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Carrington's elephant collection on display



Elephants from around the world, from the private collection of Margie Carrington, will be on display at the Coldwater branch of the Branch District Library through the end of May. COURTESY PHOTO

Coldwater *Daily Reporter*, May 13, 2015, page A1:



Craft time at the library

Area children joined the Kids' Place at the Coldwater branch of the Branch District Library to hear stories and then make crafts with the story's theme. The Coldwater

branch offers many activities and reading sessions daily. For more information, contact Kids' Place at (517) 278-2341, ext. 14.

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Coldwater *Daily Reporter*, May 18, 2015, page A4:

PRESENTATION



Chuck Collert shows a variety of gourds and how they can be used in crafting. JULIA BARATTA PHOTO.

Gourd workshop put on at Bronson Library

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BRONSON — Gourds were the topic of conversation at the Bronson Library on April 29.

Chuck Collert presented information on how to start the seeds, as well as how to grow and care for gourds.

His examples were displayed for the participants. Collert described the

various ways the dried gourds could be used for crafting.

Collert and his wife, Linda, have raised gourds for at least 25 years. They enjoyed going to the Largest Gourd Festival in Mt. Gilead, Ohio, for several years.

Each of the attendees received two packets of gourd seeds raised by Collert to practice the tips he shared.

Coldwater Daily Reporter, May 20, 2015, page A1:

AUTHOR VISIT



Laura Loveberry reads her book to young visitors. COURTESY PHOTOS

Loveberry book signing

On Saturday, author "Splatter Paint Hero," Laura Loveberry held a book signing and reading of her new book, at the Coldwater Branch of the Branch District Library's Kids' Place.



Loveberry shows her guests the art of ventriloquism.



Loveberry uses a puppet during her book reading.

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FIRST PLACE

Taylor wins library poetry contest

COLDWATER — The Coldwater branch of the Branch District Library held a poetry contest for National Poetry Month in April. The winner of the contest was Betty Taylor for her poem titled, "The Beauty of the Sunflower."

"The Beauty of the Sunflower"

I found a little sunflower growing by my rickety fence.

Hidden among the weeds and leafy foliage, thick and dense.

I watched to see you flourish 'neath the suns golden rays,

and struggle to survive against the winds unruly ways.

What has caused your head to bow in attention to the ground?

You would feel much better to lift your eyes and look around.

Are you feeling blue today, or sharing someones pain?

You missed the lovely rainbow shining through the falling rain.

You have become so



Denise Yennie awards Betty Taylor as the first place winner. COURTESY PHOTO

vigorous amid these stones and tangled weeds.

A flock of hungry birds nave come to feast upon your seeds.

They thank you for their meal with chirping hearts and song.

It pacifies my senses to see such a happy throng.

I love your smiling face in a fringe of yellow flowers.

Lo, we've been caught in these sudden Autumn showers.

You've been my pride and interest all Summer long,

I often ask myself what I'll do when you are gone.

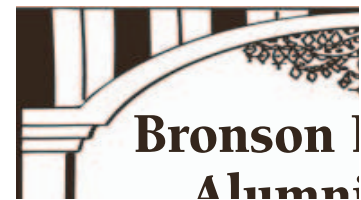
A killing frost is coming to take your life away,

but you'll live again for me as you are living today.

For I'll plant your tiny seedling, to grow and thus create,

a flower just like you to care for, inside my garden gate.

— *Written and composed exclusively by Betty Jane Taylor on April 6, 2015*



Coldwater *Daily Reporter*, June 8, 2015, page A4:

MADELINE PARTY

Children learn about French culture

"Traveling Tales" is a new series being offered at the Coldwater branch of the Branch District Library. Last week, 21 children ages 5 to 13, included two young lads, who played the part of Pepe', the Spanish ambassador's son (in a later Madeline book), attended the first of the series. Those in attendance participated in an art project and traditional children's fare snacks. The next event will be held in October and based around Spain and the story "Ferdinand the Bull." The series will be sponsored by the Coldwater Kiwanis Club.

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Many dress the part of characters in the Madeline books.

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Quincy Library hosts book sale



The Friends of the Quincy Library filled two rooms and a hallway with books of all kinds recently. There was a large variety of hardcovers and softcovers, fiction and nonfiction, and a number of children's books. Several book lovers appreciated the sale early on, though it continued into the next day. JULIA BARATTA PHOTO

Coldwater *Daily Reporter*, June 12, 2015, page A1:

BRANCH DISTRICT LIBRARY

Another fix for roof leaks

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COLDWATER — The Branch District Library may have finally figured out what is causing all the water damage to the inside of its Coldwater main library building, but it will cost \$48,000 to fix.

The Coldwater City Council agreed to pay the amount over the \$25,000 the library board approved for the fix when it awarded a contract to Hoekstra Roofing Monday night to install new gutters.

The city owns the building and leases it to the library on a long-term lease, which is up for renewal next year. The library has fixed its roof three times and reworked its HVAC system to try to stem the water damage. It didn't work.

City manager Jeff Budd the problem is “an

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internal gutter system. You don't see the gutters until you see the down spout.”

The stainless steel gutter system “has basically rotted out,” he said.

The new gutter system will be 113 feet of copper, with some shingles pulled back and the flashing put underneath.

“At least we will know the water will be going into the gutter system,” Budd promised. “The copper gutter is very expensive but it should last for 100 years.”

The 25-year lease agreement calls for the library district to pay all interior and exterior repairs, which it has done.

“It is my opinion the



The rotten gutters on the original Branch County library are hidden behind the trim and will need to be replaced.

city needs to provide a one-time assistance with this repair to continue to maintain the structural integrity of the building,” Budd said. “I am not sure the library could afford to make all the repairs.”

The building will deteriorate more without the work. Budd also said

city staff will take a day and go over to work on the century-old building foundation on the main structure to help stabilize it.

Mayor Tom Kramer called the library “a keystone of our downtown.” Its silhouette appears on the city seal.

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