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## BRANCH DISTRICT LIBRARY

# The Extreme Duct Tape workshop

**By Julia Baratta**  
For Gatehouse Media

BRONSON – Joel Tacey is a 'REAL' Duct Tape Artist and he shared some amazing and simple crafts made with this popular crafting medium with young people on July 7 at the Bronson Branch of the Branch District Library.

The participants were provided with a variety of colorful tapes to make a bookmark, a bracelet, and their choice of a purse, wallet or pouch.

The supplies also featured printed tapes for the children to experiment with.

Tacey taught them to make a base for each of the projects and shared sample ideas while encouraging creativity. Some of his examples featured Pac-Man, a rainbow with clouds, and a pencil. Several were made by patrons for him.

While working with the young people, Tacey modeled his own Duct Tape vest that he created with silver and red tape.



**Joel Tacey works with a couple of boys to create a streak of lightning for their bookmarks. His vest is completely made of Duct Tape. JULIA BARATTA PHOTO**

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COLDWATER LIBRARY

# Wood carvings on display



Local resident, Milton Smith's wooden carving collection is on display at the Coldwater Branch of the Branch District the Library through the month of July. Courtesy Photo

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BRANCH DISTRICT LIBRARY

# Lyshol welcomed during open house

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COLDWATER — The Branch District Library welcomed its new Director last week with an open house, featuring activities on every level at the Coldwater branch. The offerings included refreshments, music and dance performances, henna painting, crafts, drawings, and the opportunity to meet the director and many of the staff in the library system.

The refreshments were a big draw and located on the main floor. The food was provided by El Taco Loco, JT's Bar and Grill, Stoagies Family Room, Ponderosa Steakhouse, Bob Evans, Buffalo Wild Wings, Blue Hat Coffee, Biggby Coffee and the Alsuraimi Family. The cake celebrating the open house was created by Melanie's Cake Shoppe.

On the second level,

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Randall Hazelbaker serenaded the crowd with his saxophone playing and was accompanied by Russell Gates on piano. Sarah Odom performed a couple of numbers along with Gates, singing Broadway songs. A short presentation occurred in the Kid's Place with dancers from FireBird Fine Arts Academy performing an Irish dance.

The teen area featured henna painting by the Alsuraimi family and was a popular stop for the female attendees. The children were invited to make crafts on the top level of the library.

There were drawings for all ages as a bucket filled with fun children's summer prizes was



Mary Kay Hazelbaker, Linda Lyshol, and Lyshol's stepdaughter Cindy visit during the Branch District Library open house. JULIA BARATTA PHOTO

available for the youngest attendees and a special movie ticket package was the prize for the teens. The adults could sign up for a drinking cup or the grand prize of a fitness bracelet

that records the miles the person moves.

The main purpose of the open house was to give the community an opportunity to meet the new Branch District Library

director. Linda Lyshol came from Keehikan, Alaska, where she served as the Library Director of Keehikan Public Library. Her first day in Coldwater was June 29.

"I am happy to be here. There are a lot of challenges that I am really excited to be working on," Lyshol said. "I am looking forward to working with the board in order to provide library services throughout the county."

Her previous experiences involved working with a staff of 10 people, had an advisory board, and served a population of over 13,000. Now Lyshol is prepared to oversee five library branches with 34 employees, assist a governing board in making decisions, and offering services to over 40,000 residents in Branch County.

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# Comedian shares magical show

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BRANSON — Joel Tacey, Michigan's Family Funnyman, made an appearance at the Bronson Branch of the Branch District Library as he shared his Page Racer Magical Comedy Show on July 7. It was held in conjunction with the summer reading program which is focused on fitness.

Tacey opened the show with a clap meter, demonstrating how it worked and encouraging the children to clap loudly. He separated the group into boys and girls and then had them clap together. The clapping was so loud that it "blew out" the meter.

He explained that during the show he was going to bring to life seven different stories celebrating active living. With each book, the audience was encouraged to be interactive and play. Tacey shared the related activities with the group and made note that the participants could borrow the books from their library.

