

Patron Comments

January 23, 2018:

Comments and/or Suggestions:

Let us know what you think? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Would like class numbers

\_\_\_\_\_ labeled

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ ll

January 23, 2018:



*Thank you,  
For allowing us to display  
Our art work,*

BRANCH COUNTY ART GUILD

*Norothy Cross Treasurer*

## Newspaper Coverage

Coldwater *Daily Reporter*, January 13, 2018, page A2:



Mikayla Everline placed second with a guess of 99.  
COURTESY PHOTO



Sophia Huntley placed first with a guess of 114.  
COURTESY PHOTO

## Kids' Place contest winners announced

### For The Daily Reporter

COLDWATER — The Coldwater branch of the Branch District Library's Kids' Place held a Guess the Number of Grinch Pills, holiday Life

Savers, contest during the month of December.

Children submitted a guess of the number of holiday Life Savers they thought were contained in the Grinch jar.

First place went to Sophia Huntley with a

guess of 114. She received the jar of holiday Life Savers which totaled 111, along with a 50th anniversary copy of Dr. Seuss's "How the Grinch Stole Christmas."

Second place went to

Mikayla Everline with a guess of 99.

She received a bag of holiday Life Savers along with the book, "How the Grinch Stole Christmas."

Those who participated had fun.

Coldwater *Daily Reporter*, January 18, 2018, page A1:

# LIBRARY EVENT



Above and below, members of the Girl Scouts Troop 80928 helped area youth paint their nails, build boxes and more at the Kids' Place Saturday. LINDA DULL PHOTOS



Members of the Girl Scouts Troop 80928 helped area youth paint their nails, build boxes and more at the Kids' Place Saturday. LINDA DULL PHOTO

## 'Bling Day' held at Kids' Place

By Christy Hart-Harris  
charris@thedailyreporter.com

COLDWATER — Local youth recently got their “bling” on at a Coldwater branch of the Branch District Library Kids' Place event.

Members of the Girl Scout Troop 80928 — including troop leader, Cherie Struble, Shay, Anna, Krysta, Tabitha and Caitlin — were on hand to help the more than 20 youth ages 4 to 12 in attendance in building and deco-

See LIBRARY, page A4



## LIBRARY

From Page A1

rating “bling” boxes.

“Under the direction of Shareyah Heminger, they made beautiful cabochon pendant necklaces for their bling boxes,” said Linda Dull of Kids' Place. “Christy

Berry, a Girl Scout mother, donated her time and Jamberry product so there was plenty of bling for the participants' nails too.”

Diane Elkins of Modern Woodman Financial Services provided water and handled registration for the event.

On Saturday, Ben Miller

of the Branch Area Careers Center will visit the Kids' Place with robotics for the Tween Club (ages 10 to 12 years old) from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

“On Saturday, Jan. 27, come and enjoy Sailing the Seven Seas with an ‘Arrgh-rated’ storytime and pirate crafts,” Dull said.

Coldwater *Daily Reporter*, January 20, 2018, page A1:

## LOCAL

QUINCY

### **Quincy Branch to be closed temporarily**

The Quincy Branch of the Branch District Library will be closed for two days, Monday, Jan. 22 and Tuesday, Jan. 23.

Library staff will be clearing out the library to prepare for interior repairs, carpet, and paint.

The Library will re-open in the building's Lower Level on Wednesday Jan. 24 and will remain open during the construction.

The construction is expected to last approximately five weeks.

During this time public computers, fax service, a small selection of materials, access to the drop box, and programming will continue.

Library users may still request items from the other five branches of BDL and from the statewide lending program MeL.

Contact the Quincy Branch at (517) 639-4001 for more information and with any questions.

Coldwater Daily Reporter, January 20, 2018, page A1:

# TEENS TRANSFORMED



Youth build gingerbread houses during the recent holiday as part of the teen programming at the Branch District Libraries. JESSICA TEFFT PHOTO

## Tefft celebrates one year

By Christy Hart-Harris  
charris@thedailyreporter.com

COLDWATER — On Wednesday, Jessica Tefft, Teen Services Librarian, celebrated one year with the Branch District Library.

Director of Public Services for the Branch District Library, Kimberly Feltner, said, "During that year, she has grown our Teen Services leaps and bounds across Branch County."

Tefft completed her undergraduate in Bible Theology and History from Great Lakes Christian College before earning her Masters in American History from

See, LIBRARY, Page A4



A student creates a bunny during a 'crafternoon' activity. JESSICA TEFFT PHOTO

## LIBRARY

From Page A1

Central Michigan University and a second Masters in Library Science at Wayne State University.

It wasn't until she took a class, at Central, on Archives that she realizes what her true calling was; serving the youth.

