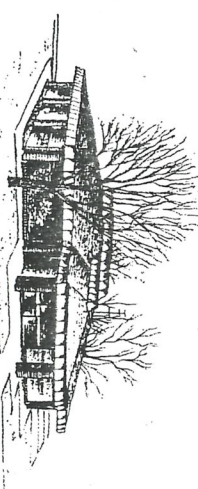
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November 6, 2007

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New fiction this week includes *All Through the Night* by Suzanne Brockman, *3 Sisters* by James Doss, *A Christmas Beginning* by Anne Perry, *Stone Cold* by David Baldacci, *Chase* by Clive Cussler, *3rd Degree* by Greg Iles, and *Creation in Death* by J.D. Robb. In nonfiction we received *Come on People: On the path from Victims to Victors* by Bill Cosby. Our youth fiction readers seem to enjoy series books. For them we received the latest *Halo* book by Joseph Staten and Darren Shan's *Blood Beast*. New DVDs include *The Jungle Book*, *Meet the Robinsons*, *Surfs Up*, *Evan Almighty* and *Transformers*.

Come to the library to see the five beautiful paper angels made by Mrs. Saunders 3D Art Class.

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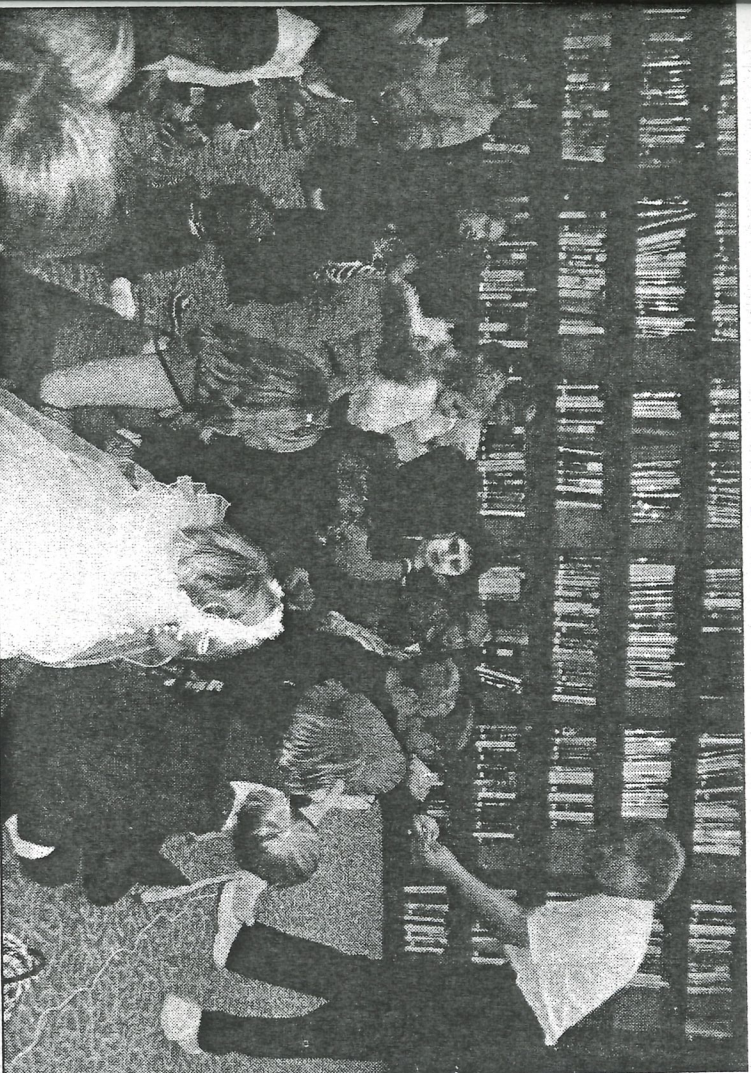


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Some of the members of the Golden Horizons 4H club are sharing their projects by displaying them at the Laurens Public Library. Pictured are the kids who volunteered to help with the worm story time at the Library. In back are Reuben Wenell and Carly Lampe. In front are Laura Hanson, Brice Wenell, Adda Boettcher and Megan Jensen.