The first story was "The Tortoise and the Hare", a well-known fable. Tacey told the story in cards, with the tortoise magically appearing at the finish line. Next was the part cookbook/part dinosaur adventure story, "Eat Like a Dinosaur", which promoted healthy snacks. He invited five children to the front of the room to play 'Dinosaur Mask Matchup.' Even though he was behind the children and couldn't

see the masks they had, he correctly matched the mask he had with the mask they were holding.

The "5 Minute Brain Workout for Kids" promoted activities that made the children think with word and number problems. Tacey told the crowd that he was able to read the attendee's minds and demonstrated with some funny cards that did seem to support his claim. A laser game and a magic trick with large cards got the children excited about the book "Bearobics."

Magic tricks were the focus with the "Extreme Sports" book. Tacey encouraged safety as the children looked to playing games this summer and trying some sports. "The Racecar Alphabet" was enjoyed as he did a magic trick involving the cutting of a ribbon and the whole ribbon emerging at the end of the presentation.

The final book was "Monsters Don't Eat Broccoli" and Tacey created a monster on a board to tell a story. Since he drew it with a Magic Marker, the monster began to talk and told jokes. He was introduced as Murray and assisted Tacey with his show.

To wrap up the program, Tacey turned up the music and encouraged the children to dance, read, and enjoy themselves this summer.

The Bronson Branch Library will be having a music program at 10 a.m. today.

Coldwater *Daily Reporter*, Wednesday, July 20, 2016, page A2:

## OBITUARY

### CAROLE DELORES MADDOX 1933-2016

STURGIS – Carole Delores Maddox, 82, of Sturgis passed away on Monday, July 18, 2016 at Sturgis Hospital while surrounded by family.

A memorial service will take place at 2:00 PM on Friday, July 22, 2016 at Dutcher Funeral Home in Bronson with Pastor Terry Siler of First Congregational Church of Bronson officiating. A private interment of ashes will take place at Fort Custer National Cemetery. Visitation will be prior to the service beginning at 1:00 PM.

Carole was born December 19, 1933 to Theodore and Amelia (Sleiva) Mealey in Detroit, MI. She graduated from Dearborn High School before beginning a long career as a Librarian. Carole worked at the Bronson Library for over 34 years before retiring. On August 16, 1954, she married the love of her life, Thomas Maddox in Angola.

Carole was a very dedicated woman. She was a



long-time member and supporter of the Bronson Friends of the Library. Carole was an avid reader, where she used her knowledge playing scrabble, Jeopardy, and Trivial Pursuit. She also enjoyed doing puzzles and sewing. Carole's true joy in life was her family, especially her grandchildren. She will be remembered as a loving, caring and generous woman who was always polite, funny, and ready to share a story. She will be missed by many.

Mrs. Maddox is

survived by her children Deborah (Mark) Loper of Pasadena, TX, Michael Maddox of Fair Oaks, CA, Steven (Shelly) Maddox of Bronson, Donna (David) Young of Sturgis, Daniel (Annette) Maddox of Antelope, CA, and Carrie (Greg) Heator of Angola; her sisters Barbara (Joseph) Crocker of Orlando, FL and Eleanor Howard of Detroit; her grandchildren Robyn (Mike) Evans, Sarah (Alberto) Labarrera, Stacy (Matt) Hyska, Spencer (Elise) Maddox, Sawyer Maddox, Conner Young, Alex Young, Garrett (Erin) Heator, Kristen (Kevin) Burrows, Kayla (Travis) Williamson; her great grandchildren Emily Evans, Gaven Heator, and Ayva Maddox; and several nieces & nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Thomas, and her brother Theodore Mealey.

