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COLDWATER LIBRARY

Kids' Place celebrates St. Patrick's Day

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COLDWATER — Last week, the Coldwater branch of the Branch District Library celebrated St. Patrick's Day with area home-schooled children through the education of Irish culture.

Stephen Flavin, youth pastor at the Free Methodist Church and immigrant of Kerry, Ireland, shared his knowledge of Irish and Gaelic language history and the story of St. Patrick along with stories of his childhood in Ireland.

Brandi Killian, from Firebird Fine Arts Academy, also visited the Kids' Place at the Coldwater branch.

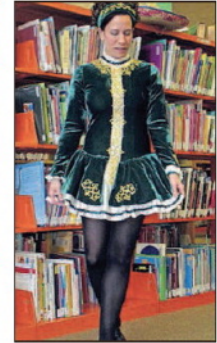
Killian showed kids an Irish River dance.

Those in attendance were also provided a feast of potato soup, Irish Soda bread with authentic Irish butter, a McGulligan's punch, apple bread, and green cookies.

"Stephen had mentioned his great love of potatoes so he received a bag of potatoes in appreciation for coming," Linda Dull, of Kids' Place, said.



Stephen Flavin discusses Irish culture with students. COURTESY PHOTO



Brandi Killian shows her river dance steps. COURTESY PHOTO

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LIBRARY EVENTS

BDL Bronson Branch shares upcoming events



Bronson Branch Library has many events coming up. FACEBOOK PHOTO

BRONSON – The Bronson branch of the Branch District Library has a full schedule of events for the whole family.

■ **Fridays: Friday Tales** Preschool Story time from 11 to 11:30 a.m.

■ **Wednesdays:** from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. an Adult Coloring Club for those who want to come; all the adults have to do is bring their own coloring tools and the rest, which include the coloring pages and refreshments, will be provided by the library.

■ **Teen & Tween Club** on April 6 for children ages 11 to 18 to come and make crafts, play games, watch movies, and eat food and this starts at 4 p.m.

■ **March 30** a class on Essential Oils presented by Leslie which explains what they are what their uses are, and how to use and make them. This starts at 6 p.m. and registration is required to attend.



Hometown Gazette, Wednesday, March 30, 2016, page 1:



Greeting their fans

The cast and crew of the graphic novel *Ghost Canyon* held the premiere of issue three this past Thursday at Dearth Union Township Library. *Ghost Canyon* creator Aaron Warner, along with his wife and partner Angie, presented the third installment of the critically acclaimed graphic novel in front of a number of fans and members of the cast, including a number of local residents.

Hometown Gazette, Wednesday, March 30, 2016, page 2:

Fun for all ages

Dearth Union Township Library hosted their annual Easter Egg Hunt last Friday. Organizers were surprised and delighted by a large turnout of families and children wishing to participate. Participants enjoyed a craft, an egg hunt and special prizes.

**Photos by
Alona Hayden**



Hometown Gazette, Wednesday, March 30, 2016, page 8:

Library hosts Ghost Canyon release party

The cast of the critically acclaimed graphic novel Ghost Canyon descended upon Union City Township Library this past Thursday for the release of the third installment in the popular series.

Each attendee to the release party received a ticket for a door prize, with a number of different items given out over the course of the event.

All three installments of Ghost Canyon were available for purchase, along with other works by creator Aaron Warner.

As a special treat, after the showing of a 15-minute film showing the making of Ghost Canyon, the cast were made available for autographs and a small question and answer session.

The cast of Ghost Canyon is rich with Union City blood, as

the main star of the comic is Union City graduate Zac Neal.

A number of additional Union City residents appear throughout the comic, including Zac's parents Alton and Karlene, his sister Maegan, as well as current Union City Middle School teacher Scott Cayo and many more.

To take a look at the graphic novel Ghost Canyon, visit their website at ghostcanyon.com.



The Ghost Canyon cast



The creators of Ghost Canyon speak at the beginning of the release party.



Alton Neal, Zach Neal and Dakotah Hoskins at the Ghost Canyon release party.

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LIVE ENTERTAINMENT



Matthew Ball aka The Boogie Woogie Kid. COURTESY PHOTO

Quincy Library to welcome Youtube Sensation

QUINCY – Attorney turned Boogie, Blues, & Ragtime musician, Matthew Ball, aka The Boogie Woogie Kid, will heat up the piano keys at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 28 at the Quincy Branch Library, 11 N. Main St.

With over 3.4 million Youtube views of his past performance and at home video footage, and concerts with regular capacity crowds and standing ovations, Ball

has become a phenomenon, with descriptions of his performances like “Awesome!” “Crushing!” Fantastic!”

Admission is free to the special toe-tappin’ program of family piano fun featuring classics like Swanee River, In the Mood, Over the Rainbow, Glory of Love, Waltzing Matilda, The Entertainer, Bumble Boogie and more.

For more information call 517-639-4001.

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TOWNSHIP NEWS

Quincy Library is in need of repairs

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QUINCY TOWNSHIP – Quincy Township trustees will rebid repair work on the Quincy Library doors, but will get more information on closing an elevator well and on the sagging roof first.

Last September, McClellan and Brand contractors bid for the work, one with aluminum and the other composite to replace



Karney



Conley

rotting wood around the door frames to the main township office and its handicapped entrance. One bid had concrete work included, the other did not.

Quincy Township Treasurer Constance Karney

said because of the historic nature of the old library building, the door frames should be replaced with wood like the original.

Quincy Township Supervisor Ray Conley said that there is a third entrance not used anymore. It is blocked by the elevator.

“We need to see if we can close it off,” he said, noting that people have been found in the area.

“Kids are getting down in there and using it as a place



The sagging roof needs repair before gutters can be fixed at the Quincy Library. DON REID PHOTO

to smoke” Conley said. “I don’t want the place to catch on fire.”

“I know we don’t need any more projects, but

when you walk around the library, it’s starting to fall apart,” Karney said.

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Conley said the big-cost item is the rebuilding of the eaves on the library. They are sagging, and the gutters can’t be repaired until they are fixed.

Landmark Construction fixed the slate roof on the building, but can’t come back to “rebend” and repair the gutters until the eaves are rebuilt as

original.

“The interior (roof) structure needs to be rebuilt,” Conley said, but one section needs to be torn apart so contractors can see what is there and if there is a better method to repair the roof structure.

Only the north and south sides seemed to be a problem, Conley explained. Because of the size of the project, he said the township would need a grant or some help from

community organizations to cover some of the costs of repair. The door frame repair was bid under \$5,000.

Karney will call the elevator company about closing the old door, then see if someone can open the roof before the township board decides how expansive the bids will be for the library repair work.

The Quincy Library is on the national historic

register. According to the state, C.W. Bennett, a Quincy resident, donated his entire estate for the founding of the Quincy Library.

The library, which was dedicated in memory of Bennett’s son, was built in 1910, about the same time as many of the Carnegie libraries like the one built in Bronson with an \$8,500 grant. It used similar architecture.



The rotted wood door frame at the Quincy Library. DON REID PHOTO

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COLDWATER BRANCH DISTRICT LIBRARY

Pearl Necklace collection on display



Diane Hoskins Pearl necklace collection is on display at the Coldwater branch of the Branch District Library throughout the month of April. COURTESY PHOTO