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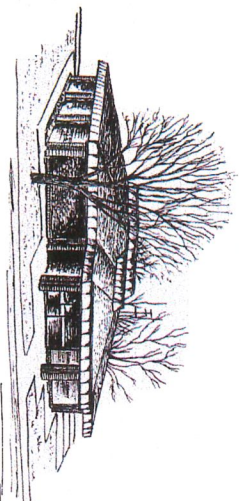
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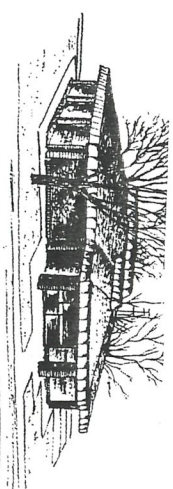
Laurens Public Library Foundation Pancake Supper Fundraiser



Thursday, November 8
5-7 pm

First Christian Church
Pancakes by the Kiwanis





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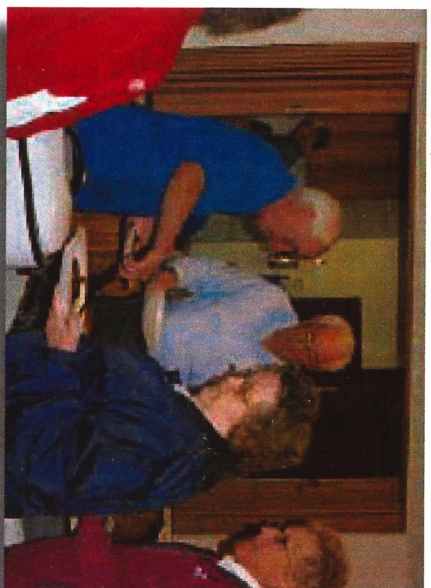
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Laurens Kiwanis Club Serves them up for the Library

By Kent Radford

The Laurens Kiwanis Club is dedicated to community service and to the goal that "children are number one." On Thursday

evening, November 8, 2007, the Kiwanians were flipping pancakes at the First Christian Church to raise money for the Laurens Public Library. While turnout for this fund raising activity was lower than previous years (148 people served), the fund raising activity was a success. There was no set price for the pancake dinners, however the Kiwanis Club was able to raise near \$2,000 for this worthy project. Those who participated

made free will donations and had a great meal!

Kenneth Gisch, president of the Laurens Kiwanis Club, stated he wanted to thank all those who volunteered their time (Kiwanis Club Members, Library Board, First Christian Church, and others). These types of volunteer efforts cannot be successful unless there are people who are willing to donate their time and be involved in community service.



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Pancakes, Pancakes, Pancakes!

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At the Library with Glenda Mulder 11-13-07

