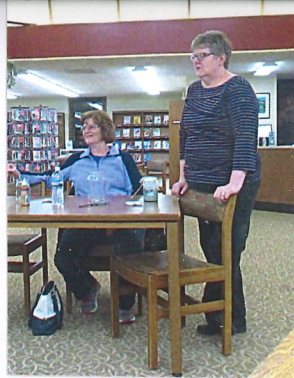


January Take-It-Home
 Tuesday, January 8th @ 6:30 pm
Note the special date this month!



Come join us to make Winter Luminaries.
 Please bring your own jar.
 Sign-up as class size will be limited.
 This is for adults. Children can participate if accompanied by an adult.
 Laurens Public Library



Deb giving instructions.



Lots of chatting while crafting! FUN!



Pat + Laura chat + work



Sue using the glitter show.



Bonnie is painting the pine cones.



Sue is using hot glue to attach ribbon.



Gail is finishing with ribbon.



Connie used clittersnow



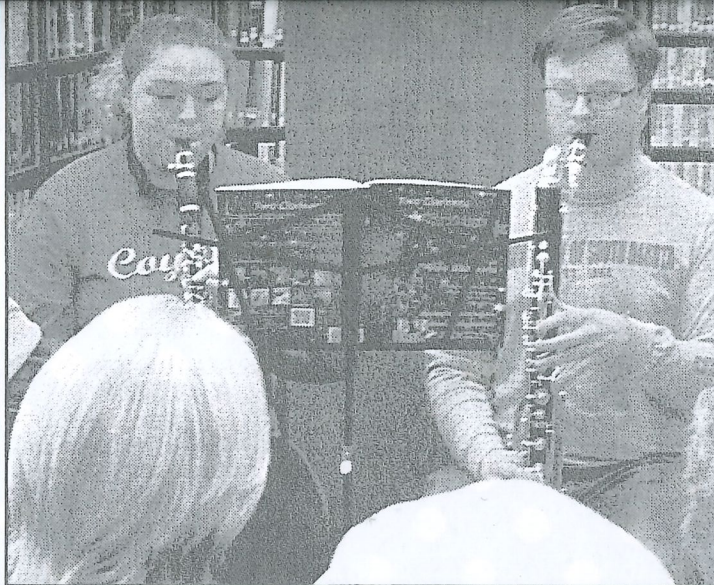
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Laurens Sun Library new designated news drop- off site

Laurens residents who have news items may now drop those items off at the Laurens Library for the Laurens Sun. The library's night drop box may also be used.

The Laurens Sun is looking for story suggestions, too. If you know someone who has an interesting hobby, a Laurens-Marathon graduate who is pursuing a unique career or who has achieved success, please let the Laurens Sun staff know. Please include contact information for those story ideas, either a phone number or an email address.

Librarians ask county for 10 percent budget increase for next year

By Erin Sommers
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Pocahontas County librarians approached the Board of Supervisors Jan. 15 seeking a 10 percent increase for the 2019-20 budget.

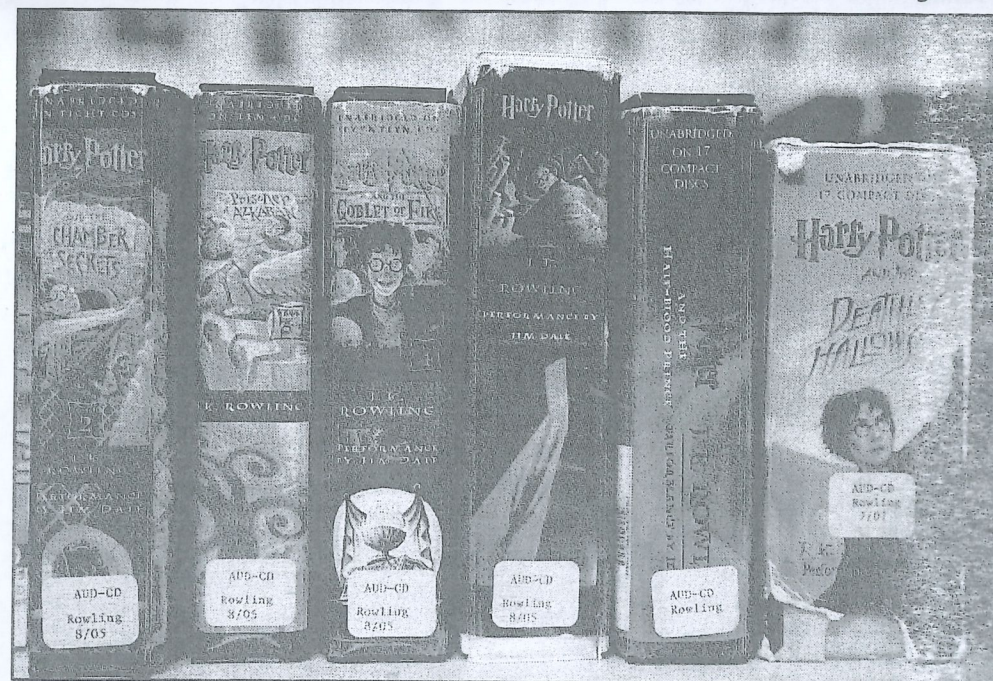
If granted, the increase would raise the total amount given to the libraries by about \$9,200. Pocahontas Public Library Director Lola DeWall said the 2 percent increase this year resulted in just a \$97 increase for the county's smallest libraries — enough to purchase two audiobooks or four regular hardback books.

"We do appreciate all you do," DeWall told the Supervisors.

The county this year gave about \$92,000 for the nine libraries to split; the libraries serve both city residents and rural residents, with some cities also providing funding. DeWall spoke at the Pocahontas City Council meeting Jan. 14, outlining the case for an increase in city support for the library, too.

Many of the librarians in the smaller communities said their aging populations would benefit most from additional access to audiobooks and large-print books, which are more expensive than regular hardcover books.

Linda Mercer from the Fonda Public Library said she also uses the state's interlibrary loan system to borrow large-print books, at a cost of just a few dollars instead of \$30 to \$35, but she would like to refresh the library's large-print collection. Mercer and most of the other



The Harry Potter book series is seen in audiobook format. Librarians from communities across Pocahontas County asked the Board of Supervisors for a 10 percent funding increase for next fiscal year. Most librarians hope to purchase more audiobooks next year. Photo by Erin Sommers.

librarians also highlighted the programs they use to reach the county's youngest residents, with preschool story times.

"If I had more funding, I'd get more STEM projects," Mercer said, referring to science, technology, engineering and math. "Science is the way to go."

In Varina, Librarian Stephanie Archer said the library is open just five hours a week.

"The only funding we get is

through the county," she said.

Having those small libraries is "hugs for rural residents," Archer said. "We always have the coffee pot on."

Laurens Librarian Glenda Mulder said her library packed the fall full of events, but community residents may have noticed a lighter schedule of late.

"I learned early on you don't schedule programs in January, because you reschedule and reschedule," Mulder said.

Supervisor Clarence Siepker, whose district includes Laurens, said the library is a popular spot.

"I know in Laurens, you drive through town and there's nothing, but you get to the library and there's always cars," Siepker said.

The Plover Library recently started a senior exercise class, Gloria Gunderson said. At the first class, several people

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BUDGET: Update computers

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attended, including one man.

"I notice when they come in (for events), they check out books," she said.

Plover's library is the smallest certified library in Iowa, which means the library is open 10 hours a week and meets other criteria as set by the state. In addition to a need for more audiobooks and large-print books, Gunderson said two of the Plover Library's three public computers need to be replaced.

A large percentage — more than half — of Rolfe residents use the library, Director Terry Kipfer said. She has been working to upgrade the library, which now sports a new paint job on the inside.

DeWall said county libraries circulated more than 12,000 items to rural county residents alone last year, and some of the libraries also provided county patrons with access to e-books and digital audiobooks. Other

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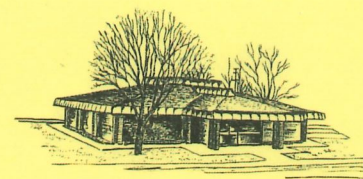
Library patrons who come to use computers will do so to apply for jobs, fill out online forms and scan documents.

"A lot of these people can't afford internet at home, they can't afford computers," DeWall said. "We also offer computer classes computer classes and technological assistance."

She would like to update the Pocahontas Public Library's computers, she said.

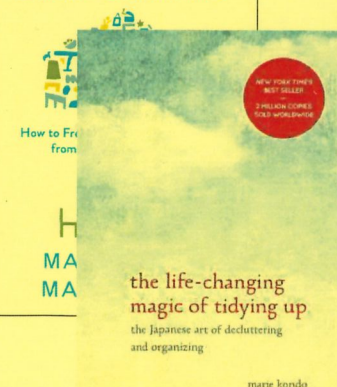
Supervisors took the request under advisement. They will make determinations about any increases when they work on the 2019-20 budget later this month through March.

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THE GENTLE ART
OF SWEDISH
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Monday
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HOSTED BY THE POCAHONTAS COUNTY FOUNDATION & POCAHONTAS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

 **Laurens Library**
will be
CLOSING
at 4:45
Wednesday,
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*We closed so we all
can attend the
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Many public and private entities contribute to the Pocahontas County Economic Development Commission. The Pocahontas County Foundation appreciates the projects completed by organizations that enhance our county. Thank you for generous contributions and continued support.

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JANUARY 23, 2019 | 5:30 P.M. | ROLFE COMMUNITY CENTER

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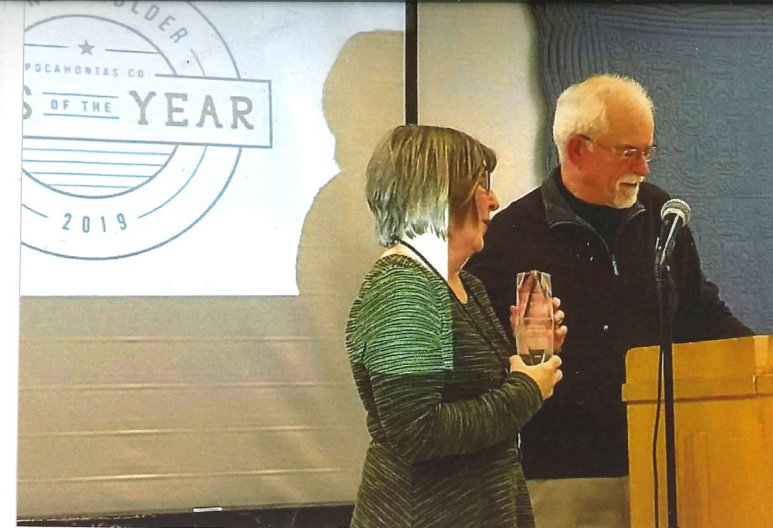
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HOMETOWN PHILANTHROPY:
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 Introduction - Bill Winkleblack - Chair, Pocahontas County Foundation
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BOSS OF THE YEAR 2019
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CUTS TO LIVE FOR BUSINESS OF THE YEAR 2019
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John Pohlman giving Glenda Mulder 'The Boss of the Year, 2019' Award.



Library Staff: Jeri Wenell, Deb Hertz, Glenda Mulder & Laura Todd

POCAHONTAS COUNTY BOSS OF THE YEAR
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For demonstrating a remarkable commitment and passion to the vitality of Pocahontas County's business climate through excellent leadership, work ethic, and positive attitude.

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The Award & Certificate.

2019 GRANT RECIPIENTS

2019 HIGH IMPACT AWARD WINNER - POCO EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEM CPR TRAINING MANNEQUINS

FONDA

Fonda Public Library - Technology For Teens
City of Fonda - Let The People Know - Sign

GILMORE CITY

Gilmore City Fire Department - Emergency Rescue Kit
Gilmore City Hometown Pride - Sunset Park Landscaping

HAVELOCK

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POCAHONTAS

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Pocahontas Hometown Pride - Log Cabin Lighting
Pocahontas Library - Circulation Desk Redesign
PAC Foundation - PAC Elementary Tech Refresh
Pocahontas Firefighters - Emergency Scene Lighting
Pocahontas Community Hospital Ambulance Service - Fluid Warmer

ROLFE

Rolfe Hometown Pride/City of Rolfe - Campground at Three Rivers Trail Head
Rolfe Library/City of Rolfe - Connecting the Generations - Escape Room
Rolfe Legion - Grave Markers

VARINA

Varina Hometown Pride - Generation Swing

POCAHONTAS COUNTY

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Upper Des Moines Opportunity - Back to School Program
Pocahontas Co. Conservation - Kayaks
Pocahontas Co. Health Dept. - Rental Equipment
Pocahontas Co. Sheriff - Community Safety

\$95,643.20 AWARDED IN 2019



Music Garden Enhancements



Head Librarian Glenda Mulder accepts the Grant check for Music Garden Enhancement
Jeri Wenell, Glenda Mulder, Laura Todd + Deb Hertz.



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Laurens business and boss honored at second PCEDC event

Foundation awards nearly \$96,000 in grants

By Erin Sommers
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Glenda Mulder, the Laurens librarian, was named Pocahontas County's first boss of the year.

Mulder, who has worked for the Laurens Public Library since 2006, accepted the inaugural honor at the 2019 Pocahontas County Economic Development Corp. and Pocahontas County Foundation annual dinner and awards ceremony Jan. 23 in Rolfe.

John Pohlman, who presented the award, said nominators noted Mulder's extensive knowledge of the library, skill with the library's finances and push to schedule hundreds of events for young children, teens and adults each year.

"It's amazing to me and I was kind of blown away," Mulder said of learning she had won the award. "I can't believe I was nominated even."

She told the crowd filling the Rolfe Community Center she had good bosses who trained her over the years. One was her boss at a clothing store in Laurens, who told her to work hard and play hard, and to teach her employees the skills they needed to succeed.

When she began working for the former Laurens Library director, Mulder also learned important things about being in charge.

"A good boss is part of a team," she said. "I've got a great team. My staff is amazing. They know what needs to be done and they do it. It's hardly even like being at work."

The second Business of the Year Award also went to Laurens, to Cuts to Dye For, owned by Erica Svuba. Svuba was unable to attend the awards dinner, but she recorded a message for the event attendees. She thanked whoever had nominated her, the PCEDC for giving her the award and for her family for supporting her while she ran her business and volunteered around the community.

The keys to success, Svuba said, are showing up every day, ready to work, and continuing to learn. Successful people keep moving, she added, and they don't quit.

"Concentrate on what you do well and do it better than everybody else," Svuba said. "Have a positive attitude. Your attitude determines your actions."

Svuba praised the retail trade group in Laurens for the work its members are doing to promote and improve the town.

"We just have a great thing going in this town," she said. "If we don't work together, no one is going to win."

She said she hopes to instill in her own children the importance of community involvement and volunteering. The greatest rewards, she said, are the opportunities she has to help people and be involved.

"I wish I could convince everyone in each town to volunteer just once a year," Svuba said. "That would be amazing."

A three-member panel comprised of Pohlman, Helen Beneke and Janell Rittgers also talked about the value of community volunteerism.

Beneke said her father pushed her into volunteering.

"My father, he was the ultimate in volunteering — his children," she said, with a pause to emphasize how he told his children they would help others, particularly their eight uncles who farmed in Buena Vista County.

Pohlman also picked up the drive to volunteer from his parents, and it's something he said he hopes to see his own son and grandchildren do, too.

"I enjoy jumping in," he said. Rittgers was on the panel to represent her brother and her late mother, she said. She and her brother decided to create an endowment, through the county foundation, to provide money to Gilmore City for ongoing improvements around the town. As she talked, Rittgers' voice filled with

emotion.

"She loved Gilmore," Rittgers said. "She loved everything being done in Gilmore."

Rittgers said she loved being on the foundation and seeing projects go from proposal and grant request to a completed product.

The panel moderator, Joe Sorrenson of the Greater Des Moines Community Foundation, asked panelists what one thing would be a game changer for Pocahontas County.

"The trails," Beneke said. "County wide trails."

Pohlman agreed.

"It would connect us with the rest of the world," he said.

PCEDC officials provided updates on 2018 successes, and they also debuted the first of several video spots highlighting Pocahontas County. The videos will primarily be shared via social media, at least initially, officials said.

The foundation handed out \$95,647 in grants at the event. The Pocahontas County Emergency Response System received the 2019 High Impact Award, a higher dollar amount grant to support a larger-scale project. The emergency response group will use the grant to purchase new CPR mannequins, because of changes in the recommended CPR procedures, and host CPR trainings across the county.

Other winners were as follows:

- Fonda Public Library, technology for teens;
- City of Fonda, electronic signs;
- Gilmore City Fire Department, emergency rescue kit;
- Gilmore City Hometown Pride, Sunset Park landscaping;
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- L-M Charger Pride, instruments;

Boss of the Year

Glenda Mulder, Laurens Public Library director, thanks the Pocahontas County Economic Development Commission and her staff for the 2019 Boss of the Year Award. Mulder received the award January 23 during the PCEDC dinner and awards ceremony. Photo by Erin Sommers.

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Laurens business and boss honored at second PCEDC event

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Glenda Mulder, the Laurens librarian, was named Pocahontas County's first boss of the year.

Mulder, who has worked for the Laurens Public Library since 2006, accepted the inaugural honor at the 2019 Pocahontas County Economic Development Corp. and Pocahontas County Foundation annual dinner and awards ceremony Jan. 23 in Rolfe.

John Pohlman, who presented the award, said nominators noted Mulder's extensive knowledge of the library, skill with the library's finances and push to schedule hundreds of events for young children, teens and adults each year.

"It's amazing to me and I was kind of blown away," Mulder said of learning she had won the award. "I can't believe I was nominated even."

She told the crowd filling the Rolfe Community Center she had good bosses who trained her over the years. One was her boss at a clothing store in Laurens, who told her to work hard and play hard, and to teach her employees the skills they needed to succeed.

When she began working for the former Laurens Library director, Mulder also learned important things about being in charge.



Recipients of the 2019 Pocahontas County Foundation grants are seen at the Rolfe Community Center Jan. 23. The foundation handed out more than \$95,000 in grants this year. Photo by Erin Sommers

"A good boss is part of a team," she said. "I've got a great team. My staff is amazing. They know what needs to be done and they do it. It's hardly even like being at work."

The second Business of the Year Award also went to Laurens, to Cuts to Dye For, owned by Erica Svuba. Svuba was unable to attend the awards dinner, but she recorded a message for the event attendees. She thanked whoever had nominated her, the PCEDC for giving her the award and for her family for supporting her while she ran her business and volunteered around the community.

The keys to success, Svuba

said, are showing up every day, ready to work, and continuing to learn. Successful people keep moving, she added, and they don't quit.

"Concentrate on what you do well and do it better than everybody else," Svuba said. "Have a positive attitude. Your attitude determines your actions."

Svuba praised the retail trade group in Laurens for the work its members are doing to promote and improve the town.

"We just have a great thing going in this town," she said. "If we don't work together, no one is going to win."

She said she hopes to instill in her own children the impor-

ance of community involvement and volunteering. The greatest rewards, she said, are the opportunities she has to help people and be involved.

"I wish I could convince everyone in each town to volunteer just once a year," Svuba said. "That would be amazing."

A three-member panel comprised of Pohlman, Helen Beneke and Janell Rittgers also talked about the value of community volunteerism.

Beneke said her father pushed her into volunteering.

"My father, he was the ultimate in volunteering — his chil-

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dren," she said, with a pause to emphasize how he told his children they would help others, particularly their eight uncles who farmed in Buena Vista County.

Pohlman also picked up the drive to volunteer from his parents, and it's something he said he hopes to see his own son and grandchildren do, too.

"I enjoy jumping in," he said.

Rittgers was on the panel to represent her brother and her late mother, she said. She and her brother decided to create an endowment, through the county foundation, to provide money to Gilmore City for ongoing improvements around the town. As she talked, Rittgers' voice filled with emotion.

"She loved Gilmore," Rittgers said. "She loved everything being done in Gilmore."

Rittgers said she loved being on the foundation and seeing projects go from proposal and grant request to a completed product.

The panel moderator, Joe Sorrenson of the Greater Des Moines Community Foundation, asked panelists what one thing would be a game changer for Pocahontas County.

"The trails," Beneke said. "County wide trails."

Pohlman agreed.

"It would connect us with the

rest of the world," he said.

PCEDC officials provided updates on 2018 successes, and they also debuted the first of several video spots highlighting Pocahontas County. The videos will primarily be shared via social media, at least initially, officials said.

The foundation handed out \$95,647 in grants at the event. The Pocahontas County Emergency Response System received the 2019 High Impact Award, a higher dollar amount grant to support a larger-scale project. The emergency response group will use the grant to purchase new CPR mannequins, because of changes in the recommended CPR procedures, and host CPR trainings across the county.

Other winners were as follows:

- Fonda Public Library, technology for teens;
- City of Fonda, electronic signs;
- Gilmore City Fire Department, emergency rescue kit;
- Gilmore City Hometown Pride, Sunset Park landscaping;
- Havelock Hometown Pride, city improvements;
- Havelock Library, 1,000 Books before Kindergarten program;
- L-M Charger Pride, instruments;



Glenda Mulder, Laurens Public Library director, thanks the Pocahontas County Economic Development Commission and her staff for the 2019 Boss of the Year Award. Mulder received the award Jan. 23. Photo by Erin Sommers

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Cuts to Dye For and Glenda Mulder Honored with Pocahontas County Business Awards

In January, the Pocahontas County Economic Development Commission (PCEDC) honored the recipients of the 2019 Pocahontas County business awards. Cuts to Dye For of Laurens, Iowa was selected as this year's Business of the Year, and Glenda Mulder, Director of the Laurens Public Library, was recognized as the very first Pocahontas County Boss of the Year.