Memorials may be directed to Bronson Friends of the Library. [www.dutcherfh.com](http://www.dutcherfh.com)

Coldwater *Daily Reporter*, Thursday, July 21, 2016, page A1:

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# Summer Reading Program



Kids learn the basics of yoga during the Kids' Place event "Yoga with Kristian," sponsored by Antique Salvage of Union City. COURTESY PHOTOS

## Kids' Place hosts variety of events

**C**OLDWATER — The Coldwater branch of the Branch District Library Kids' Place has been buzzing with kids from around the county participating in various events, sponsored by local businesses and individuals to promote the library's summer reading program.



Kids learn archery from instructor Tom Pierce. The activity was sponsored by the Branch County Conservation & Sportsman's Club.

*Hometown Gazette*, Wednesday, July 27, 2016, page 5:

## Shaking up summer fun

Sherwood Branch Library patrons were treated to exciting performance by Dynamic West last Wednesday. A crowd gathered for "Shake Rattle, Roll," a family-oriented program that incorporates popular music of the past. (Photos by Alona Hayden)



*Hometown Gazette*, Wednesday, July 27, 2016, page 5:



## **Rewarding readers**

Dearth Union Township Branch Library closed their Summer Reading Program last Saturday with a party and prize presentation. Participants, from age 3 - adults, were awarded for their reading efforts with the chance to choose a prize and everyone received a bag of goodies. (Photo by Alona Hayden)



Hometown Gazette, Wednesday, July 27, 2016, page 8:

# They're on a roll

Dearth Union Township Branch Library once again teamed up with Community Unlimited's Summer BLAST Program to offer a quality program for local youth last Tuesday, as Dynamic West presented "Shake, Rattle, Roll" at Union City Elementary School. Students had the chance to dance, sing and learn classic songs. (Photos by Alona Hayden)



Bronson *Journal*, Thursday, July 28, 2016, page A1:

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# Shake Rattle and Roll at Bronson Library



**TOP LEFT:** These boys were really getting into the singing of "Twist and Shout" at the Bronson Library.  
**TOP RIGHT:** Disco was the dance of choice during the "Shake, Rattle, and Roll" show at the Bronson Library.  
**BOTTOM LEFT:** Participants demonstrated the "Twist" at the Bronson Library at the summer reading program "Shake, Rattle and Roll" along with Branch Manager Lynnell Eash.  
**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Three boys help recreate an Elvis concert with some silliness while Jeff Rutter played "Hound Dog." JULIA BARATTA PHOTOS

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BRONSON — The Bronson Branch of the Branch District Library sponsored "Shake, Rattle and Roll", an interactive musical show where dancing, clapping, twisting and rocking were expected. Jeff Rutter, a repeat performer at Bronson, played the guitar and sang favorite songs.

Rutter, a guitarist and singer since he was ten years of age, began the show with a rendition of "Brown-Eyed Girl", encouraging the participants to sing along. He

followed that up with "If You're Happy and You Know It" where the children stomped their feet, clapped their hands, and hugged their neighbors.

Elvis seemed to be in the building as "Can't Help Falling in Love" was played and many of the adults sang along. "I'm a Believer" was another sing along involving the children as well. The participants danced during the playing of "Stayin' Alive" and it was surprising that a disco ball didn't appear.

Some easily recognized tunes were played

as Rutter strummed out "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town", "This Old Man", "The Chicken Dance", the National Anthem, and "Jingle Bells."

"Smokey Robinson wrote 'My Girl'," Rutter said, in reference to the next song. "But did you know that he also wrote 'My Guy'?"

The next number got the crowd excited as "Sweet Home Alabama" sounded throughout the library. More dancing was required as "Twist and Shout" was played, requiring the attendees to move to the music. Three

young men made their way to the front of the group to help recreate an Elvis concert with "Hound Dog." After that, three girls were chosen to lead the crowd in doing the "Twist" and they brought up some adults to dance along.

The last song had arm motions and movement as "YMCA" was played and the Branch Manager Lynnell Eash led as the program wrapped up.

The next program is StarLab at 1 p.m. on July 26 at the Bronson Theater. The activity is open to all ages.