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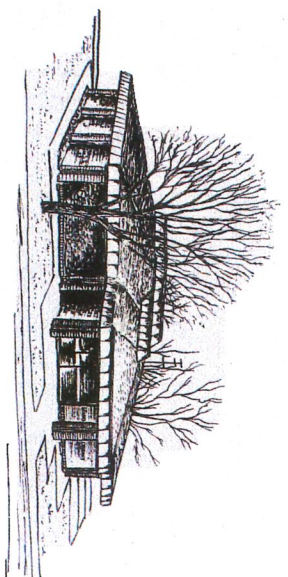
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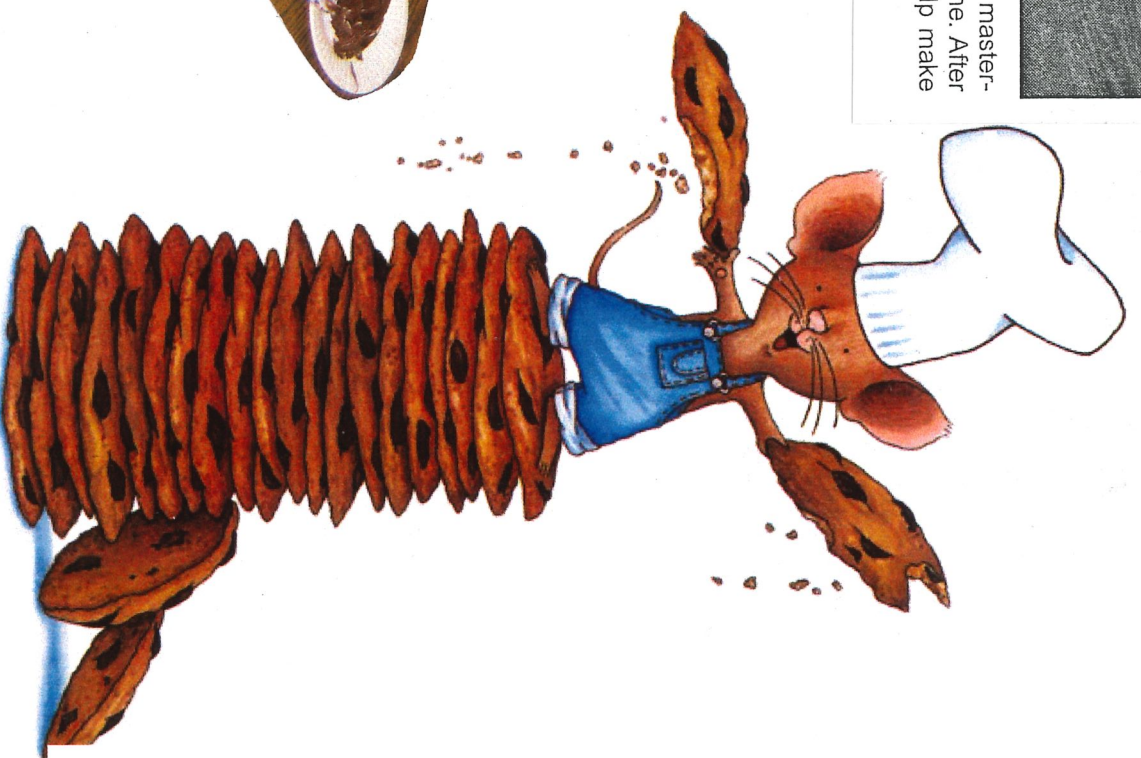
Cookie/Story Time at Laurens Public Library



Ellie Newgard and Skylar Hopkins sample their masterpieces at the Laurens Public Library cookie story time. After gaining this experience I bet they'll be ready to help make Christmas cookies at home! *Laurens Sun*

Story Time at the Library!

**For a sweet time
join us at
1:30 Friday
November 16th
at the
Laurens Public
Library**



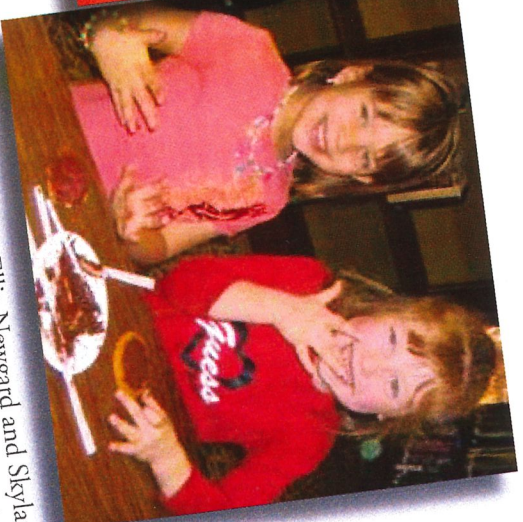
*Anthony Poling
enjoying
Anthony's cookie!*

Cookie Monsters!