PCEDC created the Pocahontas County Business Recognition Program last year to formally recognize excellent businesses and individuals that contribute to the economic vitality and quality of life in Pocahontas County. Community members across the county submitted nominations for businesses and individuals

explaining how they've made an impact in the community. "It's wonderful to see the pride and admiration that communities have for their local businesses and leaders," said PCEDC marketing coordinator Gretchen Tiedeman. "We are thrilled to show off the tremendous people and places that we have in Pocahontas County by giving out these awards each year."

Erica Svuba, owner of Cuts to Dye For, opened up shop in her twenties and reached her milestone tenth anniversary last

year. Over the years, Svuba managed to continually grow her business, offering new products and services, all while balancing family and kids and a very active role in the community. Erica serves on the board of the Laurens Chamber and Community Boosters, continues to be a key part of organizing community events like the Easter Carnival, and has played a vital role in developing and running county organizations such as Pocahontas County Young

Professionals and 100+ Women Who Care. Erica is an outstanding businesswoman and volunteer, and as many will tell you, a great friend.

Glenda Mulder has served as the Director of the Laurens Public Library since 2006. Not only is her vibrant and charismatic personality captivating for all those around her, but she also demonstrates the skills and attitudes of an exemplary leader. Glenda is an out-of-the-box thinker

new ideas, and she's not afraid of a little – or a lot – of work. In 2018 alone, Glenda and her team held 199 programs for grade school students, 73 programs for adults and 27 programs for teens, totaling about 5,000 attendees.

Glenda is often the first to volunteer, and her fellow workers and community members can rely on her to get things done. She has a passion for her work and her community, and she plays an active role on various committees and boards including the State Library Panel, Pocahontas County Foundation board, Laurens swimming pool fundraiser, and more. Mulder is an exceptional boss, leader and innovator, and a great asset to Pocahontas County!

PCEDC thanks all who submitted nominations for the Pocahontas County business awards this year and strongly encourages everyone to submit nominations for both Boss of the Year and Business of the Year during the next awards cycle. "We have a lot to be proud of," proclaimed Tiedeman, "so let's show it off!"

The Paper 2/13/19



No At The Library for February 13th



Autumn + Pam doing
Some embellishments.



Everyone busy creating



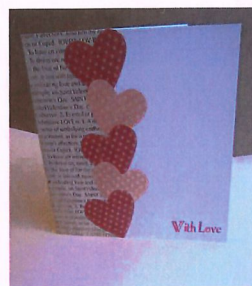
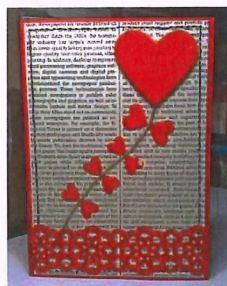
Ataya is putting together
her card.



Echo attaching red to
card.

February Take-It-Tuesday

Tuesday, February 5th @ 6:30 pm



Come join us to create your own Valentine Cards using our supplies.

Sign-up as class size will be limited.

This is for adults. Children can participate if accompanied by an adult.

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Pam is picking ribbon
to add to card.



Becky adding finishing
touches.



Trinity cutting
embellishment.



Adding touches to cards.



Megan + Sue stamping



Sue is stamping sentiments



Gail punching hearts.

Roses are red,
Violets are blue,
Come to the Library
There's fun for YOU !!

Come to the Laurens Public Library
On
Wednesday, February 13th
At
1:00 PM

We will have some stories, songs, games and a craft.
See you then!



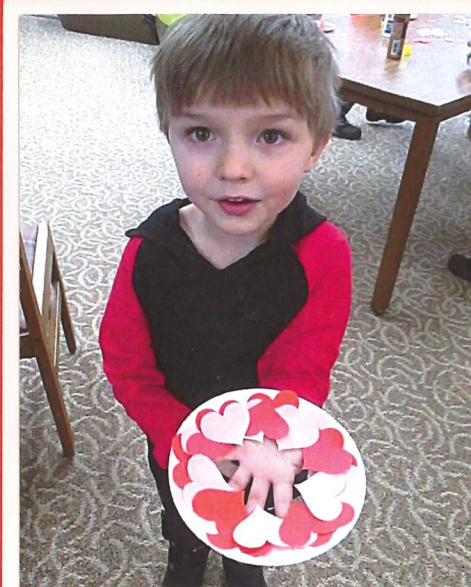
Warming up with a few jokes.



Looving to glue on hearts.



Gwen's ever so neat!



Cannon made a great one!



Valentine craftiness.



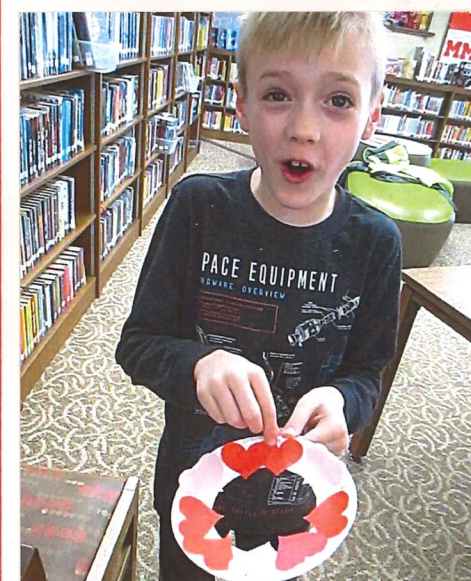
Liam telling his favorite jokes



The Gregorys peeking through their Valentines



What a bunch of sweeties!



Foster put a lot of thought into his heart placement.

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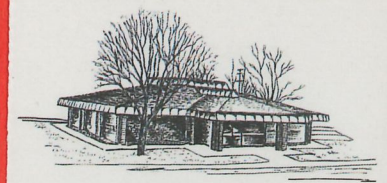
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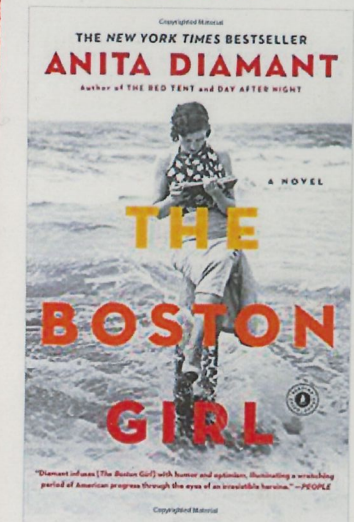
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Laura adding green yarn to her bottle



Hard to craft w/out glue guns..



Finishing touches.



Getting supplies. Laura + Becky



Wonder what was so funny!



Stuffing bottles with paper.



Crafting + chatting!



Laura + Deb's finished bottles

Fun Group of Ladies for
Take-It-Tuesday:
Becky Braesch, Taylor Dale
Deb Hertz, Sarah Hertz, Sue
MacRunnel, Gail Olson, Laura
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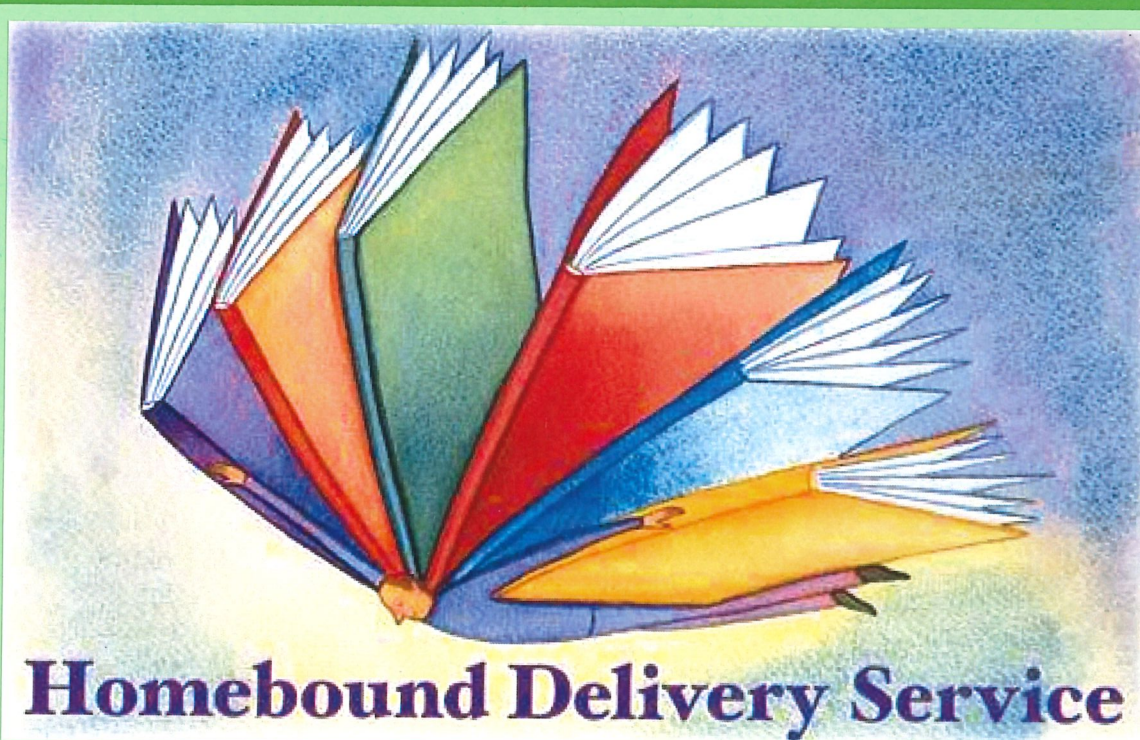
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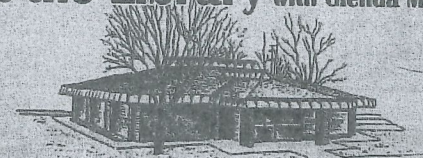
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Lunch time is story time for Laurens-Marathon students

By Erin Sommers

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A few times a month, groups of Laurens-Marathon students grab their brown bag lunches — and their colorful lunch bags, too — and hit the road.

They don't have far to go, though. They're just walking the block from the school to the Laurens Public Library, where they quickly take seats at tables near the children's section.

On a recent Friday morning, retired kindergarten teacher Jeri Wenell was waiting for them, with several books pulled out, ready to be read.

The first, "I am a Donkey," walked the fourth-grade students through a humorous exchange based on grammar rules. The second, was more historical, giving the students a look at the lives of children left behind during World War II, while their fathers were at war and their mothers headed off to work in factories.

"We love the brown bag lunch," teacher Jo Ann Behrens said. "Glenda (Mulder) and Jeri find fun books."

Each class that participates

comes once a month. The program has gone on for years — since well before Mulder became librarian. Mulder and Behrens couldn't even decide who, for certain, started the program.

After Wenell finished reading, children packed up their lunches, then headed to the bookshelves.

Aidan Garman said he likes the program.

"We get to eat at the library when she's reading," he said, adding that feels a little like breaking the rules.

Diana Wiley was excited to look up some new books.

"We get to read," she said, her enthusiasm evident in her voice.

Wiley especially enjoys the Goosebumps series and other scary books, she said.

After checking out their new books, the fourth-grade students donned their coats and hats — the sun was shining, but they still had to wear their cold-weather gear — and headed back to school, just in time for recess.



Good book, good food Laurens Sun March 27, 2019

Jeri Wenell, a retired kindergarten teacher, reads to students at the Laurens Public Library March 15. Photo by Erin Sommers.

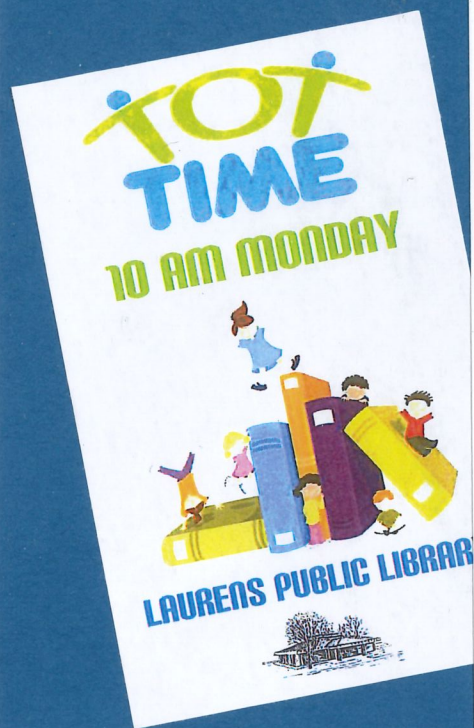


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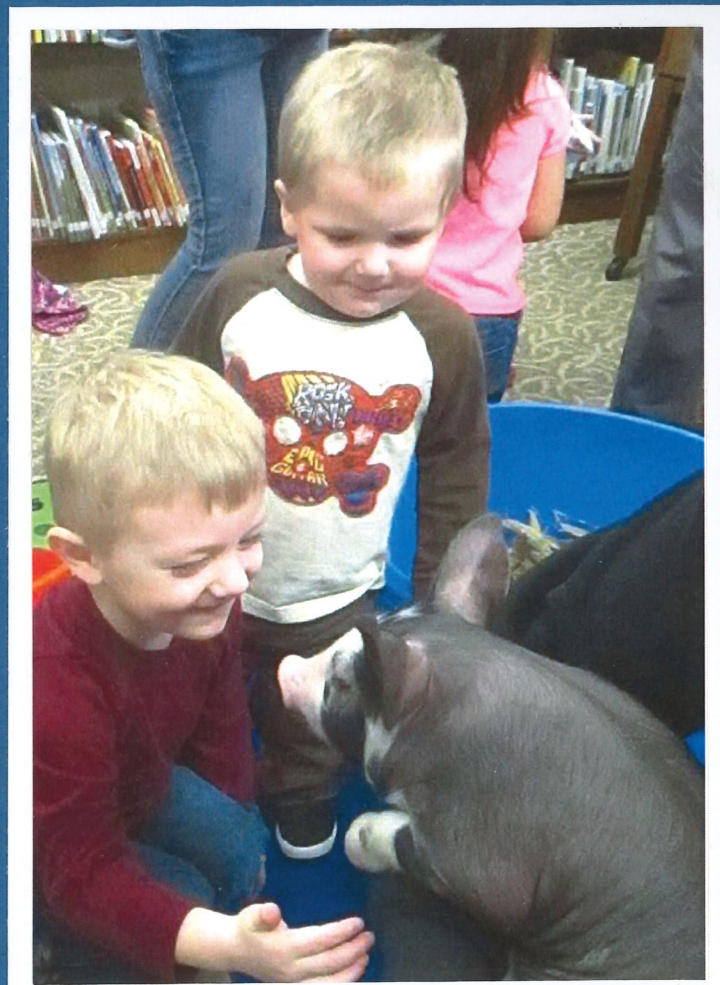
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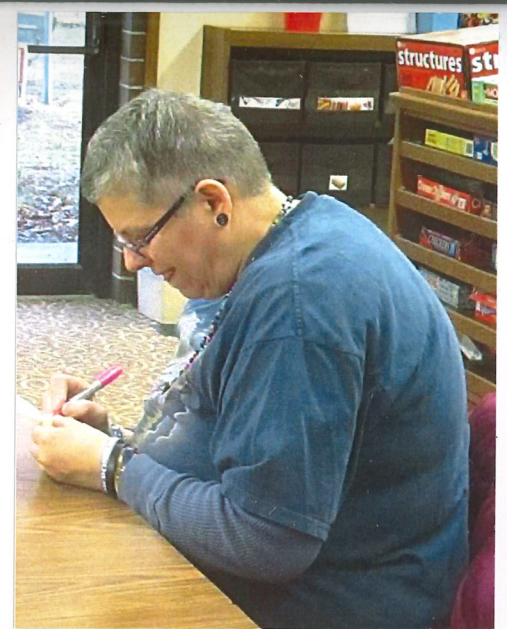


Bryce Wenell
showing his
pig.





Deb Hertz picking out supplies.



Jennifer Valentine painting faces.



Jennifer Valentine + Laura Todd assembling bunnies.



Sue MacRunnell's bunnies.



Deb Hertz + Kate Ellis working on Easter Eggs cut on Cricut.



Kate Ellis + Gale Olson looking





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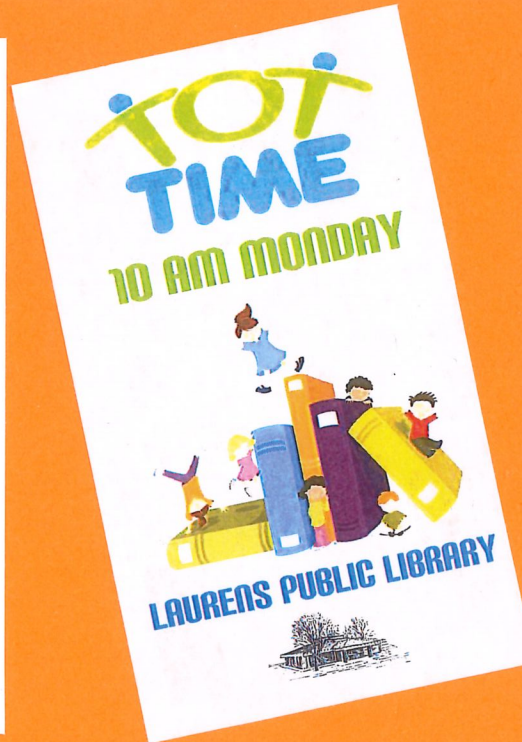
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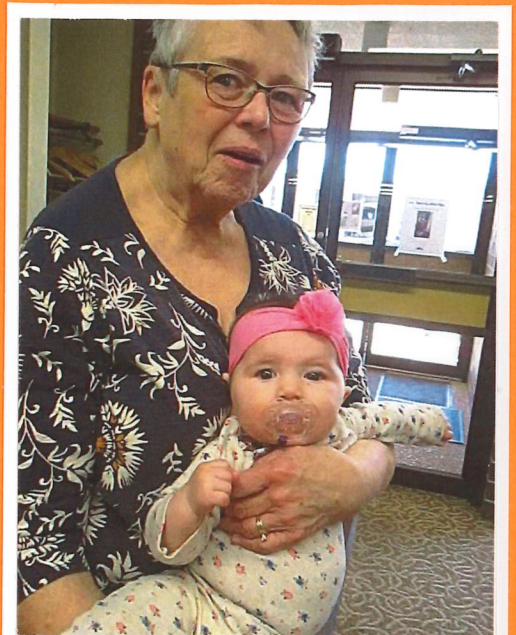
Singing "Peanut Butter, we like peanut butter."



"Read a book"



Glenda got to wrangle Denver.



Brooke + neighbor Linda.

April 8th
Tot Time
Bunny theme



Listening to the story of Peter Rabbit.



Kaisley is loving story time!



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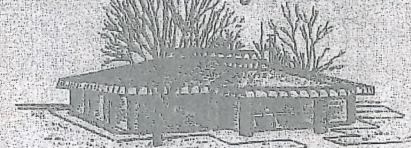
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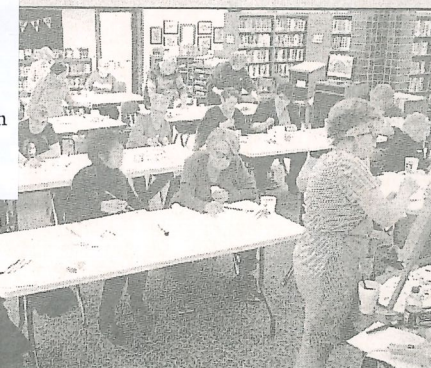
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Whimsical watercolors

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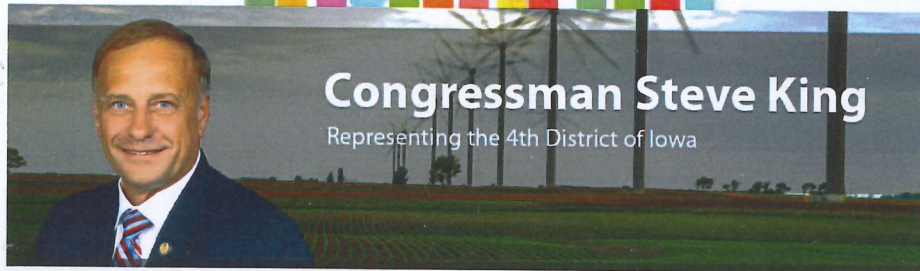
The paintbrushes were dancing in the Laurens Public Library recently at the first Whimsical Watercolor class. Participants were guided through the basics of watercolor painting, as well as techniques to create a whimsical aardvark. The painters took it from there, as some followed Arts on Grand's instructor Deb Burow's steps closely and some had their own visions. It was fun to see the differences and similarities in the pictures. Most in the class had never used watercolor before, a few had painted with it, but all enjoyed their evening!

This free class was made possible by an ALLI grant from the State Library of Iowa and the Iowa Arts Council. There are a few openings in the remaining classes. Contact the library if you are interested.



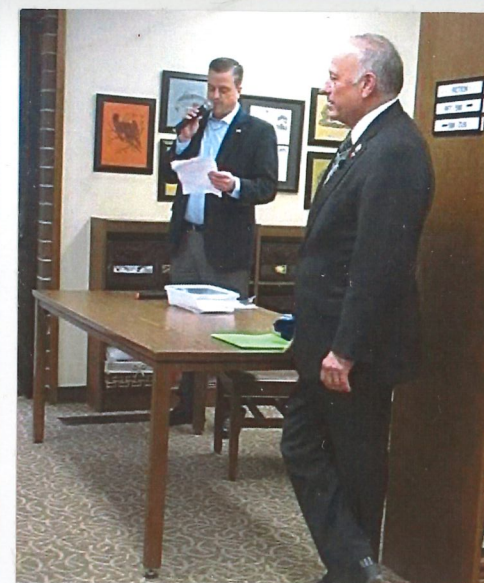
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Rick Woodley's question was about the rapidly rising cost of health care.



Carla Sonksen asked about "Medicare for All".



The discussions continued.

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He said he supports states getting back in the health insurance market, rather than the federal government.