For nearly two years, Tefft worked as the youth services coordinator at Albion District Library, she fulfilled a short stint at Hillsdale Library as a youth librarian before some divine intervention took over and she was offered a position with the Branch District Library.

Her task with the district was to bring teens to the library and offer them age specific programming.

"I started going into the schools," Tefft said. "If you want to bring the youth to you, you have to meet them on their own turf."

Almost immediately, an advisory council was formed with youth from around the county outlining what they expect from a teen program and why it's important to their growth.

Tefft said the council was instrumental in obtaining the program's

### Upcoming teen events

OPEN TO YOUTH AGES 13 TO 18

- Writing Club meets at 4 p.m., Monday at the Coldwater branch of the Branch District Library.
- S'TEAM Power will start at 3 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 26 and will include science technology, engineering, art and math at the Coldwater branch of the Branch District Library. Union branch Library's event will begin at 3:30 p.m., Jan. 23; Quincy's branch Library at 3:30 p.m., Jan. 24 and Sherwood branch Library at 3:30 p.m., Jan. 29.
- Sherwood branch Library will host a movie based on a book as part of the Movie Club at 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 30.
- Quincy branch Library will host a 'Crafternoon' Delight event at 3:30 p.m., Monday
- Wild Art event will be held at 4 p.m., Jan. 25 at Bronson's branch Library; 3:30 p.m., Jan. 30 at Union and 3:30 p.m., Jan. 31 in Quincy.

first grant from the Branch County Community Foundation. "I am so proud of those kids," Tefft said. "If it wasn't for the council, the community foundation, Linda, and (Co-workers) the teen program wouldn't be where it is today."

Over the last year, the teen programming has expanded to all five districts.

Because of its popularity, Tefft said the library brought in a Teen Services Assistant, Keeley Briggs, and a Teen Clerk.

I am beyond grateful," Tefft said "It's been such a wild ride this past year and I can't wait to

see what more we can do."

Feltner said some of Tefft's highlights over the last year include, "Designed and built a Teen Space — opened June 2016 — for young adults to have a "home" at the library, increased teen attendance by 400 percent, created a Teen Advisory Council and spent almost 81 hours with the teens volunteering in the community, added relevant and fresh materials to the young adult collection, hosted a very successful district wide Teen Lock-In, all while bringing a positive and guiding presence to the youth of the county."

Coldwater *Daily Reporter*, January 27, 2018, page A1:

# OZOBOT DESIGN



Tween Club kids and their families created an Ozobot design during the library program. LINDA DULL PHOTO

## Robotics comes to Kids' Place

By Christy Hart-Harris  
charris@thedailyreporter.com

COLDWATER — On Saturday, the Coldwater branch of the Branch District Library's Kids' Place Tween Club hosted a Robotics event with instructor Ben Miller from the Branch Area Careers Center.

Nine club members along with their family received instruction before designing various Ozobots.

Tweens learned how to make coding strips for the Ozobot to perform a variety



Tweens work together on their design. LINDA DULL PHOTO

See, LIBRARY Page A4



Two tweens work together on the Ozobot design. LINDA DULL PHOTO

## LIBRARY

From Page A1

of moves. Miller also showed them how the bot responds to the Evo app.

"The tweens also enjoyed some pizza, chips, soda and cookies," Linda Dull of the library said. "Every tween took home a brushbot to assemble."

The next Tween Club, titled "Not for the Squeamish!", will meet at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 17 and will explore a variety of STEM hands-on activities.

Coldwater *Daily Reporter*, February 2, 2018, page A1:

# A pirate's life



LINDA DULL PHOTO

Local youth got in on the Icefest fun Saturday with “Arrgh-rated” storytime by Mary Robey of the Coldwater branch of Branch District Library’s Kids’ Place. Children enjoyed a variety of pirate-themed activities with volunteer Amber Sunderland. The next Kids’ Place event, drop-in Make It and Take It Valentine cards and crafts, is 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday for ages 3-12 years old.



Coldwater *Daily Reporter*, February 10, 2018, page A2:



Vintage Valentine's and a wooden box collection belonging to Lynell Eash will be on display through February. COURTESY PHOTO

## 2 collections on display at BDL

### For The Daily Reporter

COLDWATER – The vintage Valentine's collection of the late Amos Hostetler and the wooden box collection of his

granddaughter Lynell Eash will be on display at the Coldwater branch of the Branch District Library through the month of February.

Hostetler taught in one room schools in La-

Grange County from the 1920s - 1950s. These were cards given to him by his students, some were handmade. Eash found them in the attic when her family moved to the family farm in

Emma.

The wooden boxes started with the little one from Deer Forest she bought when her family visited, when Eash was a fifth grader.