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From Left to Right: Ellie Newgard and Skylar Hopkins

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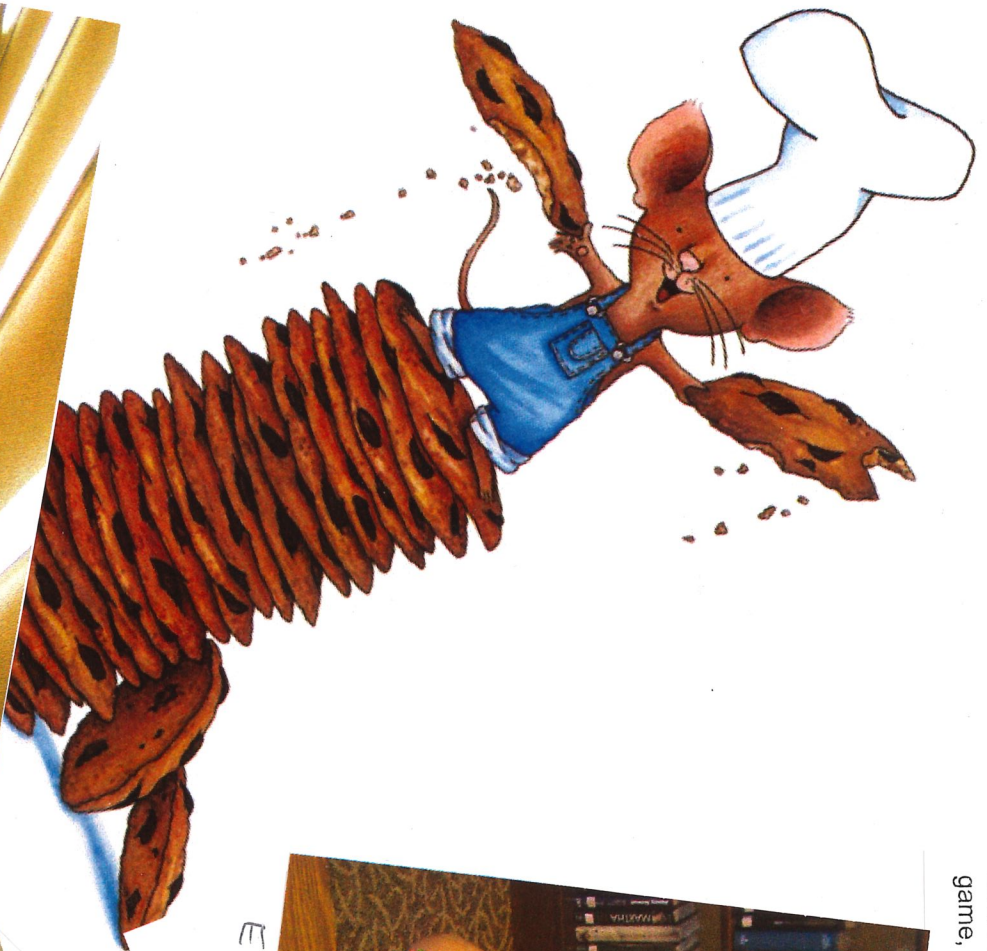