But is health insurance even the right discussion, another constituent asked.

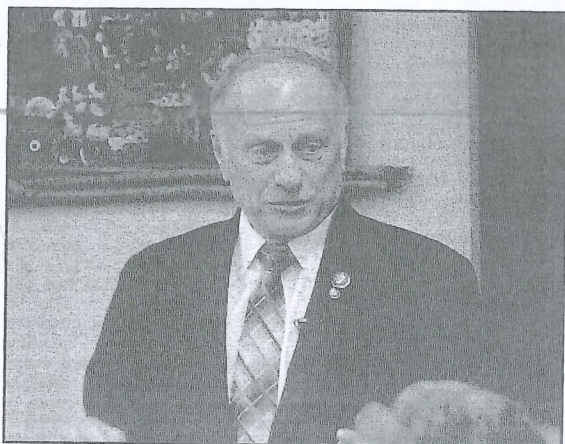
"With all the talk about Medicaid for all, at what point does government look at rising health care costs, rather than insurance costs," Karla Sonksen asked.

"If we regulate the cost of services, we'll have less services," King said.

A retired teacher asked King what he thought of U.S. Department of Education Secretary Betsy DeVos, who has called for substantial cutbacks to education funding nationwide, and whose own department is looking at a budget cut.

While King said he hasn't familiarized himself much with what's going on with that department, "I'm not an aggressive cutter there. I'll watch that a little more closely."

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Will legislators ever introduce legislation that the average American can read and understand, that's limited to a single topic and conforms to a page limit, a woman asked King.

King said he's tried. "I can't win that argument on narrowing it down to a single topic," he said.

He said he has been particularly critical of former Speaker Ryan on that very subject, that legislation Ryan supported in the realms of health care and immigration was just too complex.

"I'll keep making the case," King said. "I'm glad you did today. It's the right thing to do."

King fielded several questions about immigration. The first asked the Congressman to weigh on the impact of Trump levying political consequences — less aid — to Central American nations from which thousands of undocumented migrants are coming to the United States. That seemed like Trump was putting politics over people, the man said.

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"I refuse to give it the moniker they want to use," King said, referring to the official name, because the act did not lead to the creation of affordable health insurance policies. Whenever King mentions the act, he calls it Obamacare. "We'll be in a bad spot until the Supreme Court decision comes down."

That decision, hinging on a case initiated by Texas officials, calls again for the nation's highest court to invalidate the

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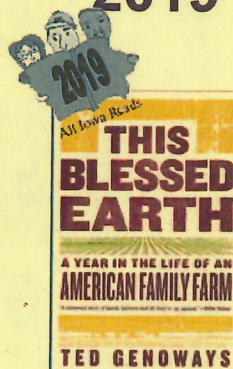
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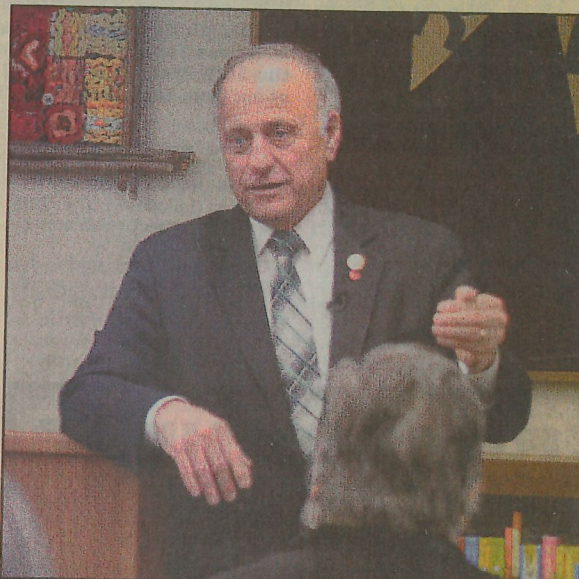
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Laurens, Pocahontas libraries to host The 29th State April 30

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Dave Baker really just wanted to show his college roommate that Iowa had plenty of things to see and do.

At first, Baker, then a student at Central College in Pella and an intern at the Pella Historical Society, thought he'd just run out, take one picture in each town in the county and then show his friend some of the neat buildings and features Iowans can call their own.

It didn't work out quite like that.

"It mushroomed into something much bigger," Baker said in a recent phone interview. "It was pretty obvious within the first two dozen towns that wasn't going to suffice."

Baker found himself asking lots of questions, centered around the theme of what represents a particular community. Fort Dodge, for example, was a town that lots of Iowans probably think they have pegged as a post-industrial city in decline. He doesn't see it that way at all.

"What is the essence of Fort Dodge," he said. "They've got one of the best little art museums in the country."

The photos he takes, bolstered by his research into Iowa's ghost towns — towns that disappeared as newly built railways bypassed them, for example, or just shrank as populations concentrated — coalesced into a project he named *The 29th State*. The project celebrates its 10th year this year.

Baker has been taking his show on the road, so to speak, for several years. His first presentation was in 2015, in Pella, thanks to his connections from attending college there.

Next week, he has his first triple-header planned and it's in Pocahontas County. He'll start in the morning at Laurens-Marathon School, then head to the Pocahontas Public Library at 2 p.m. His last presentation will be at 7 p.m. at the Laurens Public Library. The library events are free and open to the public.

As he's traveled the state, Baker has learned a lot about the dashed hopes and dreams about Iowans living in the 19th century and early 20th century.

Take Pioneer in Humboldt County that now has 22 residents, according to the 2010 Census.

"Pioneer was a vibrant community 100 years ago," Baker said. "This was somebody's pride at one point."

Visiting the shrinking towns, where jobs are scarce and schools have closed, has moments that Baker described as real and raw.

"There really are people that are struggling in the world," he said.

Northwestern Iowa doesn't have as many disappeared towns as the eastern part of the state. Baker said many of those ghost towns were the result of rail lines that didn't come near an already established town, or the closure of coal mines. He does not use the phrase ghost town in any paranormal



The 29th State

Sights to see Laurens Sun 4/24/19

This photo shows the only building left standing in what was Tara in western Webster County. Dave Baker of the 29th State says some of Iowa's earliest ghost stories come from this ghost town. Submitted photo.

sense of the word, although he does have a few ghost stories from Tara in rural Webster County. That town, now a collection of a few houses, once was the convergence point for a number of railroad lines and, as such, was the site of multiple train collisions. Some of Iowa's earlier documented ghost stories were the result of those crashes, Baker said.

It's just a little example of his broader point — these towns may be gone, but they were unique communities not so far back in the state's history.

Finding information on the state's lost towns is fairly easy, most of the time. Iowa's state archives have information on even some of the most obscure settlements, Baker said.

So far, Baker has visited

68 of the state's 99 counties, and he's finished document 34 counties entirely. Pocahontas County will be his 35th completed county.

Through his work, which is actually his side gig, Baker has gained a new appreciation of what Iowa's smallest communities can offer.

"It's amazing how many things you overlook," he said.

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Oh what fun we are having in our ALLI watercolor paint classes! I've read that it's good for our brain to try new things. I don't know if it's good for my brain, but it feels like it's good for my soul — maybe it's because of all the laughing at the "happy little accidents." For me, it's not so much about the outcome, it's the creative process and being with others who aren't afraid to try something new. There are a couple chairs left in the remaining classes, let us know if you'd like to join the fun!

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Steve King Visits the Library

Iowa 4th District Representative Steve King visited Laurens recently for a Town Hall Meeting. Over 50 of his constituents turned out to hear where he stands on issues that are important to them. He started with an opening statement, then took questions from audience members.

Health care is on the minds of many, as he answered questions on rising health care costs and Medicare for all. A citizen expressed support of common sense legislation i.e. bills that it doesn't take a law degree to read, and King agreed there is a need for this. King told a story of hunting with Donald Trump Jr. as he came out in strong support of gun control. When asked, he told he has a staff of 16 including

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Iowa & Washington offices. He went on to reveal that each member of congress is allotted 1.3 million dollars annually for staff and office expenses. Several audience members expressed concern over funding for education, and Rep. King told of his support of a voucher system.

A few questions, such as student loan forgiveness, he was unable to answer, but promised to follow up with the answer in an email to the questioner.

Representative King talked personally with several constituents after the meeting.



At the Library Laurens Sun with Glenda Mulder



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April 24, 2019

Oh what fun we are having in our ALLI watercolor paint classes! I've read that it's good for our brain to try new things. I don't know if it's good for my brain, but it feels like it's good for my soul — maybe it's because of all the laughing at the "happy little accidents." For me, it's not so much about the outcome, it's the creative process and being with others who aren't afraid to try something new. There are a couple chairs left in the remaining classes, let us know if you'd like to join the fun!

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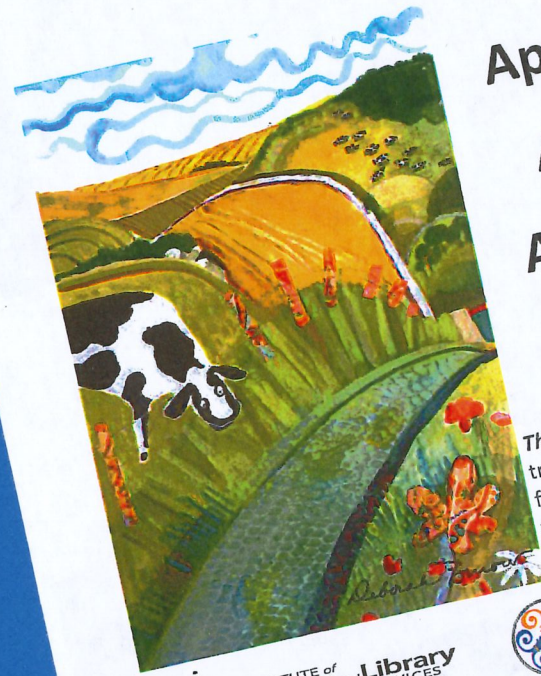
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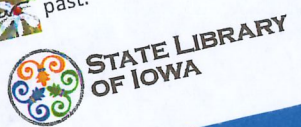
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This is not a learn to draw class. We will all try to move out of the box that we are familiar with and create art that is more free than what we have produced in the past.

We will learn how to create fun, whimsical, colorful creatures in a relaxed atmosphere where you will be free to play with WATERCOLOR paint without fearing you are "messing up". There are no right or wrong ways to paint in this class. It is a chance to try new ideas, learn from each other, and ask me any questions you may have.



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First strokes are the hardest.



Deb helps Connie.



Gwen made a heart.

1st Whimsical watercolor
The majority painted
Arduarks + some did
their own unique
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Deb admiring the students work.



Deb shows Elaine some different techniques.



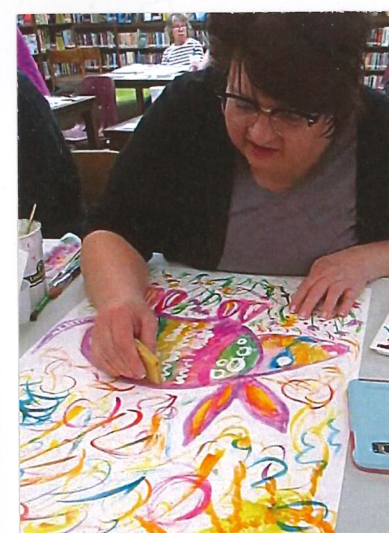
Jennifer decided to paint a pink bird.



Look at Joni's colors.



Sue is drying her painting.



Look at Joni's colors and patterns.



Hinda is pretty talented.



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Everyone enjoying painting



First background, then cat.



Keep adding polka dots.



Paint brushes dancing.



Deb giving Traci a few tips.



Cats are looking pretty awesome.



Turtles & horses.



Gurpreet's is really neat.



Barn & chicken by Kelly



Elaine deciding if needs more dots



Week 2 April 18th Our Whimsical Masterpieces. Whimsical Cat was the theme.





Everyone is busy painting.



Lovely Assistant Allana checking out our work.



Some painters had other visions.



Sometimes our best ideas come from our friends.



Liz has many different whimsical elements in her picture.



Linda is so very creative.



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Fun Butterflies.



Beautiful Butterflies.



Lots of fun pictures

Week # 3 Whimsical
Butterflies is the theme.
Lots of fun Butterflies
and also other things.
Just fun painting.





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Week
#4
Final
Week

6-8 pm

April 11th

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Final week! Everyone
would love to keep
going. Totally loving
the class.



Linda painting hills
& background.



Susie & Deb busy painting
backgrounds.



Kelly is really enjoying
the painting



We even have farm build-
ings. So cool!



Susie giving tips to Allana.



Linda is really getting into
this. Picture is on her lap.



Terry put a lot of
detail in her pasture.



Glenda's cowpasture



Week 4 - Whimsical Cow ~ Final week Boo hoo!

Iowa: The 29th State



A celebration of Iowa history and heritage through the photography of Dave Baker. Tell history, share memories, honor ancestors, and learn how County 76 (Pocahontas) fits into the state and, more importantly, the country as a whole. So, come and join the fun; share a story; reconnect with old friends.

Above all, support your community!

7 pm TUESDAY, APRIL 30th
Laurens Public Library



Alibi shot at the 29th State Library Program



A Kaleidoscope of Pocahontas County - his picture was made with a picture of our Court House.



Dave Baker describes how his quest to photograph interesting things to see in has grown into a bigger project than originally imagined!



Where do you go to see what Dan is up to in the 29th State.



Dave also spoke to the L-M Middle Schoolers. Had lots of interesting information about Iowa + Pocahontas County.



More stories were told after the program.



Connie made the typical Iowa treat ~ Scotcheroos!



No Laurens Sun
article for May 1st

Guess what arrived today.
May 3rd? Our flower
chimes

29th State highlights history of Pocahontas County

By Erin Sommers
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In Pocahontas and Laurens last week, Dave Baker of Ankeny shared all he knew about Pocahontas County, focusing in particular on the towns that have faded out of existence.

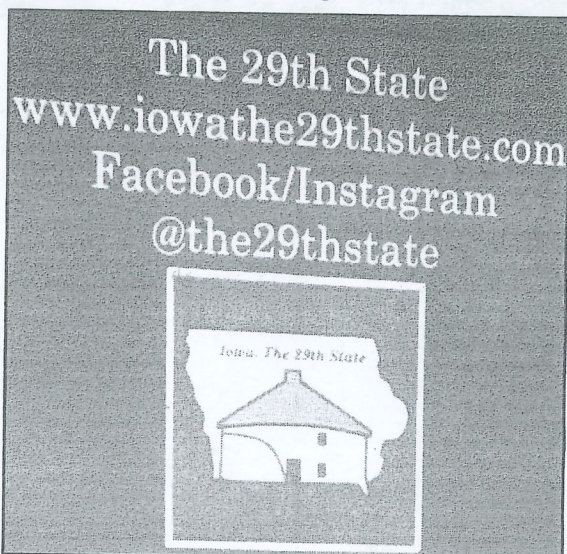
Some of those towns weren't even towns at all, hobby historian Baker said.

Take Shirley, in the southern part of the county. Shirley was more of a post office than a town, and a post office that moved as families moved on.

"There are literally thousands and thousands of places in the Midwest where there were post offices," Baker said. "We get these places that have these ad hoc communities that formed around them."

Shirley was never platted and no buildings remain.

But one of Baker's listeners at the Pocahontas Public Library April 30 knew more than a little about Shirley. Corinne Peterson, whose known for her work with the county's Conservation Office, grew up near Shirley. Her parents lived there right after they got



29th State facts

Dave Baker, founder of the history site The 29th State, talks at the Laurens Public Library April 29. Photo by Erin Sommers.

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married and her grandmother and great-aunt headed to Shirley when they emigrated from Norway.

"We have a trunk from my grandmother who came from Norway," Peterson told Baker.

On the side is an address label directing the trunk to the Shirley Post Office.

Baker was delighted to hear this tidbit.

"Shirley is not one I found a whole lot of research on," he said.

Baker calls these disappeared communities ghost towns — not in the sense of a haunted locale, but in the sense that what once was a thriving, if often quite small, community has faded out of existence. While many of Iowa's ghost towns can be found in eastern Iowa, where established towns disappeared when the railroads passed them by, western Iowa isn't without its own missing, sometimes forgotten places.

Some are forgotten because they didn't last very long at all.

Look at Hard Times, a Pocahontas place that lasted for

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with Glenda Mulder
May 1, 2019

Tomorrow evening brings our last Whimsical Watercolor class with artist Deb Burow. We have so enjoyed it and stretched outside of our normal comfort zones. Thanks to the Iowa Arts Council and the State Library of Iowa for giving us this opportunity.

Oh goodness, Deb has been busy processing new books this week! In fiction we received: *The Big Kahuna* by Stephanie Evanovich, *Antiques Ravin* by Barbara Allen, *Little Darlings* by Melanie Golding, *Courting Mr. Lincoln* by Louis Bayard, *I Know Who You Are* by Alice Feeney, *Wunderland* by Jennifer Cody Epstein, *Road Home* by Richard Paul Evans, *Miracle Creek* by Angie Kim, *Inspection* by Josh Malerman, *Tightrope* by Amanda Quick, *Sunset Beach* by Mary Kay Andrews, *View from Alameda Island* by Robin Carr, *Willing to Die* by Lisa Jackson, *Pursuits of Lord Kit Cavanaugh* by Stephanie Laurens, *Far and Away* by Fern Michaels, *Like Lions* by Brian Panowich, *The Overstory* by Richard Powers and *Normal People* by Sally Rooney. Nonfiction selections include: *The Matriarch: Barbara Bush and the making of an American dynasty* by Susan Page, *A Dog Named Beautiful: A Marine, a Dog, and a Long Road Trip Home* by Rob Kugler, *The Moment of Lift: How Empowering Women Changes the World* by Melinda Gates, *Gardentopia* (What a beautiful book!) by Jan Johnsen,

the World by Fredrik Backman and
Accidental Presidents: eight men who
changed America by Jared Cohen.

We ordered both the kids' and adult versions of *American Moonshot: John F. Kennedy and the great space race* by Douglas Brinkley and *Fly Girls: how five daring women defied all odds and made aviation history* by Keith O'Brien.

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- POWs in Iowa with Linda McCann May 6 at 7 p.m.

Iowa, the 29th State Program at the Library The Paper 5/8/19

Dave Baker illuminated Library patrons and L-M middle schoolers about Iowa, the 29th State recently. Dave shared that his project began when his college roommate said there was nothing to see in Iowa. This lead him to photograph Iowa places he found interesting, which lead to the discovery of many small towns and ghost towns. This inspired him to share his discoveries on social media and he plans to publish a book (or maybe 5!) After the program at the Laurens Library, audience members shared stories, asked questions and snacked on the perfect Iowa treat — scotcheroos!



29th STATE: "Roadside attractions very tasteful and attractive"

From Page 1

one month under that name in 1872, then was renamed Spring Flower, before being closed up and rolled into Pomeroy.

Varina was a literal rolling town when it was first started. Or, at least, the blacksmith shop was a mobile one. Baker said the town's founders built a hotel and the blacksmith shop to accommodate the railroads that did plan to come through the town. Once the railroad was established, the blacksmith shop settled into a more permanent location.

He called up a picture of Ware.

"Where is Ware?" an audience member quipped after reading the slide.

Ware was on the Chicago and Pacific Railroad, on a line that originated in Gowrie and ran through Palmer and Pocahontas. Francis Ware owned the land that became Ware in 1899. At one pointed, it had a lumberyard, stores and even a phone operator, Baker said. There was an opera house and a school. Once the same size as Havelock, Ware just couldn't hang on.

moved on, many to Laurens," Baker said.

Some structures are still standing, though many of the old buildings were damaged by a tornado years ago, Baker said.

The architecture in Iowa's towns says a lot about the time each town was developed and when each building was constructed. Prairie churches and early buildings were functional, boxy with straight lines and few decorative finishes. Those buildings were put up when settlers were thinking about meeting needs. Buildings had utility and function, but form wasn't a priority, Baker said.

Then, around the turn of the century, towns wanted to attract more residents and they did so by constructing buildings that sent the message that the town was educated and into arts. The buildings met a specific type of taste, Baker said.

"You had your music, you had opera," he said. "It was seen as an indication of culture."

He pointed to the opera

heyday, the building's wooden columns and other decorative elements would have been painted in bold, bright colors to catch the eyes of passersby. In Laurens, the building where The Teapot Cafe now resides is another example of that tasteful architecture; in that case, the building was designed in an Italianette style, a long building with repeating, tall windows on upper floors.

Pocahontas has both that Italianette style of buildings — look for any of the brick buildings that feature unique design elements in the brick, for example — as well as older, more functional buildings. The St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church was mostly designed in a simple, functional manner, with a few flourishes atop the bell tower, he said.

Compare that with the bigger Catholic church on Highway 3. That building is an example of a move by Catholic parishes across the state in the early part of the 20th century to build churches that echoed the design of historic, European

feature popped up in Iowa's small towns. While the first half of the century was spent trying to get people to step off trains in small towns, mostly through big, brick buildings and striking architecture, the 1950s brought something new.

"Roadside attractions were considered very tasteful and attractive," Baker said.

Why?
"Everybody's got a car," he said.

As the 20th century moved on, communities began facing new troubles. The buildings that were the source of so much pride proved to be expensive and difficult to maintain. Communities returned to more of a functional design, and empty brick buildings that had deteriorated beyond repair were torn down, changing the landscape of small town Main Streets across the state.

