



Saturday, December 6, 2014. Coldwater *Daily Reporter*, page A2:

NUTCRACKERS AT THE LIBRARY



Larisa Vorce loaned her nutcracker collection to the Coldwater branch of the Branch District Library for the month of December. The collection is on display in a case on the second floor of the library.

Monday, December 8, 2014. Coldwater *Daily Reporter*, page A4:

TALENTED YOUTH



William Odisher, Jr. uses a puppet to read a story to local children. PHOTO BY CHRISTY HART-HARRIS

Puppet show at Coldwater library

Local puppet enthusiast William Odisher, Jr., 12, performed at the Branch District Library – Coldwater Branch on Saturday. Children of all ages watched as Odisher put on a skit with several different puppets and read them a story.

Monday, December 8, 2014. Coldwater *Daily Reporter*, page A9:

BRANCH DISTRICT LIBRARY

Locals ride the Christmas Train

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COLDWATER — The Branch District Library's free Christmas Train ride was held Saturday at the Little River Railroad station.

Passengers on the train ride sang Christmas Carols

and listened as the story "The Polar Express" was read aloud. Santa awaited children at the train depot after the ride. Each person who boarded the train was given a ticket to be stamped by Mark Heydlauff, Bronson city manager.

On the back of 20 tickets was a sticker from Taylor's

Books and More. The lucky children who received the random tickets could take them to Taylor's to receive a free copy of "The Polar Express."

The train ride was free to

passengers thanks to several sponsors: Coldwater Kiwanis Club, Coldwater Noontime Rotary, Santa Klaus Publishing, Jane Baldwin Endowment and Taylor's Books and More.



A youngster is fascinated by the train as he walks by it with his parents.



Julia Littley leads passengers on the train in singing various Christmas carols.



Mark Heydlauff, Bronson city manager, punches tickets on the Polar Express.



Children listen to Steve Littley read the story of the Polar Express.

Wednesday, December 10, 2014. Coldwater *Daily Reporter*, page A1:

HOLIDAY CHEER



From left: 4-year-old Westyn Barrett, 8-year-old Brooklyn Dawshaw and 6-year-old Lauryn Barrett sit with Santa and one of his elves during the Breakfast with Santa event in Sherwood. CHRIS WORST PHOTO

Santa visits Sherwood for breakfast

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SHERWOOD — Children and their families gathered at the Sherwood Masonic Lodge Saturday to have breakfast with a special holiday visitor.

To the delight of the children, Santa Claus himself showed up to find out what they wanted for Christmas and to take photos with them.

The now-annual event, sponsored by the Branch District Library, is one of two such events; the

second will be held at the Union Township Branch Library.

Sherwood Branch manager Gina Horn said this is the second year the breakfasts have been held.

“It’s our way of thanking our community for supporting the library,” she said. “We couldn’t do this without all of our sponsors and the (library) friends.”

Zach Chapman, one of the volunteers who helped that morning, said he came to last year’s breakfast but

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20-month-old Alana Wade gets help cutting her pancake from her mother, Sarah Zebalsky, during the Breakfast with Santa event in Sherwood. CHRIS WORST PHOTO

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SANTA

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decided this year he was going to help. He served pancakes along with Chris Smitt, who made them.

“This is my second year doing this,” said Smitt. “It’s just one way of serving your community.

“Spread the love,” Smitt added.

Horn said the greatest influx of children occurred when the event began at 9 a.m., but plenty came after that eager to talk to the big man in red upstairs.

“I do like high heels,” said 4-year-old Cara O’Conner when asked what she wanted Santa to bring her for Christmas.

The second Breakfast with Santa will be held at the Union Township branch library Saturday



A group of children eat breakfast and listen as volunteer Pat Bone reads “The Night Before Christmas” at the Sherwood Masonic Lodge Saturday.

CHRIS WORST PHOTO

from 9-11 a.m. Registration is requested at the Union Branch Library, by calling 741-5061 or by singing up online at <http://goo.gl/MSh2Aj>.