Glenda asking the kids their favorite

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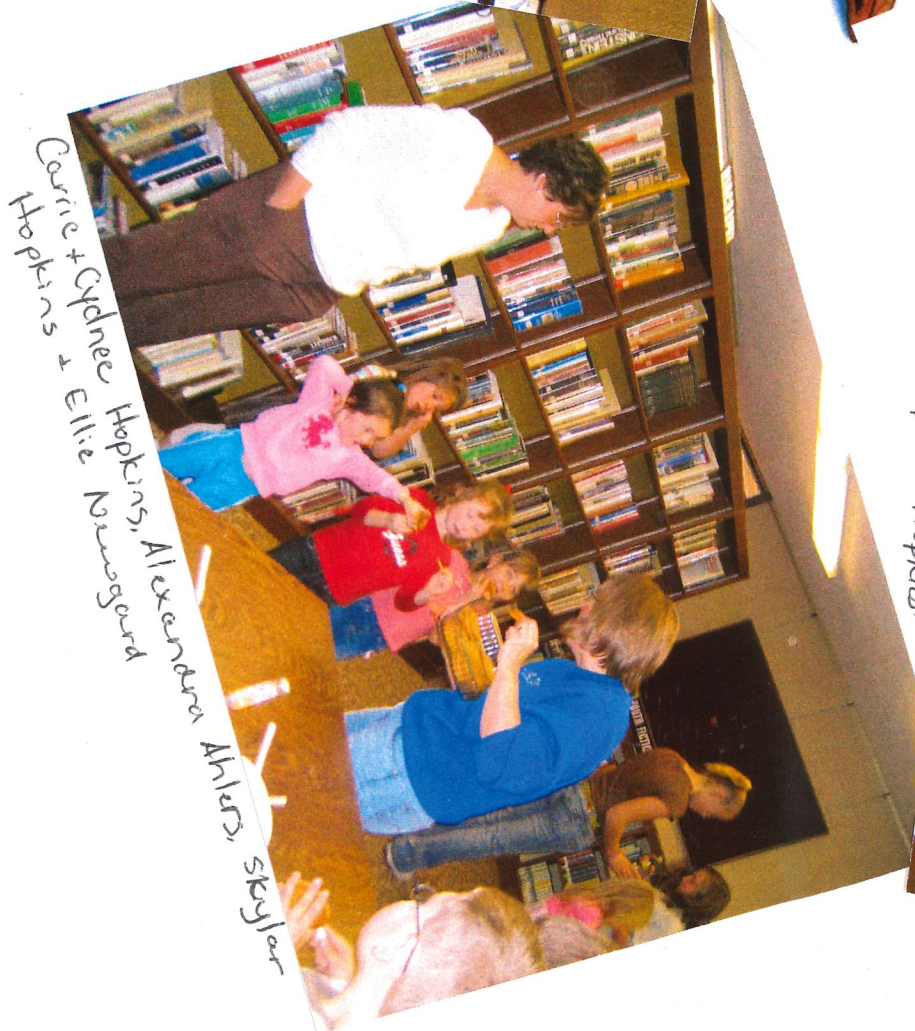
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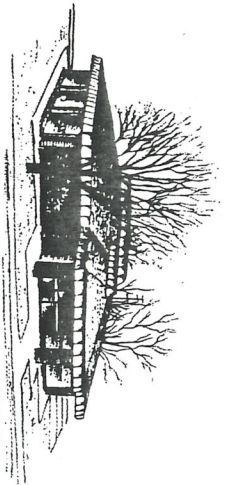
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Decorating cookies



Carrie + Cydnee Hopkins, Alexandra Ahlers, Skylar Hopkins & Ellie Neugard



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At the Library with Glenda Mulder

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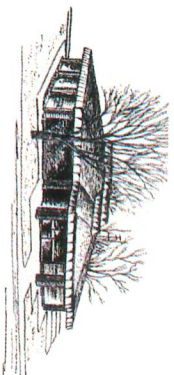
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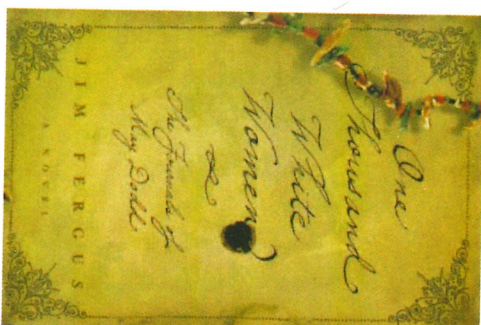
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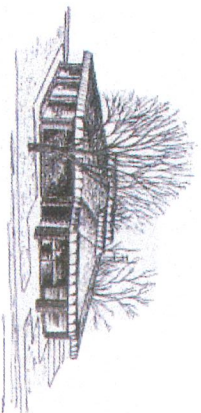
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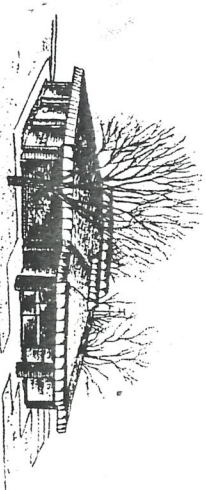
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November 29, 2007

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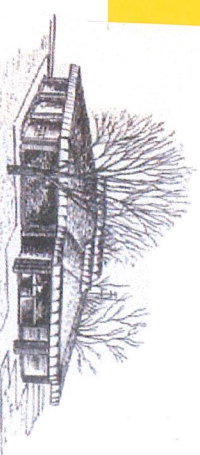
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A Laurens Anthology

7:00 pm Monday, November 19th
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Presented by the
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The Laurens Federated Women's Club presented "Voices from the Past: a Laurens Anthology" at the Laurens Public Library Monday evening. The audience was entertained by past residents of Laurens as portrayed by members of the Women's Club. Pictured is Grace Hertz as the first president of the Laurens Women's Club, Etta Mae Crowder.