Baker brought photos and stories of a few other Pocahontas County places. Ridotto was the smallest incorporated place in Iowa. Founded in 1950, Ridotto was

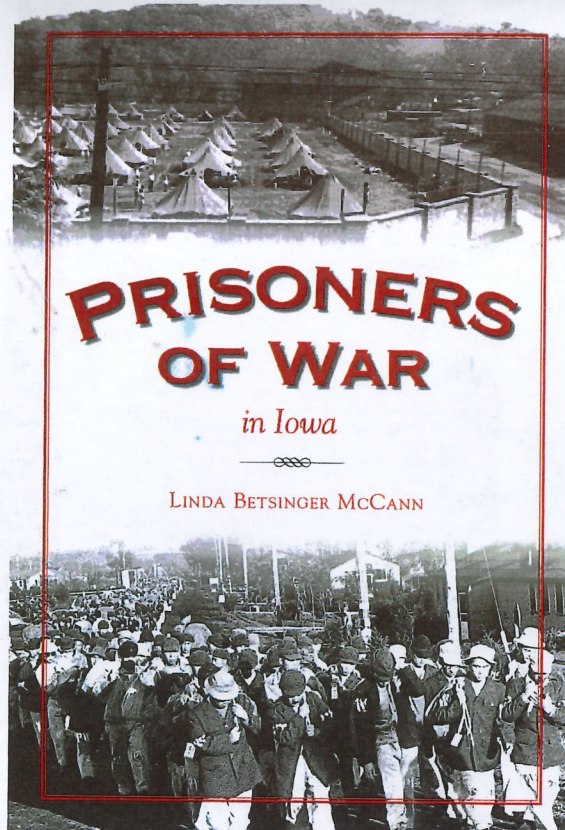
said. The town was specifically incorporated so the ballroom could sell alcohol, Baker said.

Blandon was never a town, but was a farm community built around a large farm owned by a well-to-do farmer. The farmer had housing for workers, his own steam miller and other amenities, and even convinced the railroad to put a stop in at the site. After his death in 1904, the land was parceled out and Blandon disappeared.

He brought tidbits about towns that still exist, too. Palmer, Baker said, was originally going to be called Hanson. The U.S. Postal Service put an end to that, noting that name was too close to Manson, which is just a few miles away.

Baker said his goal, through his talks at libraries and historical societies around the state, and with his blog, The 29th State, is to get people to share stories about these towns and Iowa's history.

"Each one has a story to tell," Baker said. "It's a primary source to a time and a place. ... We need people to interact with



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7 pm

Monday, May 6th

Laurens Public Library



Hi bi shot!



Camp layout, barracks + what POWs wore.



2 Iowa camps (Algona + Clarinda) were built the same: on 200 acres near a rail line, to house 3,000 prisoners + 100 staff. Staff + prisoners lived with exactly the same amenities.



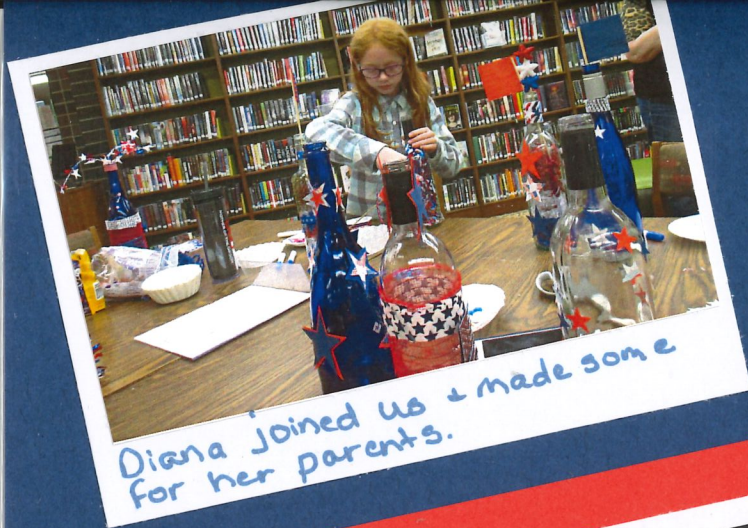
Farmers + factories contracted to hire the prisoners as workers, filling a large gap left with our Servicemen overseas.



Connie made chocolate cake with...



Linda shared many pictures. This is a camp guard.



Diana joined us + made some for her parents.

May Take-It-Tuesday

Tuesday, May 7th @ 6:30 pm



Come join us to create your own Patriotic Wine Bottle.
Sign-up as class size will be limited.

This is for adults. Children can participate if accompanied by an adult.

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Jennifer has the giggles.



Flor glues flags.



Becky is using fabric.



Becky assembles stars.



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Our new chairs were delivered on Tuesday, May 7th 12 huge boxes unloaded from semi-trailer. we unpacked, put on new cart. Ready to use for next program.



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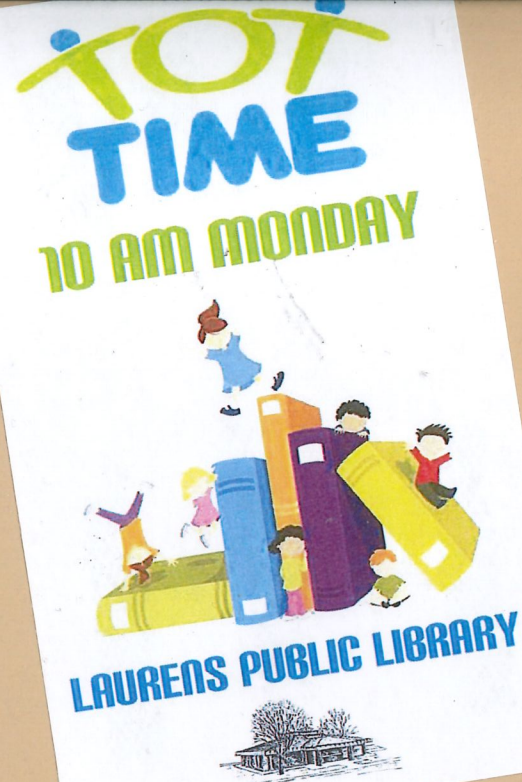
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COMING EVENTS



Jeri read books about horses.



Reagan decided others were OK, after she checked for Grandma.



Amy had the kids smell horse food.



The Reed Kids need a horse!



Harper is loving this!



Daylyn is liking the kids.



Pet him here.



Denver is used to larger horses.



The horse is enjoying the grass!



The kids are having fun!

Author talks about WWII POWs in Iowa at Laurens Library

By Erin Sommers
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Iowa's reception of German prisoners of war — as well as the overall treatment of such prisoners during World War II — likely hastened the end of that war, author Linda McCann told Pocahontas County residents at two presentations last week.

American officials decided to abide by the Geneva Convention rules regarding POWs, McCann told groups at the Pocahontas Public Library and Laurens Public Library May 6. That meant hot meals in exchange for work, at least for enlisted men, good medical care, fair treatment and, most importantly, the ability to send letters home. The goal, McCann said, was for the POWs to tell their families how well they were being treated and for those families to pass along that info to military officials in Germany, Italy and Japan, in hopes of improving treatment of American POWs.

That didn't happen. But something else did.

"At the end of the war, they were getting 13- and 14-year-old boys as prisoners," McCann said. "If they heard they were fighting the Americans, they would lay down their weapons. They knew how they would be treated. They did not lay down their weapons for the Russians."

That isn't to say the Iowans living outside Algona and Clarinda, where the military built two POW camps in 1943, were welcoming, at least not at first. People were scared that prisoners would escape, and those nearby residents whose sons, brothers and husbands were fighting in the war, who had been killed or taken prisoner themselves, expressed

their concerns and their distrust of the prisoners. But eventually, the relationship between the prisoners and the communities in which they were housed warmed, to the point of prisoners and the farmers for whom they worked corresponding well after the end of the war.

"When Germany surrendered, the Germans were just as happy as the Americans," McCann said.

Some asked to stay in the United States, but all were sent back home by 1946, McCann said.

The United States needed the manpower the POWs provided. Factories were shorthanded and could contract with the government to put the prisoners to work. Factories paid the government hourly for the prisoners' work, with a percentage of the wage going to the prisoner to be used as credit for the commissary, while the government kept the rest of the wage. It cost the U.S. government about \$1 million in 1943 dollars to build the POW camps in 47 states; with the labor contracts, the government made more than it spent, McCann said.

Mothers in Algona expressed some concerns at how some of the POWs would be seen staring at their children. Then, one day, a POW explained that the child he was looking at was the same age as his own child at home, a child he had never met, McCann said.

"Most of our prisoners in Iowa were the draftees," she said, men who didn't want to pick up weapons to begin with. Many were professionals, such as doctors or lawyers.

One such doctor said he criticized Adolf Hitler. The next



Iowa author Linda McCann visited Pocahontas Public Library and Laurens Public Library May 6 to talk about the World War II prisoner of war camp in Algona. McCann wrote a book about the history of POWs in Iowa. Photo by Erin Sommers. *Laurens Sun*

day, military officials came to his house and told him he would enlist in the army or his entire family would be killed.

"He said the best day of his life was they day he was taken prisoner, because he knew he would survive the war," McCann said. "They were very happy to be in Iowa. They were relieved to not be with the guns."

While each Iowa camp was built to house 3,000 prisoners, at one point, all of the Clarinda prisoners were sent to Algona, as the military emptied Clarinda to house Japanese prisoners. While Iowans had warmed to

the German prisoners, Iowans were more opposed to working with the Japanese prisoners. The Japanese POWs had a different outlook on being captured, too.

"These men were considered dead men (by their families)," McCann said. "The Japanese refused to let their parents know they were alive. It was a shame they were alive."

It took about 10 days before the majority of the POWs started complying with the guards' orders to work.

"At any one time, about 40 percent were refusing to work," McCann said.

Eventually, many of the Japanese POWs were conscripted to work in plant nurseries in the area.

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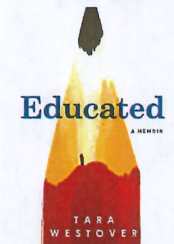
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The Paper 5/15/19

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At the Library with Glenda Mulder May 22, 2019

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Inside the Library Amy Stern-Domek lets the kids smell the horse food, they didn't think it smelled very delicious!



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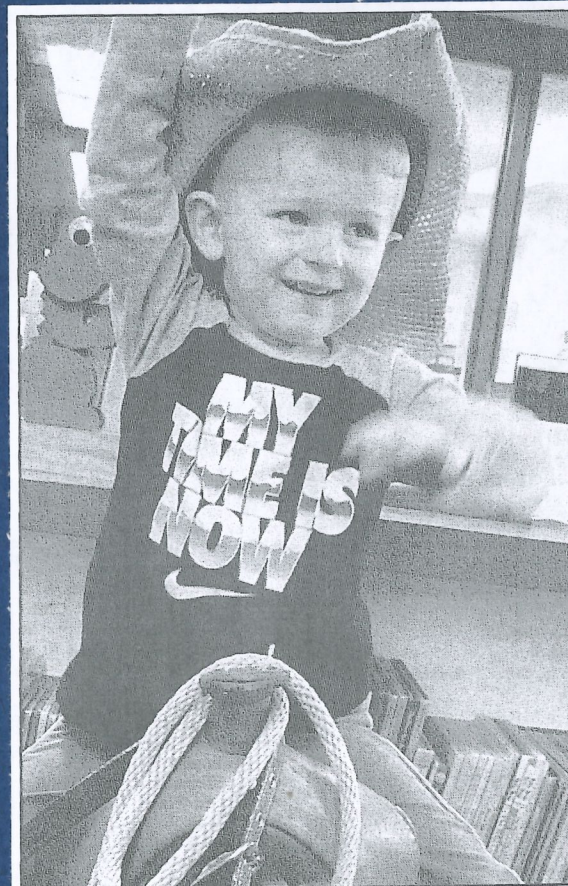
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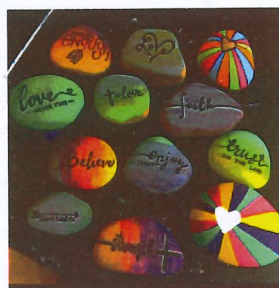




Becky, Laura & Becky getting paint.

June Take-It-Tuesday

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Come join us to paint Landscape Rocks.

Sign-up as class size will be limited.

This is for adults. Children can participate if accompanied by an adult.

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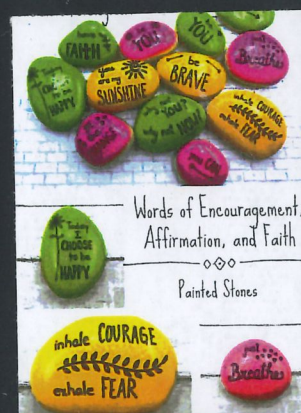
Julie has some tiny cheeks.



Jim painted a flag.



Everyone is concentrating!



Words of Encouragement,
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Jennifer likes purple



Alice is painting strips



Foster is having fun!



Becky painted a bird.



Lots of detail, Anita.



Foster & Grandma Becky.



Paint & chat.

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The Paper

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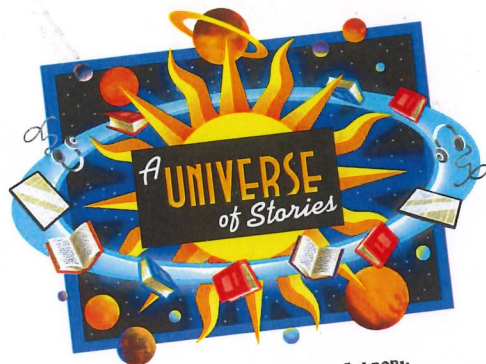
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Listening to the stories. 41 Kids + Adults attended the first week of summer reading.



Coloring our underpants.
Zayden & Maci

Week #1 ~ June 12, 2019

Stories:

1. Aliens Love Underpants
2. 3 Little Aliens and the Big Bad Robot
3. Out There

Craft:

Decorate underpants





Weston, Sue + Dayton coloring underpants.



Decklan, Jens + Mable coloring away.



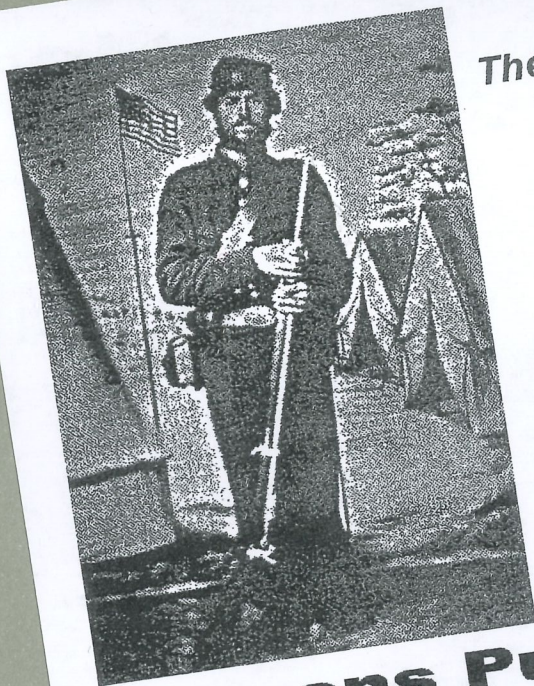
Smile girls! Amelia, Sariah, Dani, Gabi + Ali



What cute girls! Raelyn, Sawyer, Libe, Diana, Ellison, Angel + Jovanna



Finishing touches on the undergarments.



**The War of the Rebellion;
The Role of the Iowa 32nd
Volunteer Infantry in
the Red River Campaign
with Tom Shaw**

**Monday, June 17
2 o'clock**



Laurens Public Library



Alibi shot. Nice crowd.



Tom gave us a cast of characters in this battle.



Discharge papers detailing the battle the service man was in, as well as wounds received.



Civil War re-enactor Kevin at the ready with his expertise.



Tom Shaw + Kevin Schmitt telling
the differences in their uniforms.

Civil War Artifacts

from the collection of the
Pocahontas County Historical Society Museum

"During the war, Pocahontas County furnished eleven men,
which was one-third of the able-bodied residents of the county
at the time." *

*Pioneer History of Pocahontas County, Iowa



Connie treats to left, hard-tack
treats like the soldiers ate to right.



Rifles + other Civil War items.



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Wk #2 ~ June 19, 2019
 Stories: "Moon" + "A Kite for the Moon"
 Moon rock relay
 Moon sand
 Color rockets



Moon Rock Relay.



Listening to "Moon" + "A Kite for the Moon."



Moon Rock Relay Race



Astronaut walking on moon with her moon rocks.



Making Moon Sand - start w/ blue sand



Next you add corn starch.



Last step - add water + mix.

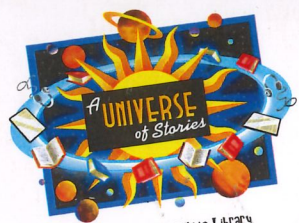


Showing off our Rockets we colored.



Cool space rockets





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Ali:bi shot @ 3 pm. ~they kept coming~
 Estimate 138 for Blank Park Zoo an
 extra for week #2 of Universe of stories.



Aiden modeling the adaptations an
 alien would need if he landed in an
 earth ocean. Gills flippers + goggles!



Baby alligator, could grow to 16 feet in length.
 His adaptation is an extra set of eyelids
 that moves side to side.



Our first animal was midnight the
 bunny His adaptations are his claws for
 digging & his telescopic ears that move in
 direction of sound.



You get board with zoo just get out



The silkie chicken's skin bones + meat are all
 black! She loves her meal worms.



Squeeze the snake our final zoo friend.



Sarah Ramsey was very knowledgeable & did great job.



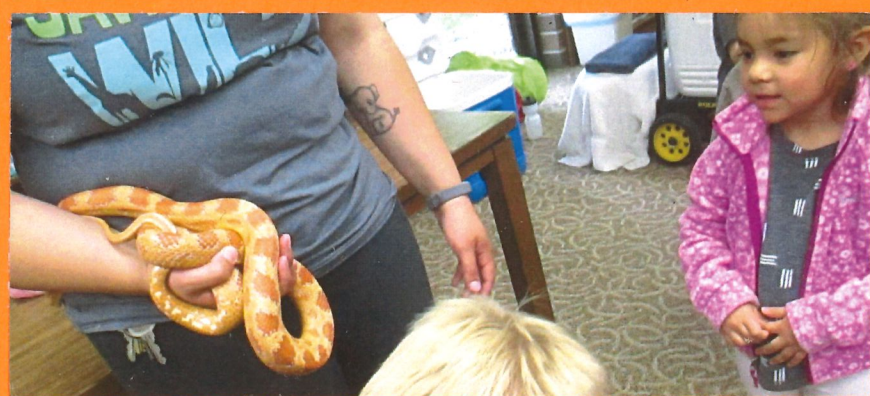
They touched but wanted a picture.



They both liked him.



These girls are not afraid of snakes!



Eden says, that's a nope. Was not afraid just did not want to touch.



Kids Korner Kids meeting the snake.

GLEND
MULDER

'We're in Laurens, and this is what we do'

By PETER KASPARI

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LAURENS — The longtime director of the Laurens Public Library received an unexpected honor earlier this year when she was named the recipient of the Boss of the Year Award.

Glenda Mulder, who has been the Laurens Library director since July 2006, had the honor bestowed upon her by the Pocahontas County Economic Development Foundation.

The honor was extra special for Mulder, as this was the first year the foundation presented the award.

"I was just really blown away," Mulder said. "I was just totally amazed."

She's thankful to have received it.

"It still kind of amazes me," she said. "It kind of leaves me almost speechless, which is kind of amazing."

What's interesting about the honor is that Mulder didn't intend to become a library director, or to even work in a library. She went to school for tailoring, and spent much of her career working at a clothing store, eventually becoming owner before the store closed in 1999.

It wasn't long after the store closed that Mulder was attracted to the library.

In the spring of 2000, Mulder said she saw an ad seeking a part-time librarian. She was interested, but initially said no because the job required her to work Saturdays.

But after mentioning it to another librarian, the director at the time contacted Mulder and said another person already on staff could work Saturdays and Mulder would only work during the week.

"So that's how I ended up here," Mulder said.

She has always been attracted to literature, and oftentimes finds herself getting lost in what she's reading. She calls it "the escape."

"I like to just jump in," she said. "The next thing you know, it's three hours later and you go, 'Oh my. I was in a different world for awhile.'"

Working in the library brings something new every day, which is what she enjoys most about her job.

"I like the variety," she said. "Some days it's about visiting with the patrons, the kids or the adults, or helping them find just the right thing. And then the next day it's doing book work or order-



-Messenger photos by Peter Kaspari

Glenda Mulder, the director of the Laurens Public Library, smiles as she plays one of the instruments in the library's Music Garden. Mulder was recently named the inaugural recipient of the Boss of the Year Award.

ing books or finding a next project or program. There's just always something different to do."

Mulder has overseen quite a few projects. Not long after she became director, Mulder helped get wireless internet installed in the building.

Technology has come a long way since she first began working at the library in 2000.

"When I first came, we had a giant iMac in the children's department."

Today, the library has a couple iPads that children and other patrons can use.

"The computers have changed a lot," she said. "They've changed how people use the library and they've changed the ease of running the library."

Over the past couple years, Mulder has helped build a music garden just outside the library. It contains giant musical instruments that anyone is welcome to play.

Mulder got the idea after attending a meeting with other librarians and one of them had mentioned seeing a music garden at the library in Arnolds Park.

With the help of community support, as well as a grant, all the instruments were purchased and installed. Mulder

enjoys the musical instruments, and admits that every time she walks past them, she has to try them out.

"It's very zen-like," she said. "It's fun."

Besides the library, Mulder also serves on the Pocahontas County Foundation, which awards grants to various nonprofits. Mulder said she especially enjoys that because she loves seeing the proposals from people with how they want to use those grants to improve their communities.

Mulder is also a member of the Laurens Chamber of Commerce and the city's Historic Preservation Commission.

She really enjoys being a part of the community.

"I like the friendliness of it," she said. "I like that everybody waves and smiles and stops and talks."

She especially enjoys when family comes from out of town to experience the small-town atmosphere.

"I've had nieces and nephews here from out of town, and they say, 'Why are you waving at them?'" Mulder said. "Well, because we're in Laurens and this is what we do."

