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COLDWATER LIBRARY



Ronald McDonald sings happy birthday to a little girl during the Summer Reading Program kick off on Wednesday.
CHRISTY HART-HARRIS PHOTOS

Hitting the books

Summer reading program kicks off at local libraries

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COLDWATER — The Coldwater Branch of the Branch District Library's annual Summer Reading Program kicked off Wednesday at the Robert W. Browne Recreation Center, with Ronald McDonald getting local kids excited about reading. This year, the library has partnered with the city of Coldwater's Park's Program to draw more youth into summer reading.

Wednesday's event was sponsored by the Coldwater McDonald's.

The library will be hosting several events over the summer, including archery for youth presented by the Branch County Conservation and Sportsman's Club from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at the Kids' Place.

Along with the Summer Reading Program, the library is challenging families to walk 126 miles over a six-week period.

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"The reason we are doing 126 miles is because that is the distance from each of the six branches of libraries," said Linda Dull

of Kids' Place. Those participating in the challenge should receive a stamp from each library — Algansee, Bronson, Union Township, Quincy, Sherwood and Coldwater — and at the end of the challenge



Linda Dull, center, gathers books, donated by McDonald's, to hand out to the kids at the event.

on Aug. 3, the family with the most mileage will be announced.

With the Summer Reading Program, children should log either the number of pages or books, depending on the category of reading they

are in. They will receive various prizes each week by bringing the logs into the library.

A complete list of library events can be found by visiting www.branchdistrictlibrary.org.

The Coldwater *Daily Reporter*, Monday, June 27, 2016, page A2:

COLDWATER BRANCH DISTRICT LIBRARY

Display case



Mike McCurley's collection of old bottles is displayed at the Coldwater Branch of the Branch District Library through the month of June.
COURTESY PHOTO

Hometown Gazette, Wednesday, June 29, 2016, page 2:

Made to stick

Dearth Union Township Branch Library, in partnership with Community Unlimited, hosted Joel Tacey's "Duct Tape Program" last Tuesday at Union City Elementary School. Tacey showed young participants, which included CU students as well as library patrons, items he had made from duct tape and instructed them in making their own fun duct tape crafts. (Photos by Alona Hayden)



Hometown Gazette, Wednesday, June 29, 2016, page 9:



Ready to race

Dearth Union Township Branch Library held a wheel and axel workshop, during which patrons put the finishing touches on their Pinewood Derby racers last Saturday. The annual event will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at Riverview Community Park as part of Union City Sesquicentennial celebration. (Photo by Alona Hayden)

Hometown Gazette, Wednesday, June 29, 2016, page 10:



One for the books

Dave Eddy, of Battle Creek, recently donated two books on the history of his family to Dearth Union Township Branch Library. The books, on the Eddy and Chivis families, contain extensive information and photos of the Union City areas. "Members of both families were very prominent Union City citizens," shared Eddy. The Chivis' owned Chivis Grocery in the village for many years. "I wanted community members to have access to the many photos and pieces of information available," Eddy said of his decision to donate the books. Eddy grew up in Albion and served as a radio voice for WBCK for 48 years. Above, Eddy makes the donation to Library Manager Judy Gottschalk. (Photo by Alona Hayden)

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KIDS LEARN:

The art of *sword fighting*



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Kids from the Branch District Library and the City of Coldwater's Parks Program learned how to use a sword during a workshop demonstration from volunteers, students and Maestro Christopher Barbeau of Ring of Steel Action Theatre and Stunt Troupe out of Ann Arbor. The first session took place at the Rec. Center with 130 kids in attendance and the second class, for older kids, was taught at the Coach Eby Youth and Family Center. Each day this summer, the Coldwater Branch of the Branch District Library will be hosting a kid friendly event for all ages. A complete calendar of events can be found at www.branch-districtlibrary.org.



TOP: Eric Rucker, 10, prepares to fight with an opponent.
BOTTOM: Maestro Christopher Barbeau shows Tanner Hetke how to properly hold the sword. CHRISTY HART-HARRIS PHOTOS

The Coldwater *Daily Reporter*, Friday, July 8, 2016, page A1:

QUINCY TOWNSHIP

Library work progresses

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QUINCY TOWNSHIP – Quincy township trustees are waiting for architect recommendations before proceeding on repairs to the Quincy branch of the Branch District Library, which is also the township hall.

The board did agree to pay Quincy Village \$8,448 for construction of two new handicapped parking spots off Main street.

Supervisor Ray Conley said, “I’m very, very happy with the bill. The village did us well. It donated all the labor.”