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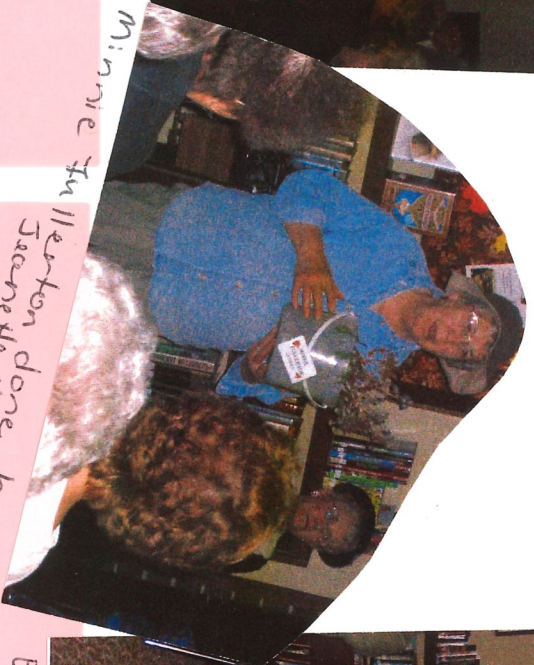
At the
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Pat Frantz certainly captured the essence of Biddy Sundberg, a local community activist and Eastern Star member. The remaining special guests are shown resting as their counterparts told about their lives in Laurens.



Grace Hertz as Etta Mae Crowder



Minnie in Heston done by Jeanette Korrecl



Evelyn Schlausener as Nona Fair

"VOICES FROM THE PAST"

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The Laurens Federated Women's Club

Monday, November 19, 2007

7:00 p.m.

Laurens Public Library
Laurens, Iowa

The Laurens Federated Women's Club Presented

"Voices from the Past: a Laurens Anthology" at the Laurens Public Library



Thanks for giving us Laurentians a reason to look forward to Tuesdays!!



Biggest Little Paper In Town!

Hertz as the first president of the Laurens Women's club, Etta Mae Crowder.
Pat Frantz certainly captured the essence of Biddy Sundberg, a local community activist and Eastern Star member. The remaining special guests are shown resting as their counterparts told about their lives in Laurens.

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Etta Mae Crowder, 1st Laurens Women's Club President

- Grace Hertz

Sven Eric & Ida Maria Lund & family, early Laurens farm family from Sweden

- Helen Lund

Bent Steele, first blacksmith in town & his wife, Ida, nurse & midwife

- Jackie Stelter

Nona Fair, ran the Laurens Elite movie theatre

- Evelyn Schlausener

U.S. Vance, newspaper publisher

- Dorothy Runneberg

Sadie Wigen, nurse for Dr. J.H. Hovenden

- Betty VanHorsen

Biddy Sundberg, community activist, Eastern Star

- Pat Frantz

C.I. Hersom, contractor & coin collector

- Eileen Triggs

Paul & Helen Melferd, pioneer Laurens manufacturer & his wife

- Pat Boughey

Roy Rubel, ran grocery store, mayor of Laurens

- Marcia Leu

Coast to Coast hardware store owners & wives

- Dorothy Long

Minnie Fullerton, President, Garden Clubs of Iowa

- Jeanette Korrecl

Helen Ducommun, English & Band teacher

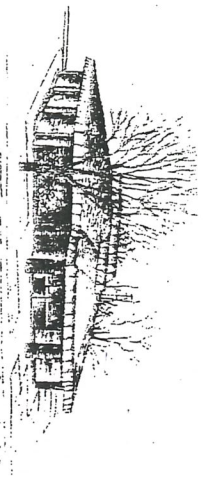
- Janet Carlson

Alvin Straight, as portrayed in "The Straight Story"