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Laurens' Shaw recounts tales from Civil War's Red River Campaign

By Erin Sommers
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Tom Shaw can't say that his great-great-grandfathers met while serving in the Union Army on a campaign in Louisiana in 1864.

In fact, it's unlikely that the Laurens resident's antecedents did encounter each other during that campaign. But both were serving in Iowa Army companies and both were present at that battle, hundreds of miles away from their northern Iowa homes. Shaw donned a Civil War style Union uniform June 17 to talk about his great-great-grandfathers and the campaign that sent thousands of northern soldiers through Louisiana.

Despite the research he's done, Shaw hasn't located any direct accounts from either of his ancestors who were present at the Battle of Pleasant Hill in April 1864, though both men were there.

"You never know where any individual soldier is at any particular time," he said.

The first of his great-great-grandfathers Shaw described was John McKittrick, a 35-year-old Irish immigrant who settled near Humboldt. McKittrick was somewhat old for an Army volunteer, Shaw said; he had not yet discovered any documents explaining why the man decided to volunteer at that age and in 1864, so late in the war.

McKittrick was injured at some point during the war and discharged for disability in 1865. He died in 1872, possibly from complications related to his war injuries.

Lewis Hawk, Shaw's other great-great-grandfather who was at the battle and served on that campaign, enlisted in



Laurens resident Tom Shaw talks about the Civil War June 17 at the Laurens Public Library. Two of Shaw's great-great-grandfathers fought in the Union Army during the war. Photo by Erin Sommers.

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1862. He finished the war, was classified as an invalid and received his Army pension until he died in 1921.

Both men ended up in Louisiana because of Gen. Ulysses Grant's plan to have one of the federal armies capture Shreveport, La., which was a transportation hub, Shaw said. In July 1863, the Union Army had defeated Confederate General Robert E. Lee at Gettysburg, Pa., a needed victory, but the war was far from over.

"The tide of the war had turned in favor of the Union," Shaw said. "There was still a lot of fight left in the Confederacy."

Politics had as much of a role in determining the next course of action in the war as military strategy, Shaw said. President Abraham Lincoln was facing a tough re-election in 1864. The president didn't think he would be re-elected, in part because of the negative impact the loss of cotton trade to northeastern textile mills had on residents of that region. Lincoln thought if his armies could capture the cotton and get it back to the Northeast, voters there might support his re-election, Shaw said.

Strategists and Union supporters were also concerned about France's presence in Mexico and the proximity of the French to Louisiana. Shaw said American officials worried France would decide to support the Confederacy, just as it had helped the Americans during the Revolutionary War. It wasn't a big leap in logic, Shaw said, because there would be advantages for France, such as direct access to the cotton being grown in the South, which the Confederacy could just ship

directly to Europe.

With that as a backdrop, Grant sent an Army to Louisiana to work with the U.S. Navy on the campaign up the Red River.

The problem, Shaw said, is that Union Major General Nathaniel Banks was more politician than military strategist, and he didn't get along with the Navy admiral he was supposed to be collaborating with. Banks underestimated the Confederate soldiers he was facing, he put inexperienced Union soldiers at the front of the advancing Army and trapped his most senior fighters behind the supply lines.

Union General William Sherman, who had wanted to take the lead on the campaign but who was sent to capture Atlanta instead, described the entire campaign as "one damn blunder from one end to the other."

Shaw said Iowa's fighters acquitted themselves well in the battle, but they didn't get much recognition afterward.

"After the Battle of Pleasant Hill, they were known as the Iron Brigade because of the resistance they gave," Shaw said, adding that East Coast newspapers didn't mention the Iowa units at all. "Iowa soldiers had not even the poor consolation of finding their names misspelled in the list of casualties. They were not mentioned at all."

Most historians, for decades after the war, focused on the famous eastern battlefields, Shaw said, and only more recently have they started to study the western front of the war, which is where Iowa's fighters saw most of their action.

At the Library with Glenda Mulder



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June 26, 2019

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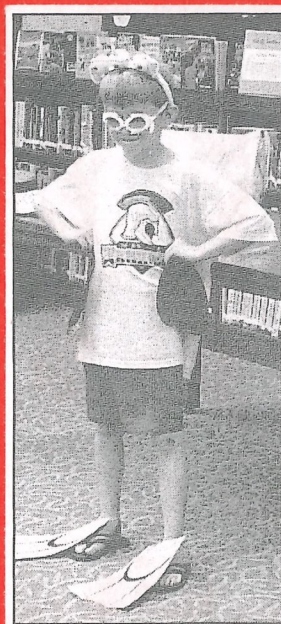
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Zoo at the Library

Aiden Erickson (top) is shown modeling the adaptations an alien (notice the 3 extra eyes) would need if he landed in an earth ocean. Gills, flippers, and goggles! Sarah Ramsey (above) talks about Bog, an American alligator, which could grow 16 - 20 feet in

Tom Shaw Presents The War of the Rebellion at the Library

Dressed in a period uniform, Tom Shaw tells his interested audience details about the role of the Iowa 32nd Volunteer Infantry in the Red River Campaign during the War of the Rebellion. He also shared Civil War artifacts and details of the era. He even brought hard-tack so we could sample this staple of the soldiers' diet!





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Corrine, the Pocahontas County Conservationist starting with a story.



Getting ready to put the 'planets' in order.



Adding candy to represent different planets

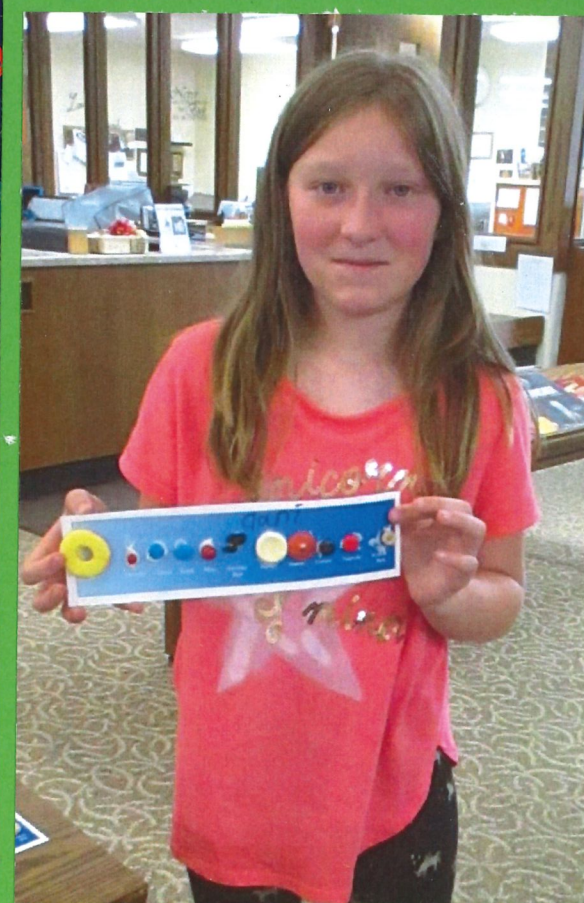
Week #3 - June 26th
Corrine from Pocahontas County Conservation led Summer reading. We had stories, candy solar systems, shooting stars+comets, story walk + our own solar system.



Grandma Cathy helping



Zayden's solar system.



Dani's solar system.



Glenda helping the star creators.



Doing a story walk in the park learning about the planets.



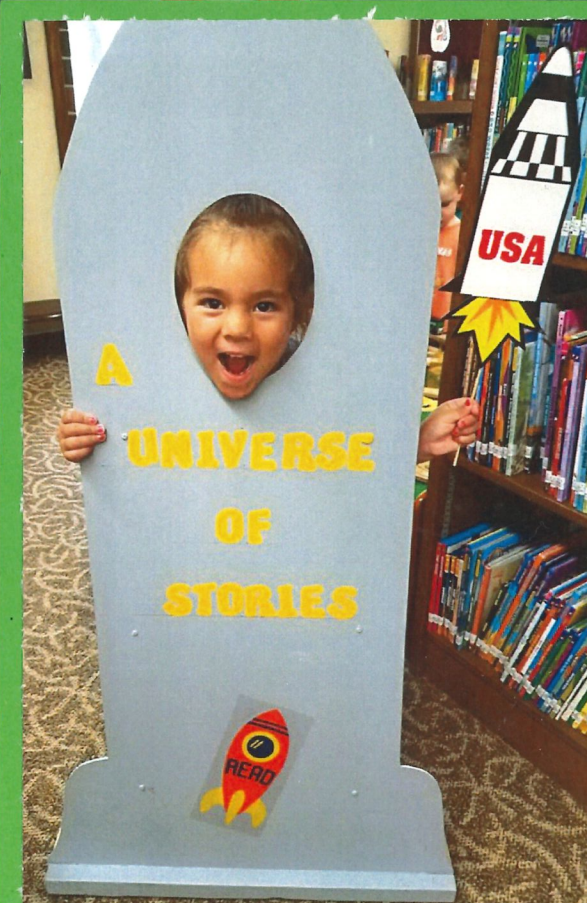
Here's our solar system trying to orbit around the sun.



The Littles making comets or shooting stars.



Look at the tails on those stars!





Card Making Night at library June 25th was fun + productive.



Future Astronaut Deklan



Some cards made by Deb Hertz



Cards made by Laura Todd



Cards by Sue MacKinnel

July Take-It-Tuesday

Tuesday, July 2nd @ 6:30 pm



Come join us to create your own book art.
This is for adults. Children can participate if accompanied by an adult.
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Gale picking out books.



Laura painting book



Sandy painting her book.



Glenda + Deb cleaning stamps



Connie is picking out sayings



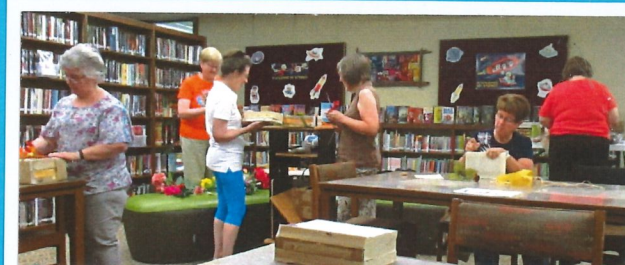
Sue is writing on book.



Laura tying her ribbon.



Sally, Sandy + Connie chatting.



Everyone is busy creating 'Book Art'!



Another fun night of Take-It-Tuesday! First we picked out our books. Then painted over marks if wanted. Stamp or paint on book ends. Add ribbon or flowers. There is Book Art. Our finished projects bottom left. Our fun group of ~~ladies~~ ladies: Sandy Aronson, Connie Oallenbach, Deb Hertz, Sue Mackunnel, Glenda Mulder, Gail Olson, Laura Todd + Sally Wenell.



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Starting with songs + stories.



Dayton + Maci coloring



Glenda taping back of rocket.



Blowing on straws for the launch.

Week # 4 ~ July 3rd ~ A Universe of Stories.
 Stories read: "There was an old astronaut who
 swallowed the moon" "Sheep Blast off" and
 "There was an old marian who swallowed the moon."
 Activity: Making rockets + launching them around
 the library.



Rockets are fun!



What fun! Lots of giggles.



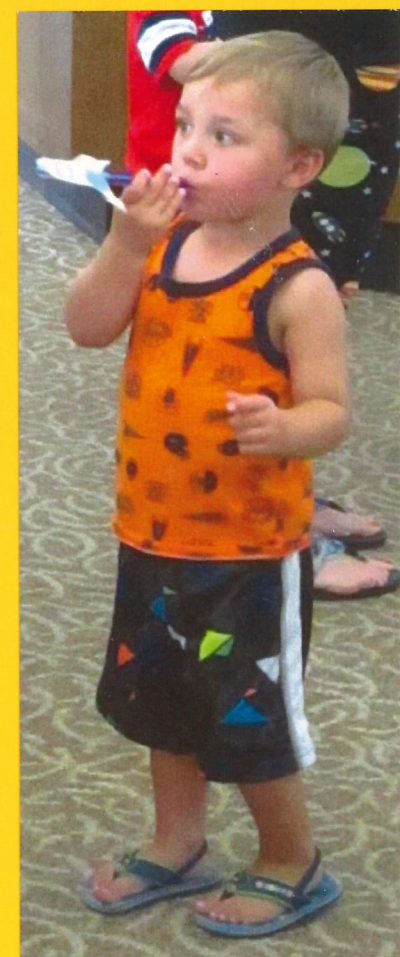
Zaiden launches.



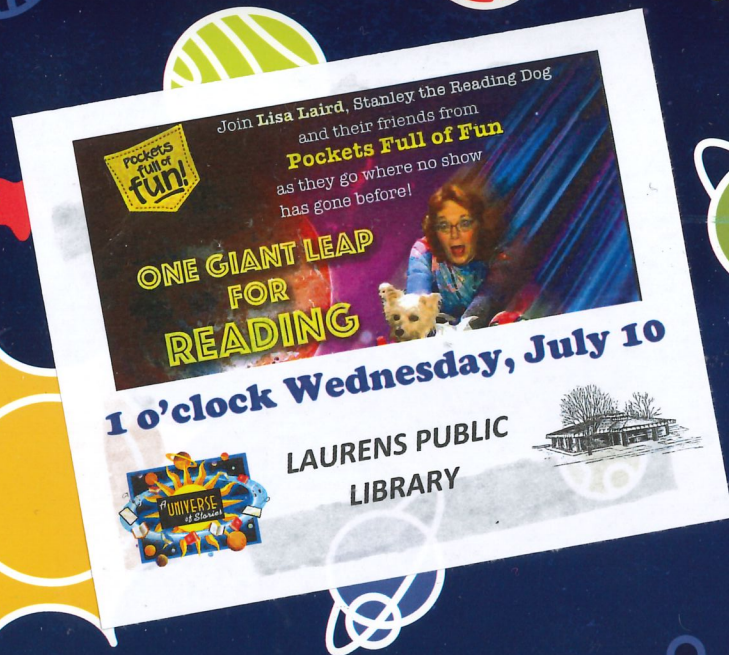
Maci blows on rocket.



Maci rocket launch



Weston w/ rocket.



Kwyn and Stanley



Gabi reads to Stanley.



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One GIANT Leap for READING!



Dani reads to Stanley



Kacyn joins Kwyn + Stanley



Alibi shot. 85 people present for show.



Alibi shot.



Bennett helps display pictures of animals that have traveled in space.



Shiloh producing proof for Lisa that there is life on Mars.



Jessimah that she wants an alien of her own.



Jovanna + Lillie making the rings of Saturn for Stanley the Space Dog to jump through.



Stanley meets Robot Alien Dog. before



The kids are enjoying the show.

Explore these books!

Dogs in Space
by Vix Southgate

Laika the Space Dog
by Jeni Wittrock

Ham the Astrochimp
by Richard Hilliard

There's No Place Like Space
by Tish Rabe

Star Seeker
by Theresa Heine

Mae Among the Stars
by Roda Ahmed

One Giant Leap
by Robert Burleigh

The Night Sky
by Michael Driscoll

Toys in Space
by Mini Grey

Space Song Rocket Ride
by Sunny Scribens



Explore this Reading Galaxy! Color in a star or planet for every book you read!

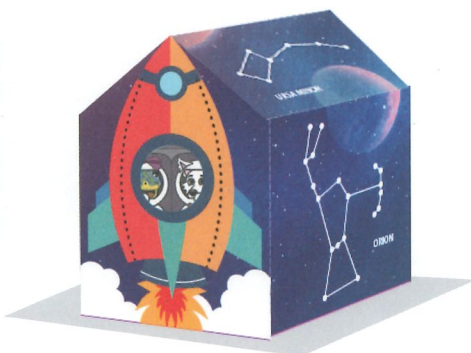
One Giant Leap for READING!

_____'s
star and planet chart to
explore the
Universe of BOOKS!

Constellation Luminary Rocket ship



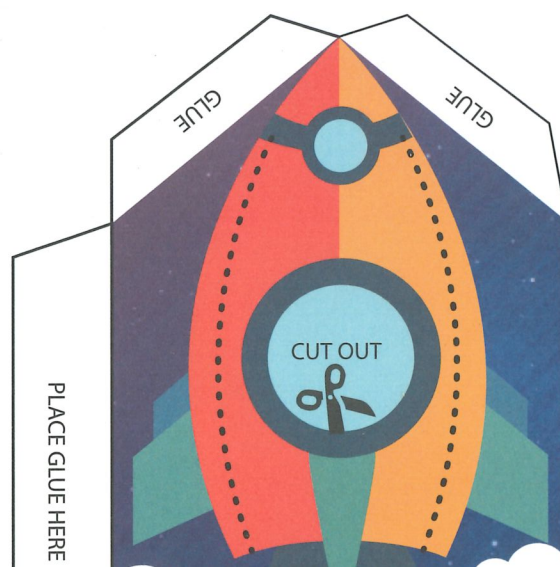
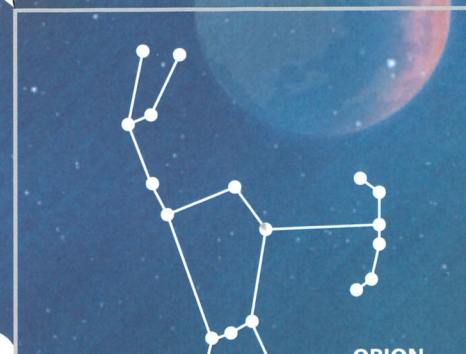
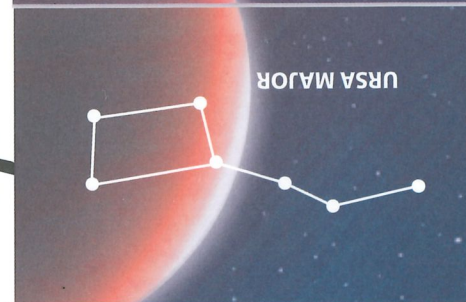
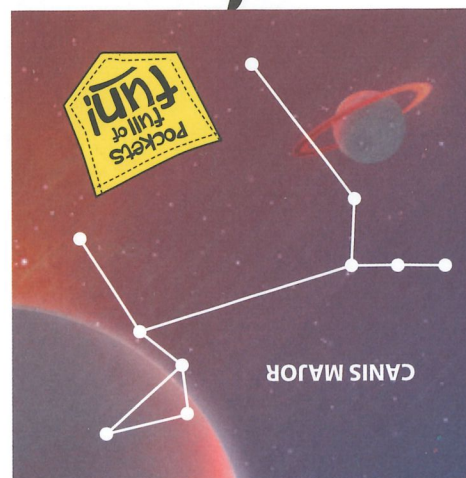
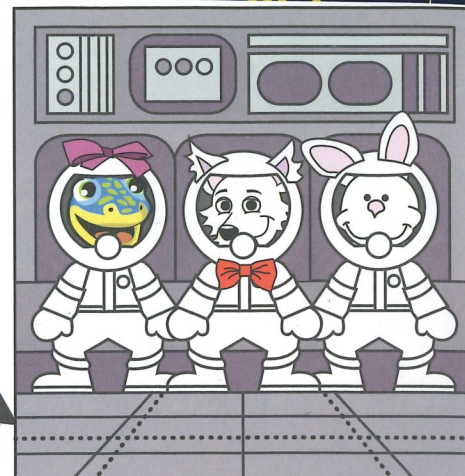
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INSTRUCTIONS

- Cut out the template and cut out the circle (window) indicated by the scissors.
- Add holes with a needle where the stars are.
- Fold together on the dotted lines to form a "house".
- Fold the tabs in and glue in place.
- After the tabs are glued, fold in the picture wall so you can see it when you look through the cut out window.
- Put a little LED candle light (NOT a real candle) inside to see the constellations shine!

FOLD AND GLUE IN PLACE
AFTER ALL THE TABS
HAVE BEEN GLUED



Handouts
from Lisa.

Are you enjoying your holiday week? I sure love seeing everything all decked out in red, white and blue! Naturally, the Library will be closed tomorrow for the 4th, but we will be open our regular hours Friday and Saturday.

Did you go to the Women's Club's Cemetery Tour last month? They sure had some talented actors again this year! They dropped a few extra programs off at the library, so stop and get one if you like.

New novels this week include: *The Porpoise* by Mark Haddon, *Tom Clancy: Enemy Contact* by Mike Maden, *Surfside Sisters* by Nancy Thayer, *Shameless* by Ace Atkins, *Someone to Honor* by Mary Balough, *The Most Fun We Ever Had* by Clair Lombardo and *Lock Every Door* by Riley Sager.

In nonfiction, we received Jon Meacham and Tim McGraw's *Songs of America: Patriotism, Protest, and the Music That Made a Nation* and Charles Fishman's *One Giant Leap: The Impossible Mission That Flew Us to the Moon*.

Next week Wednesday at 1 p.m. will bring us Pockets Full of Fun Puppets! Lisa has been here before and is a great entertainer. Her One Giant Leap for Reading program promises to be fun for all ages. People of all ages are welcome. Then we'll be back to our regular Wednesday at One Universe of Stories with books, games, songs, crafts and fun! We have a program with the Science Center of Iowa later this month.

We have an exciting announcement from our Book Club! In July we will read our 150th book! We started in January 2007 with Kent Haruf's *Plainsong*. We skipped July that year because of the QuasQuiCentennial, but have read a book every month since then! We are celebrating by reading *The Book Club* by Mary Alice Monroe. If you've not read a book with us, or if you've read all of them, come celebrate with us as we talk about books Monday, July 22 at 7 p.m.

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Blank Park Zoo Visits the Library

Sarah Ramsey from the Blank Park Zoo was very knowledgeable and did a great job teaching us about Animal Adaptations.

