



### Studying Our National Heritage

Fourth graders in Carlann Osborn's class at Saluda School studied water, woodlands, and waste this year, aided by a grant from FENCE and Partners Of The Americas for the purpose of "Conserving Our National Heritage in Polk County." In their comprehensive study of water quality, the fourth graders used water testing kits provided by the Pacolet Area Conservancy and also built a model of a watershed. In addition, the entire class visited county departments such as Forestry, Health, Agricultural Extension, St. Luke's Hospital, and the Polk County Commission. Above, with County Manager John Lewis (far right), they learn about local government while taking turns at the commissioners' conference table. Shown from left to right: Holly Sullivan, Todd Edney, Adrienne DeKay, Kenneth Page, and Stacey Parker.

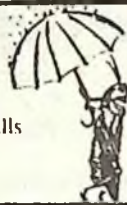
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