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Coldwater *Daily Reporter*, Wednesday, August 17, 2016, page A2:

THE KIWANIS CLUB

## Lyshol meets with local club



Coldwater Kiwanis Club members learned about the importance of libraries from newly hired Branch District Library Director Linda Lyshol and recently promoted Kimberly Feitner, who is director of public services. Lyshol said libraries aid economic development for their communities by fostering early childhood literacy. Kiwanis funds a program called "Travel Tales." Children are able to experience food, traditional clothing, books and language from a different county at each session. At the meeting at the Elks Club, Kiwanis president Cheri Anderson and "Terrific Kids" chairperson Deborah Tomlinson presented a check to library administrators for next years "Travel Tales." Pictured from left to right are Anderson, Lyshol, Feitner and Tomlinson. Anyone wants to work with an organization that helps children, may contact Denny Brieske, (517) 462-8194. COURTESY PHOTO

Coldwater *Daily Reporter*, Saturday, September 3, 2016, page A2:

## COLDWATER LIBRARY

# Salt and pepper display case



Local resident Carol Smith's private collection of 1930-1940 White Crystal Dutch Salt and Pepper Shakers and Spice Jars are on display at the Coldwater Branch of the Branch District Library during the month of September. COURTESY PHOTO

## NOTICE TO C TOWNSHIP

The Coldwater Township  
scheduled a Public Hearing o

Coldwater *Daily Reporter*, Thursday, September 8, 2016, page A9:

## SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

# Bronson Matriarch

By **Julia Baratta**  
For Gatehouse Media

*Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of Bronson Matriarchs which will be featured throughout the year.*

**BRONSON** — Jeanne Keckler Unterkircher was born on Nov. 22, 1931 at a home on East Corey Street to Earl and Ethel Keckler and she has never really left town.

"I was born here and have always lived here," Unterkircher said. "My whole life has been here in Bronson." And does she have stories to share about the town and its history.

After a few years, her family moved to East Chicago Street where they had a 90-acre farm that her father worked with a team of horses.

"My dad had a 1940 Allis Chalmers at one point so I always like them," Unterkircher said.

In September of 1937 while attending the first grade at the one-room schoolhouse called Hickory Corners Noble No. 2, Unterkircher met her future husband Warren who was a second grader. She graduated from there in the eighth grade and started at Bronson High School in September 1945. Unterkircher played basketball and graduated as the Valedictorian of the class of 1949. On June 24, 1950, she married Warren. The next day, the Korean War Conflict broke out and Warren was called to duty as he was serving in the Naval Reserve.



Jeanne Unterkircher reminisces as she points out memorabilia from her husband's Texaco station. JULIA BARATTA PHOTO

"We had a little over a year before he actually had to leave," Unterkircher said. "When he passed away, we had been married for 65 years and known each other for 78."

Unterkircher lived at home while Warren was serving from February 1952 until Dec. 7, 1953 when she and her family drove out to the West Coast to pick him up. Within a month, they opened Warren's Station which provided car washes, gasoline, oil changes and other automobile services. A new station was built in 1955 the same month that their daughter Linda was born. By 1956, they had signed with Texaco and continued to work with them for 20 years.

They then built an A&W Root Beer stand that had car hops and was located on US 12 west of Bronson. Along with assisting in the businesses, Unterkircher kept the books for the two businesses as well as for

Warren's brother John who owned the Bronson Golf Course on Prairie River Road. She sold real estate for many years for Charles Somerlett.

Through the years, Unterkircher was actively involved in supporting libraries as one of the founding members of the Friends of the Bronson Library and working at the school. She taught literacy and served on the library boards for the District Library and the Bronson branch. Unterkircher, along with Ellen Shoun and Alice Goodsell introduced the community garden to the residents which continues to this day. She was also a 4-H member as a child and a leader for the Busy Bees 4-H Club of Noble Township.