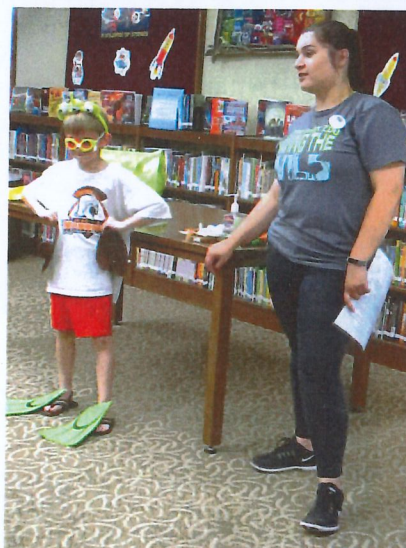
Aiden Erickson is shown modeling the adaptations an alien (notice the 3 extra eyes) would need if he landed in an earth ocean. Gills, flippers & goggles!

Baby Alligator could grow 16 – 20 feet in length during his lifetime. His adaptation is an extra set of eyelids that move side to side.

The Zoo also sent a rabbit, whose adaptation was claws for digging and telescoping ears that can turn towards a sound, to better protect him from predators. We also saw a Silkie chicken, whose adaptations are talons for digging, and rocks in his gizzard to help digest food.

The last animal Sarah brought was a Corn Snake, and everyone who wanted to could touch it!

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Naturalist Corinne Peterson Visits the Library One Last Time

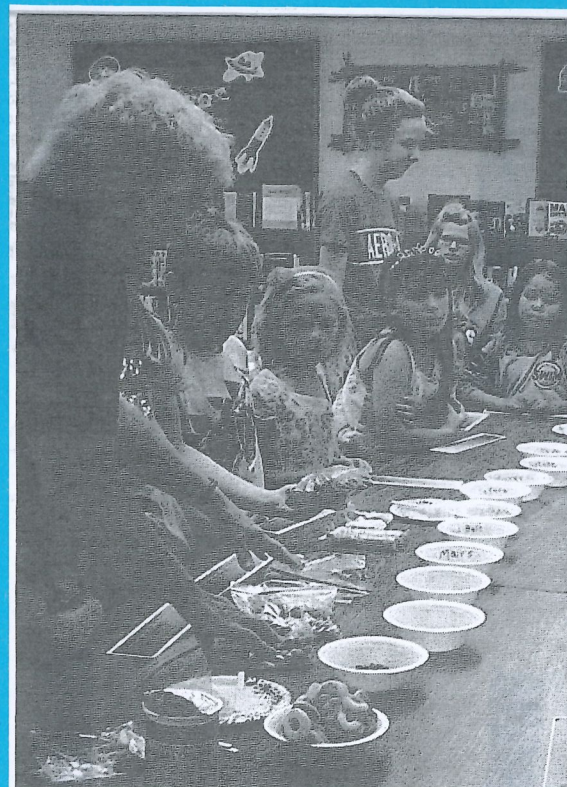
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Doc preparing the bed.



Doc + Les drilling holes



Installing the flower pedals



Les Milton



Dwight 'Doc' VanGanderen



INTRODUCING THE INSTRUMENTS

Sounds of spontaneous creativity can often be heard in our new Music Garden sponsored by the Laurens Public Library Foundation. These musical works of art look as beautiful as they sound. Played alone or together, these interactive instruments are sure to make an instant musician out of any library visitor.

The idea to build a Music Garden came during a brainstorming session of the Laurens Public Library Foundation meeting in July of 2017. Board members quickly agreed that we needed a collection of instruments, not just one or two. Our desire was to make the instruments accessible to all and ensure musical success for everybody no matter their age or musical background (or lack of it!) Plans for the 6 instrument Music Garden, along with a sample instrument, the Lilypad Cymbals, were unveiled at our Fall Fundraiser.

Community support began to quickly roll in! Soon we had full sponsorship for 3 instruments. The Laurens Hometown Pride group agreed to do the installation, and they received a Pocahontas County Foundation grant to cover those expenses. Another fundraising supper, and a donation from 100+ Women Who Care of Pocahontas County and we knew our Music Garden would soon be a reality! An Iowa Arts Council Grant sealed the deal, the instruments were ordered in May of 2018. Unfortunately, what was supposed to be a 6 week wait for delivery was extended, due to the total loss of their factory to a fire, just before our instruments were to be shipped! They were delivered early October 2018. The concrete pads were in place and well cured by then! Hometown Pride workers, led by Library Foundation Vice President Doc Van Genderen (He wears many hats in our small town!) soon began the installation, and it was soon complete!

Current Laurens Public Library Foundation Board members include: President Jan Hersom, Vice President Doc Van Genderen, Secretary Connie Dallenbach, Treasurer Patty Boughey, Dorothy Lamberti, Julie Wurr and Eric Price round out the team.

This year we received a Pocahontas County Foundation Grant for one more instrument, or set of instruments as the case is with these Musical flowers, which were recently installed.

Our Music Garden now includes seven specially made, weather resistant instruments laid out to create complimentary tones. These permanent instruments are accessible to would-be musicians of any age and require no special skill to play. There are no sour notes, only the sweet sounds of families and friends, young and old; a community making music together.

Laurens Public Library Foundation's
Music Garden Dedication



6:45 Friday, July 12



Library Director Glenda Mulder tells how Music Garden came to be. Details are in "Introducing the Instruments".



The Oleson Family: Kaye VanBenderen, Jill Havick, Deb Oleson + Cody Oleson



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Library Foundation Secretary Connie Dallenbach demonstrates the "Tuned Drums" which were donated by a family that wishes to be anonymous.



An audience member demonstrates the "Pegasus".



Laurens Mayor Rod Johnson demonstrates "Lily Pad Cymbals".



Raiden Hamby & Glenda Mulder demonstrate our latest addition, a "Bouquet of Flowers".



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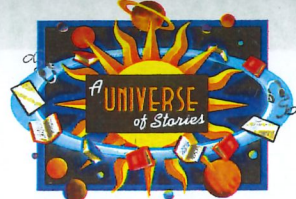
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Week #6 ~ July 17th
 Songs + Games
 Make Galaxy Jar
 Make Rockets
 Outside to fly
 our rockets



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Everyone gathered for "A Universe of Stories."



Concentrating on rocket design.

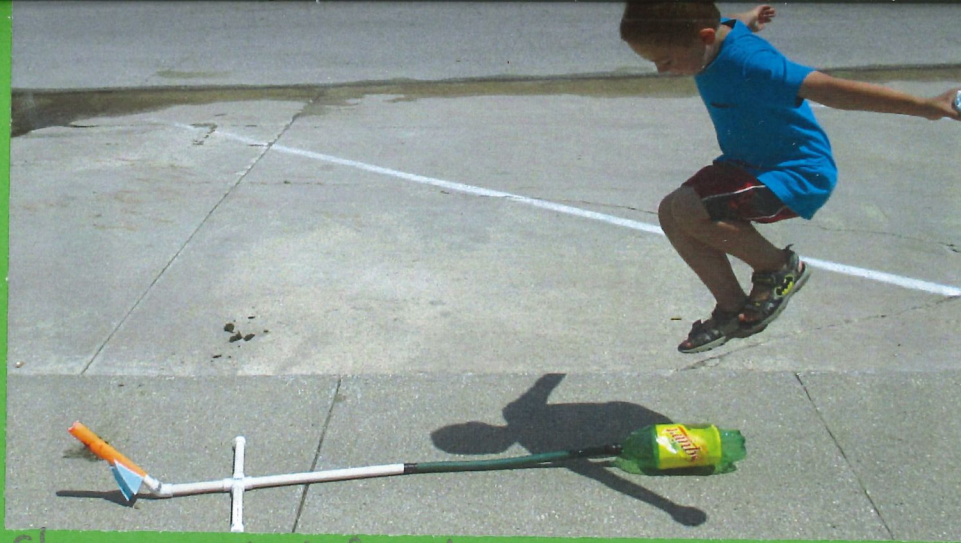


Busy making rockets to launch.





Levi & Ava testing the rockets.



Stomp rocket fun!



Ellie pumping to build pressure to launch.



Reshaping the bottle into its prelaunch shape, ready to launch again.

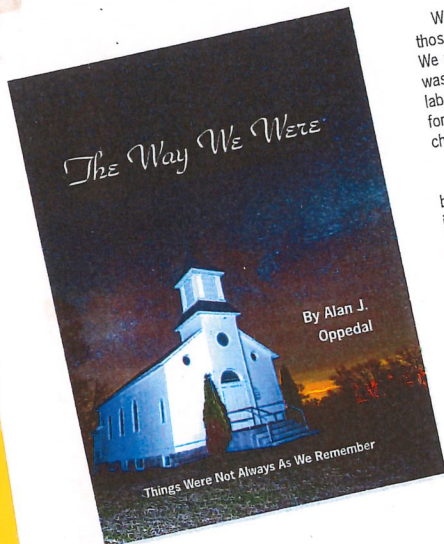
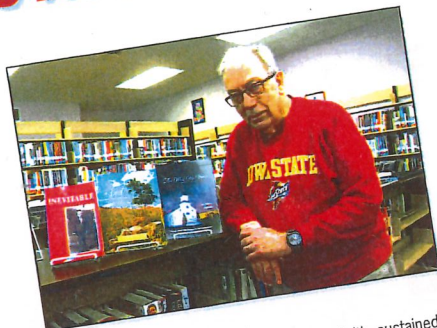


Meet the Author!

Thursday, July 18 - 2 p.m.

Alan Oppedal of Ruthven introduces his third book:

The Way We Were - Things Were Not Always As We Remember



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This book was designed by
Connie Reinert and printed right here
in Laurens by the House of Print!



Laurens Public Library



When our patron, Mike Ford says, "I worked with Al many years ... might I help introduce him?" They worked together for a printing company in their 20's.



Taking questions from the audience.



Reading the introduction to the book.



Autographing books for his fans.

Pockets Full of Fun vows kids in Laurens

By Erin Sommers
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Lisa Laird kept a crowd of kids laughing at the Laurens Public Library July 10.

Laird, a Des Moines based ventriloquist, brought her show, Pockets Full of Fun, designed to match with the summer reading theme, A Universe of Stories.

"We are going to explore the universe today," Laird told the crowd of about 30 kids. "We are doing to bring some space to you."

She started with a bit of history, talking about the 50th anniversary of the moon landing, which happens later this week.

"I actually watched on TV, back when TVs were only black and white," Laird said.

She showed the kids pictures of animals that had been to space — from fruit flies to dogs, cats and a chimpanzee.

Then there were the cockroaches, which earned a singular honor among space-traveling animals.

"Cockroaches were the first living creatures to give birth in space," Laird said.

Using a rabbit puppet, who moved kids to fits of laughter with space puns, Laird asked her audience members about how they observe the skies.

"Do any of you ever go outside, lay down and do dot to dots," the rabbit asked the kids.

Laird paused, looking



Lisa Laird, a ventriloquist, talks with a puppet about aliens and space at the Laurens Public Library July 10. Photo by Erin Sommers. *Laurens Sun 7/17/19*

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quizzically at the puppet and then at her audience.

Dot-to-dots?

"Oh, constellations," she said.

Next, Laird gave a quick lesson about what happens when shuttles launch into space.

"When you take a flight into space, you can take a suborbital flight and you can take a flight that goes into orbit," she said. "When they decided to go to the moon, they had to orbit the moon."

Laird worked a joke into the lesson, with little alien figures popping up on the moon on the wipe-off board she used to illustrate the difference between the two kinds of flights.

"When the astronauts went to the moon, they did not find aliens," she said. "But they did collect rocks. You can see them in museums."

She wrapped up her presentation with her dog, Stanley, who acted out a space story for the audience.



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Puppets Visit the Library

There were 85 of us who enjoyed Lisa Laird of Pockets of Fun at the library last Wednesday. She presented the program "One Giant Leap for Reading". Her puppets and her dog Stanley entertained the kids with stories. Some of the kids were also able to come early and read to Stanley, because he is a reading dog. A big thanks to Don and Grace Hertz for providing the funds for this program in memory of their son, Bill. Thank you. We enjoyed it immensely!



Gabi Hansen reading to Stanley and Lisa.



Jovanna Pettit and Lillie Norman making the rings of Saturn for Stanley the Space Dog to jump through!

The Paper 7/17/19

The "alibi" shot and look, Glenda is even present and accounted for!



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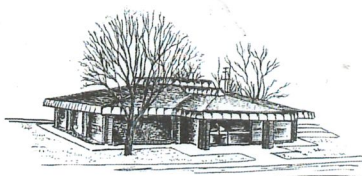
Thank you to everyone who made the music garden possible! It is used by many of all ages everyday!



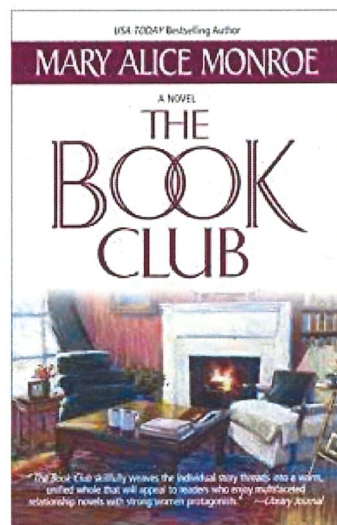
Pictured L to R: Kaye Van Genderen, Jill Havick, Deb Oleson and Cody Oleson



The Paper 7/24



Laurens Public Library OUR 150th BOOK!!



**Please return
this book by our
discussion
Monday
7/22/19
@ 7:00 pm**

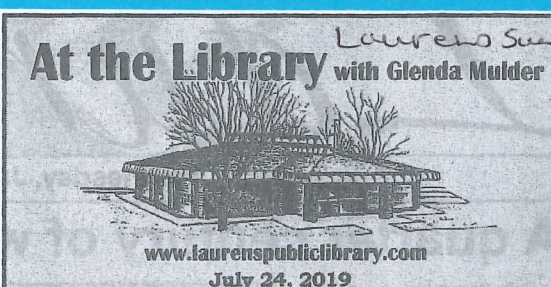
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We are so excited Skeeter came to our library!



So much fun!



Skeeter can balance a feather on her nose hand + chin.



Skeeter the Circus Clown
11:00 am Thursday, July 25th
LAURENS PUBLIC LIBRARY



Gannon made it to. 6.



With a quick lesson, Ali could do it to count of 26.



Look Grandma what Skeeter



Inflatable sleeve demonstrates the air pressure on Mars.



The Kids trying to feel carbon dioxide vapors. Reports say it is cold.



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June 12-August 7

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Science Center of Iowa. Will centripetal force keep the water in the glass? Centripetal force is what keeps the moon in place.



1 o'clock Wednesday, July 24



LAURENS PUBLIC LIBRARY



How will gravity effect 2 similar objects?



Seeing the rotation of Uranus.

Week # 8 ~ July 31st
songs + stories about
Constellations
Crafts making
constellations +
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Fun to do songs before the stories.



5,4,3,2,1 Blast off to rocketship fun!



The littles making constellations with stickers.



Grandma Judy helping the girls make
constellations with pipecleanes + stars.



Coffee filters + markers + water = our own
planets.



At the Library with Glenda Mulder July 31, 2019

Goodness it's hard to believe our "Universe of Stories," kids' summer reading is coming to an end. Just today's story time and next week! It truly has sped by, as if on a rocket ship! We've had a ball reading, playing games, building and shooting rockets, learning about our solar system, watching the puppet show and having the zoo visit. Oh, and LegoMania on Fridays just never gets old! This may be one of those times where the librarians have as much fun as the kids do!

We use a subscription service for our magazine renewals. It's time

for the annual review and renewal. If there is a magazine you would like to see us subscribe to, please let me know. We'd hate to miss out on something new and fun!

New novels lately include: *Outfox* by Sandra Brown, *The Chelsea Girls* by Fiona Davis, *Glory Road* by Lauren Denton, *Escape Room* by Megan Goldin and *The Inn* by James Patterson.

Deb has another fun "Take it Tuesday" planned! This month we will be making bird houses out of gourds. She's got some cute examples that you can model yours after, or use your own vision. She needs to know how many gourds to prepare, so please preregister! This is coming right up – August 6th at 6:30 p.m.

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CIRCUS:

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circus are homeschooled. But just because they're on the road for 32 weeks a year, doesn't mean kids are missing out on educational opportunities. Skeeter said circus families take advantage of their mobile lifestyle, taking their kids on tours of local museums and places of interests, ranging from mines of all kinds to even the Grand Canyon.

Skeeter is a graduate of Barnum and Bailey and Ringling Bros. Clown College; she knew as a teenager she wanted to become a clown, but the college didn't admit women until several years after she finished high school. At 28, Skeeter left a career working in television and radio and enrolled at the clown college. After graduation, she initially had a temporary position as a high stilt walker with Ringling Bros., but eventually found a permanent position with Culpepper and Merriweather. She said the touring circus gave her the opportunity to meet up with distant relatives and friends who had moved out of state, as well as to see the country.

"The circus clowns, the animals, these have always been my favorite," she said.

To be a clown, especially when she started in the early 1980s, required more than just a penchant for slapstick comedy.

"We use every art form known to man," Skeeter said. "We are responsible for making our props."

After all, she couldn't just run out to a dollar store and find a 4-foot-tall crayon when she started, or a rubber mallet that she knew wouldn't actually hurt her co-workers. So she fabricated them. Skeeter started her journey to becoming a clown with the ability to play four instruments, and along the way she learned more, as well as how to dance and how to jump in to fill gaps in the show and keep the crowd entertained.

"If something happens, you have to use your body to fill in," she said, "Get things rolling back smoothly."

The public is invited to watch circus members put up the big top at 9:30 a.m. Aug. 5 at Sportsman Park in Laurens; they'll also get a backstage tour and meet some of the performers.

Culpepper & Merriweather Circus coming to Laurens

By Erin Sommers
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The American circus is nearly as old as America itself.

Skeeter the clown, who travels with the Oklahoma-based Culpepper and Merriweather Great Combined Circus, said nothing has grown up with the country quite like the American-style circus.

"We're one of six American-owned big tops," Skeeter said in a phone interview as she traveled Pochontas County doing advance publicity work for the circus, which will perform at 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Aug. 5 at Sportsman Park in Laurens. "We truly are living history. We are families performing for families."

Skeeter didn't grow up in a circus family, although circus performing is often passed from generation to generation. Clowns, she said, were often portrayed by performers who had aged out of the ability to perform physical feats, or by acrobats who had been injured during a performance. Being a clown is still incredibly physical, she said, but all of the physical feats are just performed much closer to the ground.

"This is our lifestyle," Skeeter said of sticking with the traveling performances. "This is our passion. Every day we want to do the best we can to preserve our lifestyle."

Clowns were also moneyhandlers for circuses, and they would fill in as teachers, too, instructing performers' children in reading and math. Skeeter said when Culpepper and Merriweather had more children in the caravan, the circus employed a teacher; these days, the children whose families perform and set up the



Clownin' around Laurens Sun 7/31

Skeeter the clown, who performs with the Culpepper and Merriweather Circus, talks with kids about the upcoming show during a publicity tour July 25. Photo courtesy of Laurens Chamber and Community Boosters.

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Playing in the Music
Garden while our planets
are drying.

At the Library with Glenda Mulder



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July 31, 2019

Goodness it's hard to believe our "Universe of Stories," kids' summer reading is coming to an end. Just today's story time & next week it truly has sped by, as if on a rocket ship! We've had a ball reading, playing games, building and shooting rockets, learning about our solar system, watching the puppets show and having the zoo visit. Oh, and LegoMania on Fridays just never gets old! This may be one of those times where the librarians have as much fun as the kids do!

We use a subscription service for our magazine renewals. It's time for the annual review and renewal. If there is a magazine you would like to see us subscribe to, please let me know. We'd hate to miss out on something new and fun!

New novels lately include: *Outfox* by Sandra Brown, *The Chelsea Girls* by Fiona Davis, *Glory Road* by Lauren Denton, *Escape Room* by Megan Goldin, and *The Inn* by James Patterson.

Deb has another fun "Take it Tuesday" planned! This month we will be making bird houses out of gourds. She's got some cute examples that you can model yours after, or use your own vision. She needs to know how many gourds to prepare, so please preregister! This is coming right up - Aug. 6 at 6:30 p.m.

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The attending library kids helped her fill in her coloring book by thinking really hard. Skeeter showed a couple of her favorite instruments, and showed us the trick to balancing a peacock feather on her hand, chin and nose! She then made a balloon animal for each child, and reminded us to come see her at the Culpepper & Merriweather circus that is coming to Laurens August 5th!



Science Center of Iowa brings program to Laurens Library

By Erin Sommers
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At the Laurens Public Library, Science Center of Iowa's Jaclyn Erickson called Jovanna Pettit up in front of the crowd.

Erickson had already had one volunteer drop bean bags to demonstrate gravity. But now, Erickson wanted the kids gathered to learn more about outer space to predict what would happen if a volunteer dropped one heavy and one light thing.

"What's going to be different," Erickson asked the kids.

A few offered suggestions, then they counted down, giving Pettit the signal to drop both items. Afterwards, Erickson explained what happened.

"This landed last," she said, holding up the feather. "It (didn't fall) straight down like my bean bag."

The demonstration was one of several Erickson made as she explained far out concepts like orbit and planetary rotation, as well as lit some gas on fire while talking about rockets and rocket fuel.

She started with explaining what NASA is — the National Aeronautical Space Administration — and why Earth is special and different from all of the other planets.

She sought out ideas from the crowd about what might set Earth apart.

"We live here," one young program attendee said.

That's partly right, Erickson said.

Someone else suggested the presence of water made a difference. That's also true — Earth has liquid water and no other planet does, she said. Earth's protective atmosphere is also important, she said.

Erickson moved on to Mars, which she referred to as the red planet.

"Mars is a beautiful red color," she said. "Why is Mars red?"