- Lois Jirgens



Lois Jirgens (Alvin Straight) ~ Janet Carlson (Helen Ducommun)



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At the Library with Glenda Mulder

December 4, 2007

Laurens Sun

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The Polar Express Laurens Public Library Mrs. Ballman's 1st Grade

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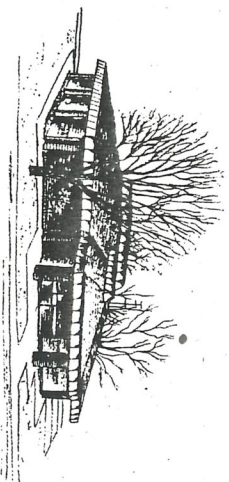
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December 11, 2007 - *Laurens Sun*

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The school kids get out early on Friday so the Golden Horizons 4H club will again be helping with our story time. The theme I've chosen is Popcorn. I seem to like to center things around food lately. Must be that good Dutch upbringing!

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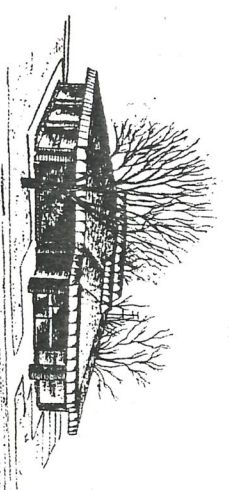
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December 18, 2007

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A couple Honor Society members came to change the art work displayed on our bulletin boards. One of our boards now features a giant Night Before Christmas mural made by the Second Graders in Mrs. Saunders' Art Class. Pictured is a snow covered village with the reindeer pulling Santa's sleigh high overhead. It is bordered by snowflakes and candy canes. Check it out when you stop in. It is truly amazing!

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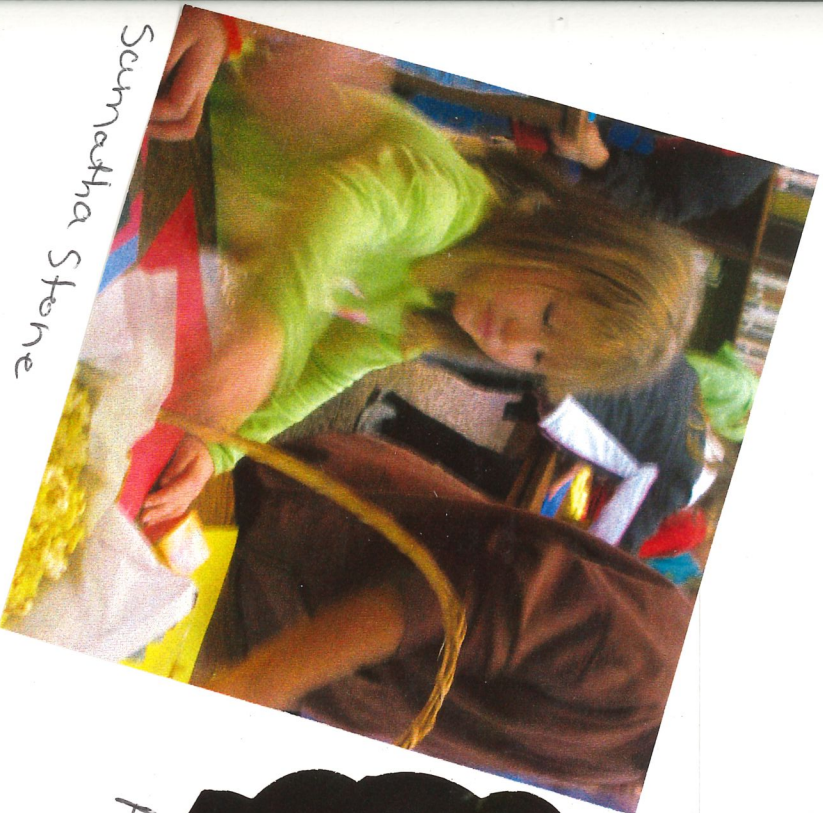
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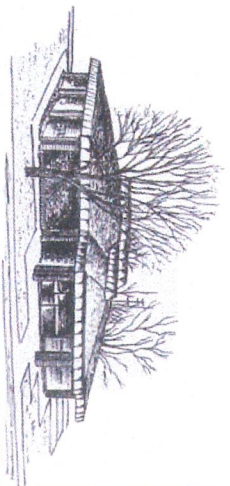
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December Book Club
Deb & Grace Hertz & Santa