This busy lady has a very full life and is grateful for her blessings in the form of family, friends, and a community that she can still call home.

Coldwater *Daily Reporter*, Thursday, September 8, 2016, page A9:

## SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

# Special items on display at the library

**By Julia Baratta**  
For Gatehouse Media

BRONSON — Lynnell Eash has been collecting memorabilia at the library in anticipation of the celebration of the Bronson Sesquicentennial and intends to have some of it available for viewing on Saturday during normal business hours. After the event, the displays will continue through the year.

“We are 150-years-old all year so I plan to have them up through 2016,” Eash said. She has requested donations and items to borrow for the library and has been pleased with the response. A couple of larger pieces have been given and she is looking at how to add them to the display. A melodeon is contained within a case with old sheet music and she is planning to find ways to show the various pieces of clothing she has received.

“We have some books and catalogs from the L. A. Darling Corporation that will be available for the public to see,” Eash said. “They were one of the three major manufacturers in Bronson. Darling, along with Bronson Reel and Douglas, brought in a large number of employees from outside of the city. Some of the guys were reminiscing about the cars that used to drive in for work just the other day.”

The Darling Corporation made store fixtures and mannequins for businesses and the government. Some of the mannequins were used in the Atomic Bomb Testing, also known as Operation Doorstop. The mannequins were strategically placed within a house to determine the effects that the atomic bomb



**An old dress is displayed beside the case that contains the melodeon for the Sesquicentennial Celebration at the Bronson Library.**

JULIA BARATTA PHOTOS

would have on them when it affected the house.

The late Garth Wilber made sure the library received an unusual projector. The slides are round-shaped, are connected to a vertical carousel, and feature advertisements from old businesses that used to be in Bronson. The unit still works and makes an audible click when the slides change.

Eash is still open to donations and items that pertain to the history of Bronson, especially printed items such as yearbooks and written remembrances. Many of the items on display are on loan from community members and the Branch County Historical Society. Eash encourages anyone who is interested in the history of Bronson to come in and enjoy



**Lynnell Eash shows the projector that was donated to the library. In the background, a vest from the Centennial celebration and an old band uniform from the community band are hanging for the public to appreciation.**

the displays. Old copies of the Bronson Journal are available on microfilm from 1889 through to 2010 with capability to make copies.

Coldwater *Daily Reporter*, Saturday, September 10, 2016, page A1:

QUINCY TOWNSHIP

## Contractor found for library repairs

By Don Reid  
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QUINCY TOWNSHIP — Quincy Township trustees have an estimate of the



Karney

work needed to repair the eaves and gutters on the Quincy Library, where the Quincy

Township Hall is located, from a historic building restoration company. Now it will begin to look for the estimated \$47,500 to do the work.

Grand River Builders has found the steel gutters around the building failing from lack of maintenance and poor quality. It has proposed replacing custom copper liners in the current ones. The company said the work should last 50 years.

“Only the north and south sides seemed to be

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The rusted eaves and gutter on the Quincy Library. DON REID PHOTO

## LIBRARY

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a problem,” said Quincy Township Supervisor Ray Conley.

The restoration company also found it will need to repair the original steel soffit and fascia on parts of the building and some internal wood framing.

The builder also

suggested adding more outlets to improve the gutter performance. Its inspection did find the slate roof in good shape. Landmark Construction fixed the slate roof on the building earlier.

Quincy Township Treasurer Constance Karney said she and another couple of women are approaching foundation and community groups to find the money. With little effort donations

of \$1,800 have been made so far. Karney also said the group has talked to state Representative Eric Leutheuser about available state grants. A brochure explaining the project will be sent out.

The township has its offices in the basement of the building. The Branch District Library operates the Quincy branch, but the township is responsible for the structure.

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. It cost \$8,500 and used architecture similar to Carnegie libraries built around the same time. The library, constructed in 1910, was dedicated in memory of Bennett's son.