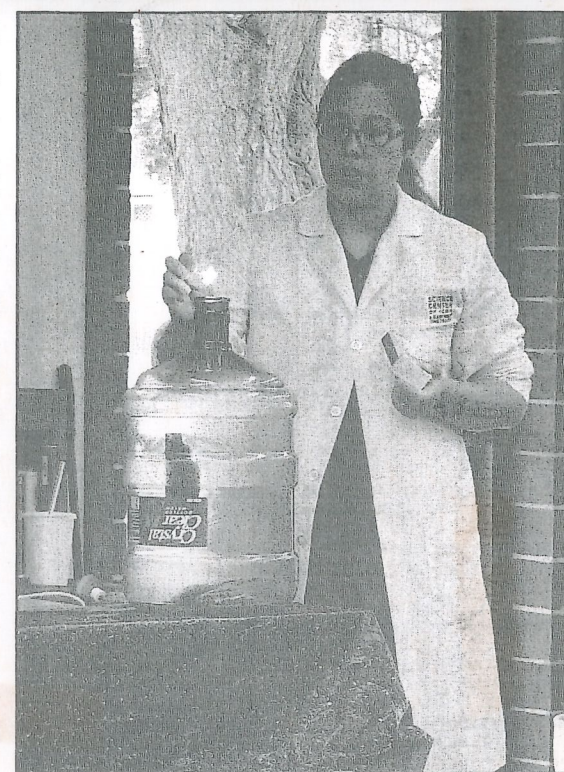
A few kids had guesses, but none got quite to the answer Erickson had in mind.

"Who has heard of the word iron before?" she asked. "Iron is a type of metal. There's a lot of iron on Mars."

And in the right conditions, iron looks red, she said.

Erickson even touched on the former ninth planet, Pluto, which was reclassified as a dwarf planet in 2006.

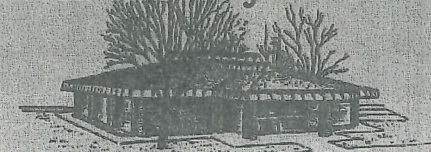
"What makes a planet a planet?" she asked. "It's not a moon or a star. It might have one of those things. It has to orbit the sun. It must be big enough to be round."



Far out facts Laurens Sun 7/31/19

Jaclyn Erickson of the Space Center of Iowa prepares to demonstrate what happens when a flame is introduced to a container with a flammable gas is inside. Erickson visited the Laurens Public Library July 24. Photo by Erin Sommers.

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Will centripetal force keep the water in the glass? We all hope so. Especially those in the front! Centripetal force is what keeps the moon in place.



Becky painting her base color.



Laura painting white base.

August Take-It-Tuesday

Tuesday, August 6th @ 6:30 pm



Sign-up to create your own Birdhouse Gourd. Class size will be limited.

This is for adults. Children can participate if accompanied by an adult.

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Sue concentrating on her blue flower.



Diana using some glitter.



Laura's bright flower + dots.



Diana's gourds



Becky + Sue with finished gourds.



Deb's teams: Cubs + TSU



At the Laurens Public Library
Every Wednesday at 1 PM
June 12-August 7

There will be stories, crafts and fun!

Special programs:

3 PM, Thurs., June 20 Blank Park Zoo
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Conservation
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Week 4 ~ August 7th
Last story time for
the summer.



Putting the universe in order.



Listening to stories about space.



Listening to the obstacle course directions.



Watch out for those laser beams!



Get the Alien before he gets you!

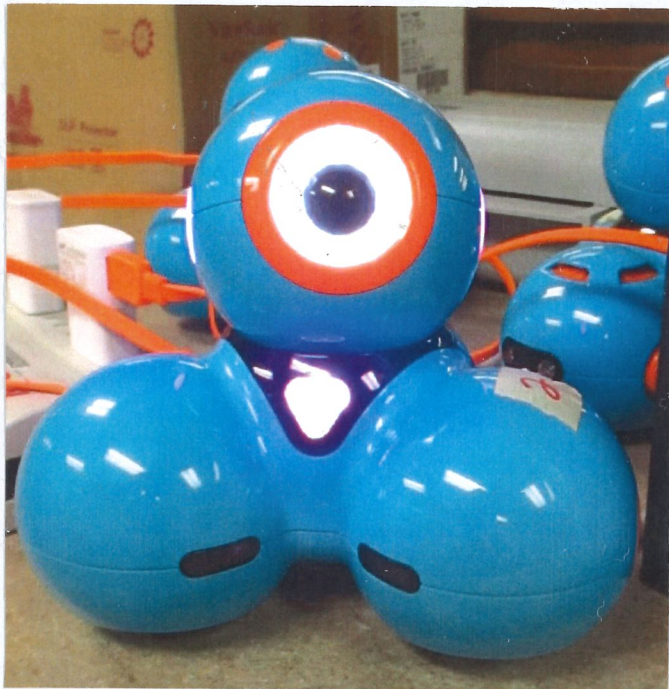


Launching memorites into the black hole.



Don't get burned by the lava bubbles!

but we are not done.
So, 'Dash' to the library
Wednesday at One,
to have a bit of robot fun!



Focusing.



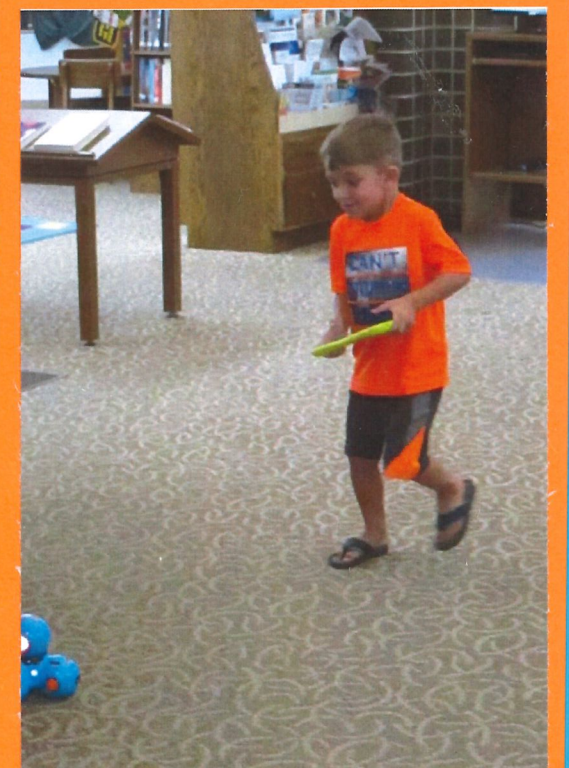
Let's try this!



Hmmm will this work?



Even adults get into the fun.



Hot on the trail of the robot.



Wednesday, August 14th

8/14/19



Darcy of SBDC
gave a great
marketing class.
August 14th @ 6

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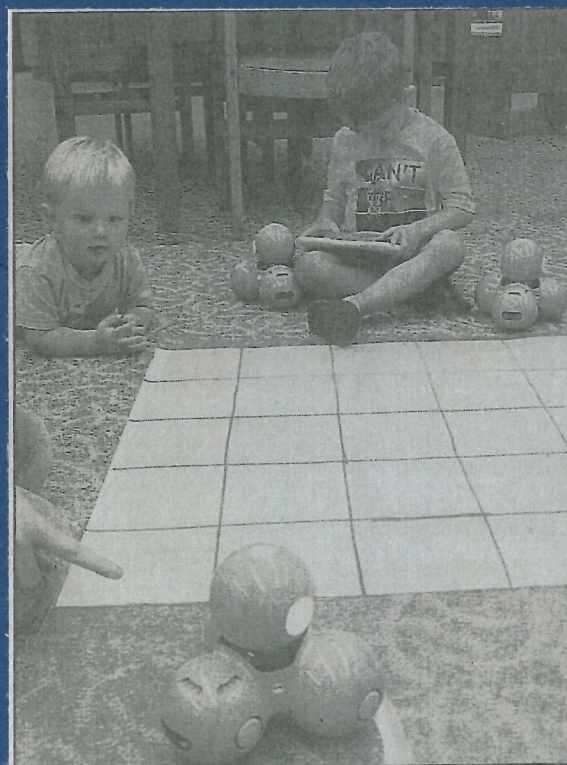
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Dot and Dash Laurens Sun 8-21-19
Zayden Hanson, at right, operates a Dot and Dash

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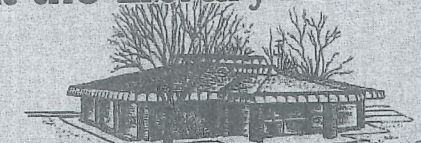
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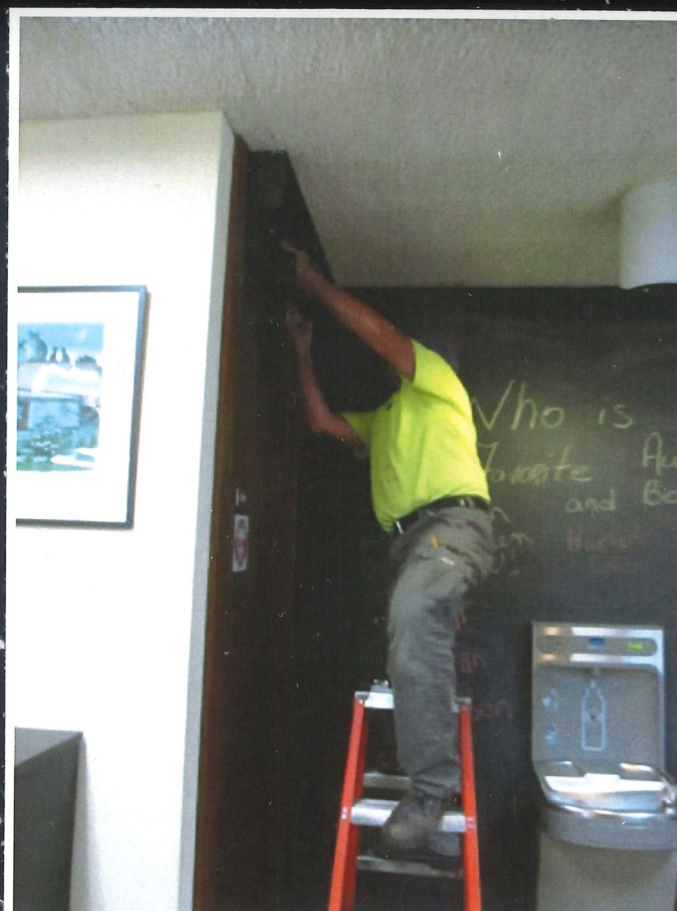
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Getting electricity for auto-matic bathroom doors. 8-21-19



Attaching items for the auto-matic doors. 8-23-19



The bottom to operate the bathroom doors. 8-23-19

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There will be an informational come and go meeting Wednesday, September 11 from 3-6 p.m. at the ISU Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County office, 305 N. Main, Pocahontas.

If you are unable to attend the meeting or have questions regarding the 4-H program contact Lisa at 712-335-3103 or lzeman@iastate.edu.

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Don't Tell Me You're Afraid



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Feel free to bring your own shirt sleeve in fall colors or whatever color you desire.
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Deb Hertz, Susie Mayou + Kelly Tate



At the Library with Glenda Mulder September 4, 2019

The Paper

Another item was crossed off the Library Wish List this week, thanks to the Laurens Public Library Foundation! We now have automatic door openers on our bathrooms. Those beautiful, big, solid wood doors are so heavy. This will be helpful to our patrons with mobility issues and also to the little kids who have trouble pulling those doors open when it's time to get back out! So, thanks for your support of the Library Foundation - you make projects like this possible!

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Nonfiction includes *The Ghosts of Eden Park: The bootleg king, the women who pursued him, and the murder that shocked Jazz-Age America* by Karen Abbott.

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I'm looking forward to reading this month's Book Club selection, *Britt-Marie Was Here*. It was written by Fredrik Backman, author of *A Man called Ove* and I loved that book! Our catalog describes it this way, "Walking away from her loveless marriage and taking a job in a derelict, financially devastated town, sixty-three-year-old Britt-Marie uses her fierce organizational skills to become a local soccer coach to a group of lost children." Book Club meets at 7 p.m. September 23, so you have lots of time to grab a copy and get it read!

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Our Fall schedule is now in full swing. We start out our week with fun; Tot Time is each Monday morning at 10 a.m. We have monthly visits scheduled with all the L-M Elementary classes, but are still working on a few details with our middle school kids. We've had a few changes this year, and are trying to figure out the best way to serve them. We'll find that new normal soon!

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September 4, 2019

Another item was crossed off the Library Wish List this week, thanks to the Laurens Public Library Foundation! We now have automatic door openers on our bathrooms. Those beautiful, big, solid wood doors are so heavy. This will be helpful to our patrons with mobility issues and also to the little kids who have trouble pulling those doors open when it's time to get back out! So, thanks for your support of the Library Foundation - you make projects like this possible!

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A new season of Tot Time begins on Monday! Jeri, our Children's Librarian, has been making fun plans, so if you have a little one who's not in school yet, (Or have one visiting!) plan to join the Tot Time fun at 10 a.m. every Monday during the school year.

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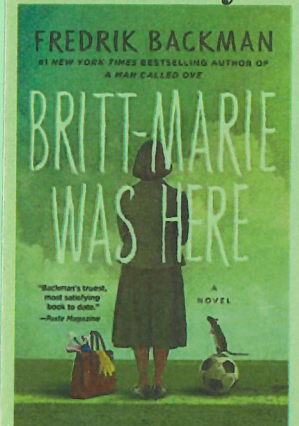
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October Take-It-Tuesday

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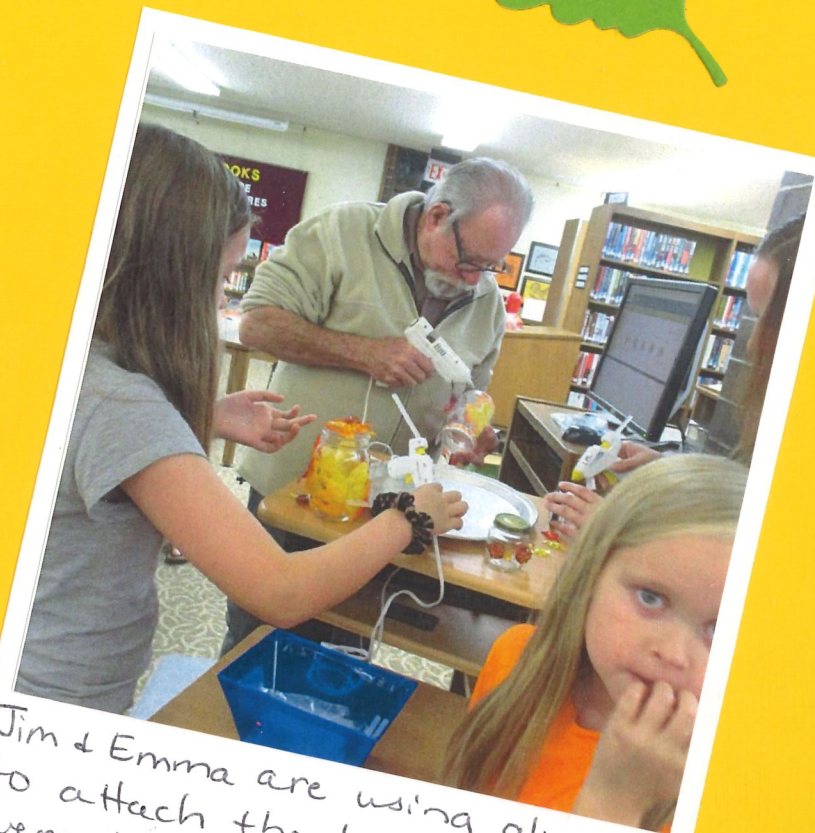


Sign-up to make a "Fall Leaf Jars". Class size will be limited.
You will need to bring your own jar. Pint Mason jars are a nice size.
This is for adults. Children can participate if accompanied by an adult.

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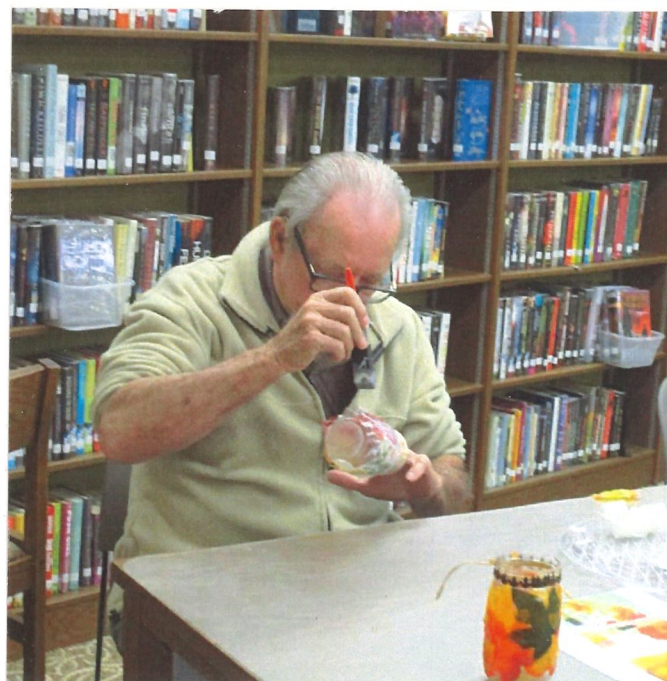
Becky starting to put on leaves.



Jim & Emma are using glue guns to attach the leaves as they were being difficult.



Becky, Brittanee, Amethyst & Emma all using glue gun.



Jim using deopodge for his jar.



Laura looking at instructions.

Goodness, we got a lot of new books this week! I'll start off with nonfiction: *Permanent Record* by Edward Snowden and *Blowout: Corrupted Democracy, Rogue State Russia, and the Richest, Most Destructive Industry on Earth* by Rachel Maddow. New novels include: *Water Dance* by Ta-Nehi Coates, *What Comes My Way* by Traci Paterson, *Quantum* by Patricia Cornwell, *Harts Hollow Farm* by Janet Dailey, *Shape of Night* (also a CD book) by Tess Gerritsen, *Pursuit* by Joyce Carol Oates, *Bloody Genius* by John Sandford, *Sisters of Summit Avenue* by Lynn Cullen, *Night Boat to Tangier* by Kevin Barry, *What Happens in Paradise* by Elin Hilderbrand and *Butterfly Girl* by Rene Denfeld.

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The Pocahontas County Historical Museum will join the fun with a supporting exhibit that afternoon from 12:30-4:00. Their exhibit, From Cradle to Grave: A Display of Clothing Worn in Happy and Sad Times, will feature clothing and artifacts from childhood to mourning.

If you are not able to come on October 15, the display will stay in place for a little while. If you or your club would like to see it, just call Connie Dallenbach at 841-2222 or Dorothy Lamberti at 845-4496 or send us an email us at: pc.historical.museum@gmail.com. to arrange a time to visit.

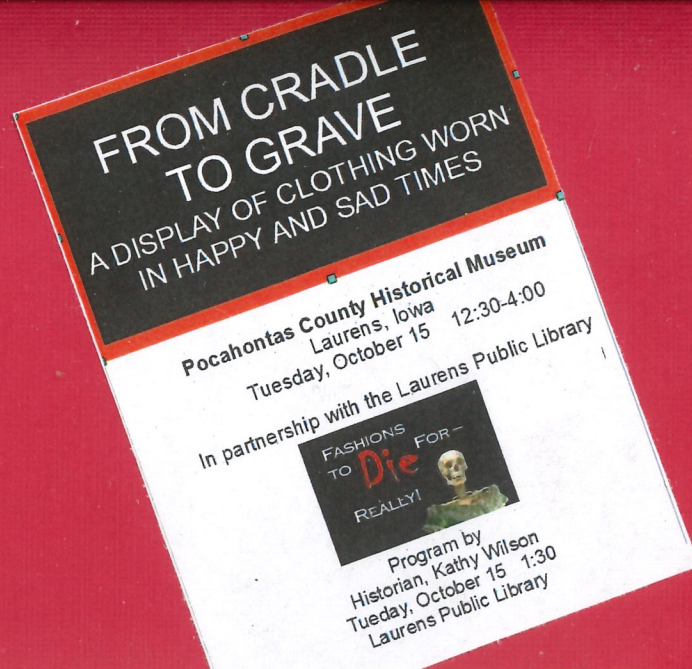
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MENU: Pulled Pork Sandwich, Coleslaw,
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Alibi shot! What a nice crowd!



Who knew those big wigs worn were a fire and health hazard because of silks, feathers and lard used as a styling product?!



And it continues to modern day spanx, stiletto heels, huge heavy handbags + skinny cotton jeans tight enough to dislocate kneecaps!



What an amazing amount of



Kathi demonstrates a corset from our local museum that was probably worn by a young

Fashions to Die For Program Held at the Library

Who knew those big wigs (hence the term!) worn by the aristocracy in the 18th century were a fire and health hazard because of the silks, feathers and the lard used as a styling product?! Or that women died from the chemicals in the makeup and skin care they used during Victorian times? We learned so much about "Fashions to Die For" when Historian Kathy Wilson visited the Laurens Public Library.

This and so many other programs are sponsored by the Laurens Public Library Foundation.



The Paper 10/23/19

Whooooo Loves to Read?

Pocahontas County Naturalist James Conway visited the Laurens Public Library for a Story Time recently, along with a few of his owl friends. We all learned so much!

Did you know that 9 different types of owls live in Iowa? Or that Great Horned Owls can be different colors in different seasons, depending on the camouflage they need? We learned all this and more, then made fun owl puppets out of paper lunch bags. So I guess, technically, now there are 10 types of owls that live in Iowa!



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Come have supper with us at the Christian Church tomorrow, Thursday, October 24. Lorin "Volunteered" to once again smoke the pork for those delicious pulled pork sandwiches. We'll also be serving coleslaw, and cheesy potatoes (donated by The TeaPot café!) topped off with pineapple upside-down cake (donated by the Laurens Care Center!) Yum! Money raised will fund ongoing Library Foundation projects such as: programs for children and adults, conversion of VHS to DVD, New Baby Packets, CD Audio Books, Preschool Outreach Tubs and the Kids Summer Reading supplies and programs. We also have a few new things in the works, including: educational and art classes, book benches for Music Garden, a cupboard near the Circulation Desk, enhance our Puppet Collection and a new PA system. I hope you can join the fun of the supper, but if you can't, please consider supporting the Library Foundation projects!

