St. Paddy’s Day celebration

St. Patrick’s Day was celebrated at Griffin First United Methodist Preschool with a parade of 3-year-old leprechauns throughout the school. Leading the parade were Lawson Stansberry, left, Parker Todd, Megan Hamilton and McKenna Comeaux.

Author speaks about activist Muir at UGA-Griffin event

Times were tough for everyone who endured the reconstruction era of the South. Physically and spiritually, the land and the people were slowly being rebuilt and reclaimed.

During this pivotal time, legendary environmentalist John Muir walked his way through the South, and as a result of his experiences, walked his way toward his true calling in life.

“John Muir, in his 20s, was restless,” said James B. Hunt, author of “Restless Fires, Young John Muir’s Thousand-Mile Walk to the Gulf in 1867-68,” as he spoke to a group of more than 50 people during the latest installment of the Impact Office Interiors speaker series at UGA-Griffin Tuesday. The event was well attended by local officials and people in the community.

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“While researching this book, I felt a kinship between Muir and my daughter, Keita,” Hunt quietly told the silent audience, explaining how her “spirit” of adventure and environmental conscience was much like Muir’s.

In honor of his daughter’s work, Hunt and his wife, Linda Hunt founded the Krista Foundation for Global Citizenship, which encourages other young adults engaged in national, global and environmental service.

The foundation provides a mentoring community, grants, leadership development, conferences and debriefing retreats.

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“His book is about only two years in the life of John Muir, but those were important, potent years of his life,” said Hunt, adding that those years gave rise to the National Park System.