Coldwater Daily Reporter, Wednesday, September 14, 2016, page B4:

Note: Salwa Alsuraimi of Aira is also a BDL employee

AIRA OF COLDWATER

# YouTube sensation Adam Saleh performs in Coldwater

For The Daily Reporter

COLDWATER – Popular Yemeni American YouTuber, Adam Saleh performed at Tibbits Opera House on Saturday. Saleh was brought to Tibbits by Aira of Coldwater in partnership with the Arab American Society of Coldwater. Most of the over 300 people in the audience were made up of teens and parents from the local Arab community, but some came as far as Virginia and Maryland just to have the chance to see him in person.

Saleh opened the show with a musical performance and continued with his unique brand of family friendly comedy and audience-integrated antics. He also had a powerful message for his young fans, many of whom because of their culture, sometimes encounter bullying and feelings of isolation. He advocated for the acceptance of others and encouraged the audience to embrace and celebrate their uniqueness.

Tamara Apmann, organizer for the event remarked, "After seeing Adam interact with our local youth, I can absolutely understand why so many people are drawn to and follow him on social media world-wide. His positivity and encouragement for Muslim youth is exactly what is needed locally and abroad in these times."

During his performance, Saleh incorporated a segment where he presented certificates of achievement to students from the Arab American Society of Coldwater's Arabic Language School. Saleh also met one-on-one with over 40 attendees who were lucky

enough to have tickets to a meet and greet after the show.

As a fellow Yemeni American, who grew up in New York City, Saleh was amazed at the number of Yemen Americans living in Coldwater. His excitement and that of his Coldwater fans was captured on video as he documented his entire experience throughout the night. The video can be seen on his Twitter feed in a post titled, "She Made me Cry."

Saleh has been gaining popularity in Arab communities around the world since 2012 when he began his YouTube channel titled TrueStoryASA. He currently had over 1.5 million world-wide followers on

the channel.

Aira of Coldwater sponsored Saleh's performance as part of its cultural outreach to the Coldwater Community. Aira's next event will be Saturday, Sept. 17 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, where they will host a "Mediterranean Lunch Extravaganza" to benefit the organization and assist with purchasing office supplies. Sit-down and take-out lunches, all cooked by local women, will be provided in exchange for donations. Henna artwork will also be offered for \$5 per hand. The lunch will be held from 12 to 3:30 p.m. and coincides with Coldwater's Applefest.

Aira of Coldwater was

created by Salwa Mohsen Alsuraimi in 2016 to empower underrepresented groups, especially women, through education, consultation services and cross-cultural outreach within the Coldwater community. For more information about the organization call <https://blu175.mail.live.com/ol/clear.gifhttps://blu175.mail.live.com/ol/clear.gifhttps://blu175.mail.live.com/ol/clear.gifhttps://blu175.mail.live.com/ol/clear.gifhttps://blu175.mail.live.com/ol/clear.gif> or email [alsuraimi@outlook.com](mailto:alsuraimi@outlook.com).



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### To Spay or Not to Spay?



More than 4 million pets are euthanized in US animal shelters each year simply because they have no home. Many are puppies and kittens less than 6 months old.

**Here are important reasons to spay or neuter your pet:**

- Eliminates the risk of cancers such as:
- Prostate and testicular – the 2nd most common tumor in male dogs.
- Ovarian and uterine - If spayed before the first heat cycle, your pet has a less than 1% chance of developing breast cancer; after 1 heat cycle and 8% chance, and after 2 cycles the chance increases to 26%.
- Reduces the urge to roam, have aggressive behaviors.
- Eliminates the mess of heat cycles in females and perianal tumors in males.
- Pets with diabetes or epilepsy should be fixed to prevent hormonal changes that may interfere with medications.

**Spaying or Neutering you pet does not:**

- Cause laziness or obesity
- Postpone or delay normal behavioral maturity
- Cause immature behaviors
- Reduce the instinct to protect your family and home
- Alter personality in any manner



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