When we received a donation in memory of Mark Kyle, it seemed just right to me to purchase Christmas books, since he was Laurens's Santa for so many years. This week large print versions of *Christmas Boutique* by Jennifer Chiaverini and *Christmas at Rosie Hopkins Sweetshop* by Jenny Colgan were delivered.

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Halloween night the library will again be filled with magic! It will be fun for all ages at 7 o'clock, when Trick or Treating is done. Our magical friend Larry Dunbar is currently on a national tour with Lance Burton and Friends Magic Show! He recommended a magician from Ogden, Toby KID Klauenberg. His show is billed as "45 minutes of weirdness, silly antics, magic, stories & audience participation." This sounds like a perfect fit for our library! Come enjoy the show with us and see if you can figure out how he does his magic tricks. This program is sponsored by the Laurens Public Library Foundation.

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Getting ready for story time.



Whooo wants to read a book about Barn Owls! All of us.



How many kinds of owls in Iowa? Answer 9.



Whooo
wants to
have some
fun??

**Join us at the Laurens Library
October 16,
Wednesday, @ 1 pm**

**Jason from the Pocahontas Conservation
Office will be here to show us some owls
There will be some stories and a craft.**

**"Owl" bet it will be a hoot!
Join us!**



White owls are from winter.
Brown Owls are summer.



Kids made their own owl puppets



Aiden gives a hoot about books!



Look at all these great Iowa
Owls surrounding James!



Killer fashion Historian tells the tale of dangerous trends

By Erin Sommers
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Your clothing is out to kill you, Iowa historian Kathy Wilson told an audience at the Laurens Public Library Oct. 14.

Wilson walked her listeners through a historical look at hairdos, makeup, accessories and fashions that led to illness and death. Take a look at hairdos, starting with the overly styled up-do wigs of the 17th and 18th centuries.

"Did you know that hairdos can be hazardous to your health?" Wilson said.

First there were the bird cages — actual cages, with live birds — that wealthy, upper class women wore during that era. Those birds were likely to poop on the wig-wearer's head.

But even worse were the products the women and men were using to style the wigs, Wilson said.

"The bigger problem is they're using lard as a styling product," she said. "It goes rancid pretty quickly."

Lard also attracts vermin, she said, adding that it wasn't unheard of for someone to be wearing a wig and a mouse to dart out.

The wigs, full of lard, had another problem.

"These things together create a fire hazard, because silk is flammable, ostrich feathers (which were also all the rage for a time) are flammable and let's put some grease on it," Wilson said.



The chemicals used to create the reds in these fabrics were corrosive and caused skin problems for the people who wore the items, historian Kathy Wilson told attendees at her program at the Laurens Public Library Oct. 16. Photo by Erin Sommers. *Laurens Sun 10/23*

Cleaning the lard out of the wig didn't really solve the problems, either. Wigs were cleaned with ammonia, which is corrosive or cantharides, ground up beetle shells that are also corrosive. Both would irritate the wearer's skin, she said. See HISTORIAN Page 12

HISTORIAN: Laurens Library held dangerous fashion program

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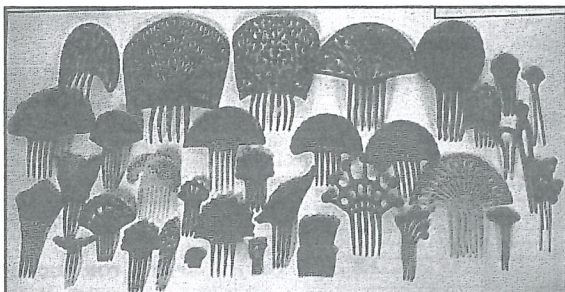
said.

Wigs weren't the only dangerous item to go near someone's head. Wilson pulled up a photo of hair combs made of cellulose nitrate, similar to early film, from the early 20th century.

"Hair accessories could even pose a threat in the way you stored them," she said. "Do not store them in your attic or near a furnace."

The early version of plastic was incredibly flammable and prone to combusting in department store glass cases, when early light bulbs heated up the case.

Makeup was even more deadly. English Queen Elizabeth I preferred to appear in public in a striking fashion, playing up the contrast between her red hair and pale white skin. To get that startlingly white complexion, the queen relied on Venetian ceruse, a mixture of ground lead mixed with vinegar. It made the skin look white, sure, but it also was so abrasive and corrosive that it burned the skin, leaving it red. That, Wilson said, prompted



These hair combs were known to combust if exposed to heat, historian Kathy Wilson told Pocahontas County residents at the Laurens Public Library last week. Wilson gave a program on "Fashion to Die For." Photo by Erin Sommers.

relied on it in public — because she lived to be nearly 70. Other women, centuries later, weren't so lucky. Wilson told the story of a great beauty in the 18th century who became a countess. She used so much of the Venetian ceruse that she died at 27 of poisoning.

"In the 19th century, it became very fashionable for ladies to look like tuberculosis

sometimes dropped Belladonna, a poison from the Nightshade family, directly into their eyes, Wilson said.

Ancient Egyptian women also poisoned themselves through their eyes, with ground up metals mixed with lard to create the original smoky eye look. When the Romans invited Egypt, their women adopted Egyptian makeup techniques.

concentrating.

"Their makeup is making them stupid and cranky," Wilson said.

Wilson debunked the notion that people today are making better or safer fashion choices. Radium, she pointed out, was the CBD oil of the early 20th century, with claims that it could cure just about anything. (Spoiler alert: It didn't. Just read "The Radium Girls: The Dark Story of America's Shining Women" for tales of the women who used radium paint to create glow-in-the-dark watch faces and whose skeletons are allegedly still glowing in their caskets from the exposure to the element.)

And while, yes, French dancer Isadora Duncan was killed in 1927 in a spectacularly gruesome manner when her long scarf caught in a wheel of the convertible in which she was riding, ending with her being strangled, actress Darryl Hannah's long scarf caught in an elevator in 2004, Wilson said. The phenomena of deadly clothing and accessories isn't going away.

material? Doctors report super skinny jean wearers are experiencing circulation problems and dislocated knees.

Remember how arsenic poisoned the poor folks who were dying flowers in the 19th century? Today's fashions are just as dangerous to the people working in factories in developing nations where occupational safety standards aren't terribly stringent. Wilson pointed to distressed jeans, which get their signature look by being sandblasted to thin the material. Workers in Vietnam and Cambodia are wielding the sandblasting equipment without anything to protect their lungs from the silica they're inhaling, Wilson said.

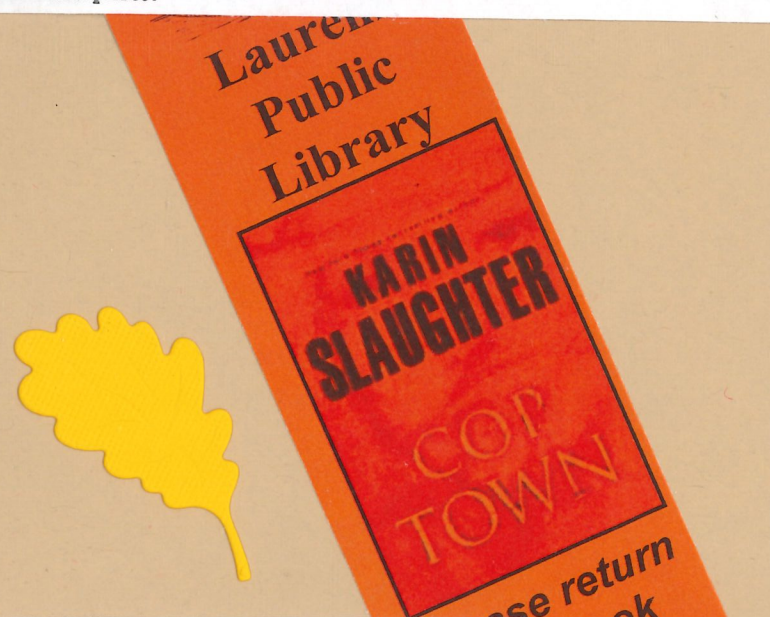
In a world in which knock-off Crocs contain carcinogenic materials, corn-rows and hair extensions can cause permanent bald spots and Grecian Formula, that hair color for men, still contains lead products, what should people do? Wilson advised her listeners to just take care with what they wear. Check labels,



Whoohoo loves to read?

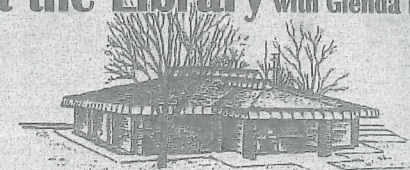
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Pocahontas County Naturalist James Conway visited the Laurens Public Library for a Story Time recently, along with a few of his owl friends. We all learned so much! Did you know that nine different types of owls live in Iowa? Or that Great Horned Owls can be different colors in different seasons, depending on the camouflage they need? We learned all this and more, then made fun owl puppets out of paper lunch bags. So I guess, technically, now there are 10 types of owls that live in Iowa! Submitted photo.



Return this book by our discussion Monday 10/28/19 @ 7:00 pm

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Other new novels we have received include: *Twice in a Blue Moon* by Christina Lauren, *Deserter* by Nelson DeMille, and *Night Fire* by Michael Connelly. In nonfiction we received *Ordinary Girls*, a Memoir by Jaquira Diaz and *Before and After: The Incredible Real-Life Stories of Orphans Who Survived the Tennessee Children's Home Society* by Judy Christie and the author of the popular novel *Before We Were Yours*, Lisa Wingate.

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OCTOBER 24

First Christian Church

**MENU: Pulled Pork Sandwich, Coleslaw,
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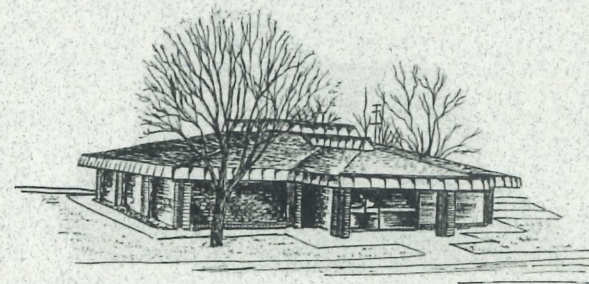
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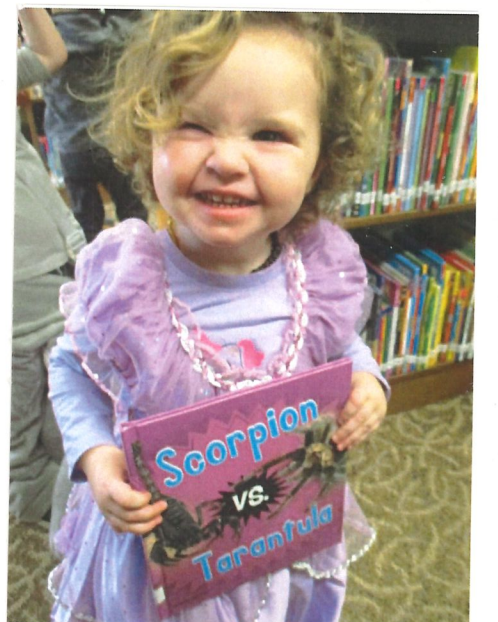
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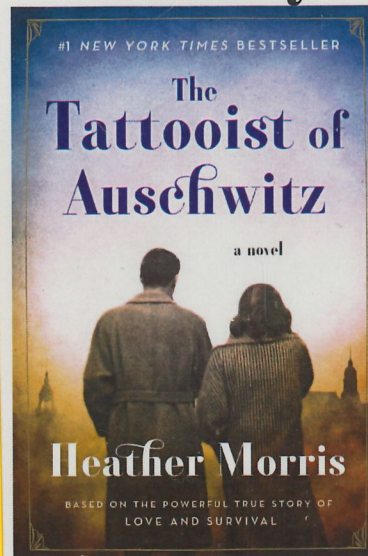
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Halloween Magicians

at the
Laurens Public Library

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Alibi shot #1.



Alibi shot #2. Approx 120



"Aw... they like me"



Must be interesting!



I need a volunteer.



Jessa the Gypsy going to work her magic.



Donning the magic robe.





Jadin going to get to play tooth fairy



Tooth fairy can pull out change.



Reading a story ~ scary.



I need a volunteer.



Audience is loving the Magic Show!



To make enough dragon spit for us to sample ~ need a magic wand



Pretty large wand to collect.



Very cute Woody!



That's not a mean pirate look!



Don't resist our magnetism.

Let us pull you in for some library fun.
We have some stories to share, games to play
and some building to be done.

Friday, November 1
at 1:00 pm

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Listen to stories to start.



Trying out the brand new Magna tiles. Reagan, Amanda, Feinox, Gannon



The spoon is magnetic



What will the magnet pick-up



Using marshmallows + noodles to build.



Marble run~ Ellie + Kartia



Mable + her creation.



The Hanson's found the Kixes



Using magnet underneath to maneuver the maze.

November Take-It-Tuesday

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Sign-up to make a "Turkey". Class size will be limited.

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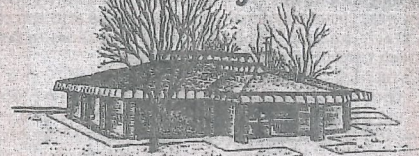
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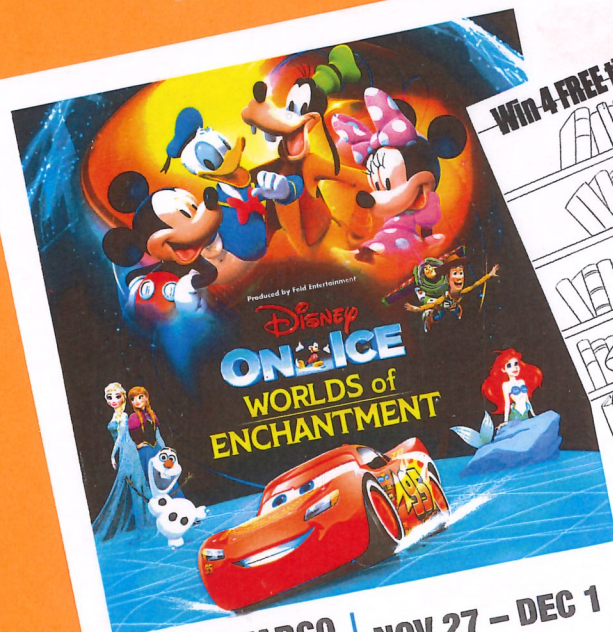
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Super supper fundraiser

There was a great turnout for the Laurens Public Library Foundation's supper recently! Money raised will fund ongoing Library Foundation projects such as: programs for children and adults, conversion of VHS to DVD, New Baby Packets, CD Audio Books, Preschool Outreach Tubs and the Kids Summer Reading supplies and programs. We also have a few new things in the works, including; educational and art classes, book benches for Music Garden, a cupboard near the Circulation Desk, we also plan to enhance our Puppet Collection and get a new PA system. Submitted photo.



Win 4 FREE tickets to Disney on Ice

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Storyteller
Darrin Crow

Coal Car Riggs
and Little Eva –
The Great Depression in Iowa
**7 pm Wednesday,
November 6**
Laurens Public Library



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Alibi Shot. These are the brave ones
who braved the weather.



Traveled from Chicago to California (a 3 day
trip) in a battery box located beneath the car.



Coalcar Riggs told of his experiences on the rails,
working for his food, and correspondence with
with his friends daughter.



Darrin explains that he is sharing true
Stories from Iowa Depression era hobos.

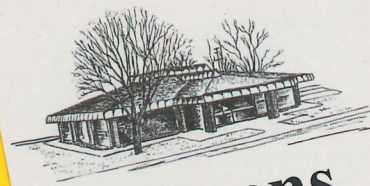


These guys volunteered to help move furniture
back after program for reward of cake.

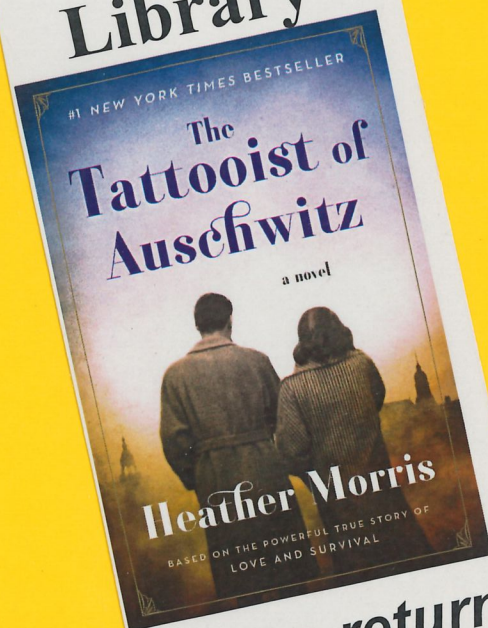
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discussion
Monday
11/25/19
@ 7:00 pm**

Great Depression Story Teller Program at the Library

Story Teller Darrin Crow spun a great story of an Iowa hobo Coalcar Riggs's life across our country during the Great Depression. Before he began, he informed his audience that the facts in his story were all true, but a few of them came from the lives of others. The audience was enthralled and many stated how glad they were that they came to the Laurens Public Library on this snowy evening!

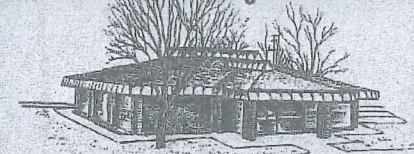
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Disney on Ice winner 11/13/19 Laurens Sun

Laurens Public Library's winner of 4 tickets to Disney on Ice is Kartia Markley! She did an awesome job of coloring a picture of Belle in the Beast's library. The tickets are courtesy of The Record-Democrat and Laurens Sun newspapers. Submitted photo.

At the Library with Glenda Mulder



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November 20, 2019

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Inside view. 11/21/19



James installing new book drop.

At the Library with Glenda Mulder November 27, 2019

The Paper

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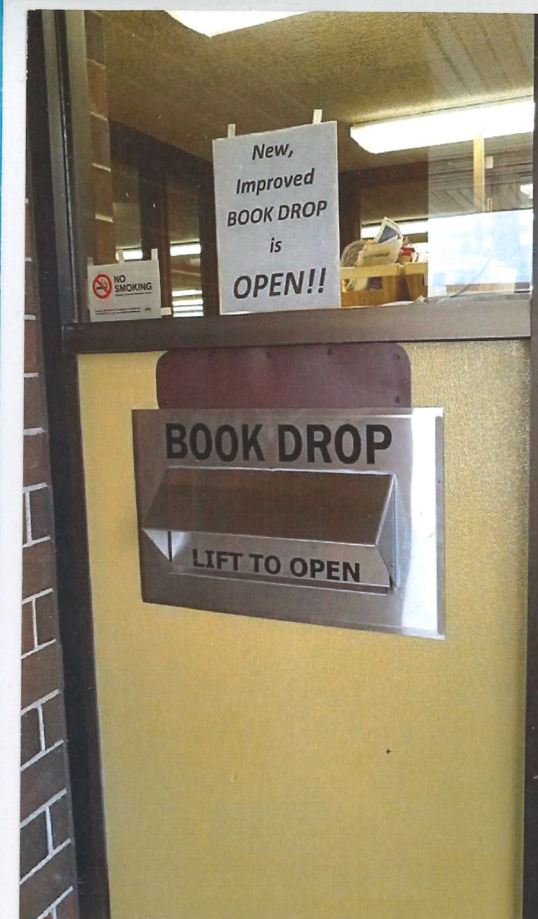
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No Laurens Sun article for 11/27/19

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Lexi explains the plan.

At the Library with Glenda Mulder December 11, 2019

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11. *The Lost Man* by Jane Harper
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13. *No Place I'd Rather Be* by Cathy Lamb
14. *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson
15. *The Immortalists* by Chloe Benjamin
16. *Redemption* by David Baldacci
17. *Connections in Death* by J.D. Robb
18. *It's a Christmas Thing* by Janet

- Dailey
19. *The Lost Girls of Paris* by Pam Jenoff
 20. *Run Away* by Harlan Coben
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New fiction this week includes:
Find Me by André Aciman, *The Lost Causes of Bleak Creek* by Rhett McLaughlin, *Second Sleep* by Robert Harris, and *Under Occupation* by Alan Furst. In nonfiction, we received *Sam Houston and the Alamo* *Avengers: The Texas Victory that Changed American History* by Brian

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And here's the top 10 nonfiction titles at Laurens Public Library:

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December 25, 2019

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We received a few new books this week, including: *Swede Hollow* by Ola Larsmo, *The Wicked Redhead* by Beatriz Williams, and *The Andromeda Strain* made Michael Crichton a household name the threat returns by Michael Crichton.

Sign up now for our free January Take it Tuesday class! We will be painting wooden spoons to make a fun winter decoration. Jan. 7 will be here before you know it, so sign up now so we can have plenty supplies for everyone!

Fun Facts: The Laurens Public Library currently has 1,406 active library patrons. We are on track to circulate just over 39,000 items this year. This means our average library patron will check out 28 things from our library this year. If that average patron had purchased these items (I'll round the average cost to \$20) they would have spent \$560! If you are an above average library user, you saved even more!

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"Seuss on the Loose" from
the Children's Department.



Our "Seuss" tree was perfect for the Santa corner!



"Warming up to Read" from the librarians.

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"Books to Crow About" by Library Staff



"Snow Many Books" & "Rudolf 'Read' Any Good Books" made with withdrawn books & Deb Hertz. For the restrooms



"Fairy Merry Christmas" by Director Glenda Mulder