



CULTIVATING COMMUNITY

2022

A community-wide celebration of our cultural connectivity through art, music, dance, speakers, book reads, conversations, food and community service.

Pride Festival - Sept 10, 2-8pm Branch County Pride at Parkhurst Park
Food, prizes, games, drag show, dancing, pet fashion show & so much more!

KARAMA: Arab World Music & Dance - Sept. 17, 7:30pm Smith Memorial Concert at Tibbits Opera House
Celebration of live music and dance demonstrating the multiple Arab regions. **TICKETED EVENT**

Hoptoberfest - Sept. 30, 4-10pm City of Coldwater, Downtown Monroe Street
Outdoor festival pays tribute to Coldwater's German heritage with Sister City Soltau, Germany.

Hispanic Heritage Celebration - Oct. 1, 12-4pm Tibbits Opera House
Daniel Oropeza hosts a Tejano music concert featuring Celestina Y Los Sanchez.
Event includes a display of flags representing 23 Spanish-speaking countries of the Americas.

Community Conversations - Oct. 1, 5-8pm Branch District Library, Coldwater
Come "check out" a human from the library to learn about their life. This program will be representing humans from all facets of the human experience. Each "check out" is 20 minutes.

Pow Wow Exhibition - Oct. 8, 7pm Tibbits Opera House
Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi presents traditional drums, dance and cultural introduction. **TICKETED EVENT**

Safe Zone - Oct 7, 6-8pm Branch County Pride at Tibbits Opera House
Safe Zone training is an opportunity to learn about the LGBTQ+ Community, examine prejudice and assumptions, learn pronouns, how and when to use them, and discover what gender X is.

Strategies for Educators - Oct. 14 Branch Intermediate School District
Coldwater High School Alum Petra Alsoofy, Outreach & Partnership Manager for the Institute for Social Policy and Understanding, will present to BISD & Coldwater Community Schools staff, sharing research and building understanding of the Muslim Community.

Yemini Community Event - Oct. 16, 4pm AIRA at Tibbits Opera House
Meet members of our local Yemini community and learn firsthand about their culture. Enjoy presentations, conversations, music and exhibits.

Conversation on Multicultural Experiences - Oct. 26, 5-7pm KCC Grahl Center
A student panel representing diverse cultures will share experiences and perspectives.

Frankenstein - Oct. 27-29, 7pm Branch County Community Theatre at Tibbits Opera House
Mary Shelley's classic comes to life on stage in the quintessential story of prejudice and fear. Though created innocent and curious, Frankenstein is rejected and hated simply because he is different. He becomes a ferocious, terrifying monster because he has no other way to go.

TICKETED EVENT



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FOOD

Amish Cultural Event - Oct. 17, 5-7pm Branch County Community Foundation at Colon Township Library

The Amish community shares its heritage with a homemade pie and hand-churned ice cream social.

Global Cuisine Event - Oct. 20, 5-7pm Branch Intermediate School District at BACC Culinary Arts Students at Branch Area Careers Center create a unique, tasty event.

A Taste of Branch County

Coldwater Area Chamber of Commerce celebration of food offered by area restaurants.

INTERFAITH and CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Blessing of the Pets - Oct. 1, 2:30pm Durham Park, Tekonsha

A tradition rooted in the history of St. Francis.

World Communion Sunday - Oct. 2 Select churches

Promotes Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation through an observance of the Eucharist.

ALL MONTH LONG

America the Beautiful Tibbits Art Gallery

The exhibit features artwork by local and regional artists of all ages. Gallery open for events at Tibbits and by appointment.

Arab American Museum Exhibit KCC Grahl Center

Learn the history, culture and contributions of Arab Americans.

Exhibit open M-Th 8am-9pm; F 8am-4:30pm

Book Tasting Branch District Library, Coldwater Branch

Discover the books which can open new worlds. The display highlights the diverse books available in the Branch District Library collection.

Cafe Connect - Every Thurs. in Oct., 1-3pm Hope Cafe

Learn something new each week with casual presentations, perspectives & conversations for and about our community.

Fiber Arts/Textiles Trunk Show Branch District Library, Union Branch

Explore culture through fiber arts, different styles of embroidery through different cultures: Native American, Amish, Folk, etc.

Digital Storytelling Branch District Library, All branches

Teens can learn elements and techniques for telling their story through the digital medium and why it's important to share.

Storywalk Branch District Library, Select branches & Colon Library

Explore the pages of an oversized picture book presented at each of the Branch District Library Branches.

Hispanic Heritage Month - Sept. 15 - Oct. 15