He added, “it already paid its fair share” which included drawings for the project.

One major cost was Consumers Energy, which charged \$4,300 to move a power pole six feet to allow access to the two spaces.

The library board also agreed to contribute \$2,000 to the project. The township will send thank you’s to both the village and library.

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The remaining work to be bid includes replacement of rotting frames around two doors while a third, now blocked by the elevator, will be closed off permanently. The sidewalk to that door will also be removed. There has been a problem with kids hiding in the recessed area of that door.

In May, Treasurer Constance Karney said there was an inspection “and

the roof is in really good shape.” The trustees learned it will only need to replace and “rebend” and repair the gutters while the eaves are rebuilt as original.

Conley said the framework under the metal is rotten.

“Maybe not all the way around,” he added.

Once plans are issued from the architect, bids can be taken for the work to finalize repairs. The slate roof was already replaced on the historic building.



New handicapped parking completed at Quincy Library/township hall. DON REID PHOTO

The Coldwater *Daily Reporter*, Tuesday, July 12, 2016, page A2:

LIBRARY PROGRAM

Drummmunity



Lori Fithian from Dexter, Michigan recently performed “Drummmunity” for kids at the Coldwater branch of the Branch District Library and Parks Program kids. Over 150 children, ages 3-12, attended and played various drums and percussion instruments. Event sponsors for this program were Century Bank & Trust, Southern Michigan Bank & Trust, and Coldwater Friends of the Library. COURTESY PHOTO

The Coldwater *Daily Reporter*, Thursday, July 14, 2016, page A10:

SUMMER READING

Ring of Steel



The library hosted a Ring of Steel event last week as part of its Summer Reading Program. The event sponsors were Quality Springs/ Togo Inc and H.C. Starck Manufacturing. COURTESY

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The Coldwater *Daily Reporter*, Thursday, July 15, 2016, page A4:

TIBBITS POPCORN THEATRE

Free program offered to local kids

COLDWATER — Tibbits Popcorn Theatre in conjunction with Kid's Place at the Branch District Library will be presenting a free program designed for children to learn about the next Popcorn Theatre show "The Plant that Ate Dirty Socks." The program at the library is Saturday July 16 at 1 p.m. in Kid's Place at the Coldwater Main Branch.

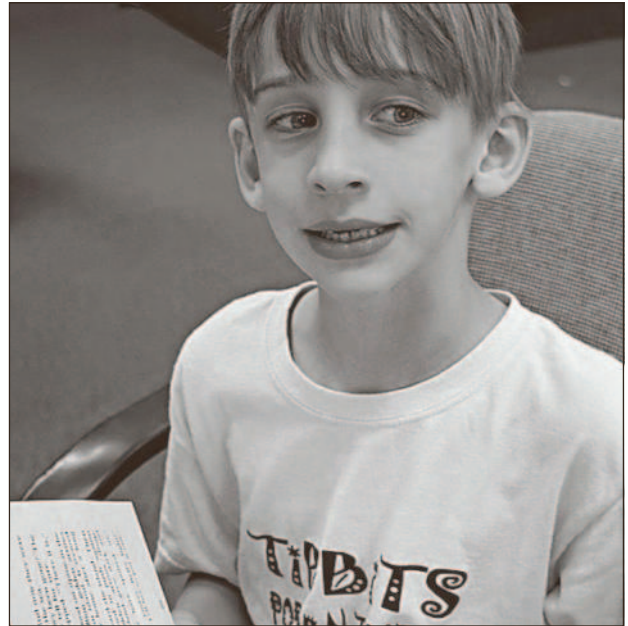
The Tibbits performance, based on a book by Nancy McArthur, "The Plant that Ate Dirty Socks" is an outrageous tale of two brothers who plant some seeds in their room.

What happens next, is a crazy, fun time for all and you will be kept guessing until the very end how this story concludes. The show runs at Tibbits Opera

House July 22, 23, 29, and 30 at 10 a.m. Tickets are \$8 and includes popcorn and juice at intermission.

As part of the library program, professional actors from the show will be on hand to talk to the children. They will take questions about the show, their life in the theatre, their training, and whatever other questions curious minds ask. The event includes a craft planned by the library staff. There will also be a drawing for a chance to win tickets to the show.

For more information call the Library at (517) 278-2341, ext. 14. For information on the Tibbits performance or to reserve tickets go to Tibbits.org or call the theatre at (517) 278-6029.



Collin Long reads "The Plant That Ate Dirty Socks" in preparation for the library event on July 16 and the Tibbits Popcorn Theatre show opening July 22. COURTESY PHOTO