At the Library

with Glenda Mulder
December 25, 2007 *My Paper*



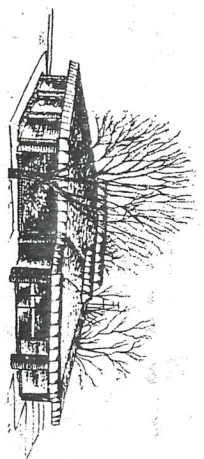
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Shelly Phillips as Santa's Back View

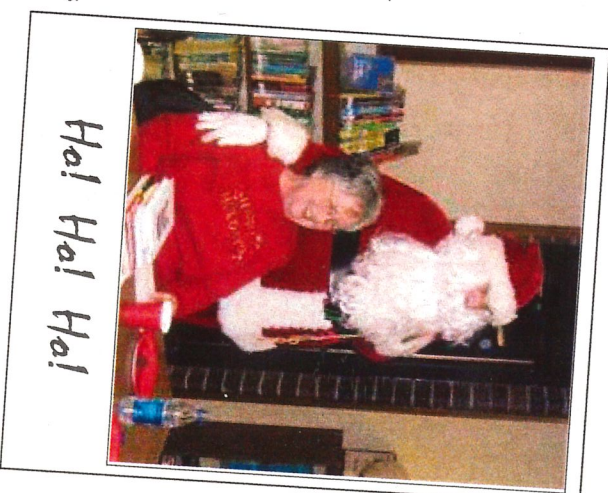


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Santa Visits Library

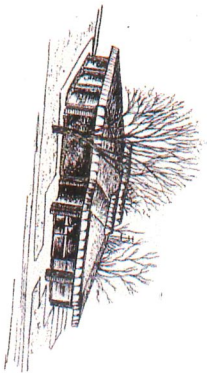
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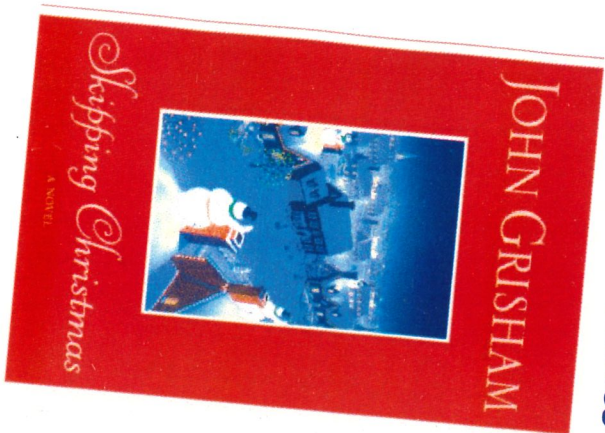
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To discuss

Skipping Christmas
by John Grisham

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Polar Express
Partners in Education
Public Library
Ballman's
Class.



Laurens
+ Mrs.
1st Grade



First Graders: 1st row: Mackenzie Brown, Paige Kelley,
Nathan Engert, Ellen Kozulyn, 2nd row: Kayla Fehr, Allison
Graft, Alicia Carter, Heather Williams, Sierra Brazel, Heather
Nightingale, 3rd row: Madison Brown, 4th row: Kayla Fehr, Allison Kelley



Teacher Mrs. Ballman,
Back row: 1st row: 1st Grade
from the middle + back row



Polar Express Tree