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LEARN TO LOVE YOUR JOB

# Free workshop offered at Coldwater Library

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COLDWATER — Do you love the job you are in? That, among other questions, will be discussed by career coach Justin Gentry at the Coldwater branch of the Branch District Library, 10 E. Chicago St., on Saturday, Feb. 21 at 10 a.m.

According to the Bureau of Labor and Statistics, in November 2014 the unemployment rate in Branch County was 4.9 percent. Many things factor in to the unemployment rate. Such factors may include a lack of jobs, the amount of unsatisfying job available and more.

A survey taken in 2013 by Gallup Inc., “an American research-based, global performance-management consulting company,” titled the State of the American Workplace, showed that 70 percent of participants “described themselves as ‘disengaged’ from their work.”

Of the 150,000 people surveyed, a mere 30 percent said they sincerely enjoy their work and bosses. The largest category from the work study, at 52 percent, were those who showed up to work every day but “described

## The Keys

Keys to unlocking the love of work include:

- Begin to discover your strengths, gifts, and unique abilities.
- Learn how your values play a role in your career.
- Clarify your passion and turn it into your vocation.
- Decide if a traditional career or being self-employed is best for you.
- Learn how to move forward in spite of fear.

themselves as less than thrilled,” while the last 18 percent are those who are actively disengaged or “those who vocally express their discontent in the workplace.”

According to the report, “The Gallup study takes a close look at the role of managers and their ability to inspire workers. Most of the discontent stemmed from “bosses from hell” who didn’t foster talents, growth or creativity. In the long run, Gallup has determined that between 450 and 550 billion dollars are wasted annually because of bad managers responsible for the 18 percent of those who hate their jobs.”

The free workshop is open to anyone interested in learning how to find the perfect career, whether



Gentry

that be self-employed or a traditional career setting. Gentry will teach the four keys to “Unlocking Work You Love.”

“It’s about giving people a fresh perspective on work and the opportunities they may have,” said Gentry. “Showing them their strengths and gifts, that their value matters and to take their passion and turn it into vocation.”

The 90-minute workshop, sponsored by the Coldwater Branch Library and Enjoy Your Work, is designed to help people find a fresh and new perspective on work by showing that a career should provide a meaningful life that will enlighten and encourage.

“Anyone who is interested can register and download the material need for the workshop at [www.enjoyyourwork.net](http://www.enjoyyourwork.net) or they call me at (269) 778-7044,” said Gentry.

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BRANCH DISTRICT LIBRARY

# Treasures from Tokyo on display



Lynn Dunn's family treasures and memories from 1957 Tokyo, Japan will be on display at Coldwater branch of the Branch District Library through the month of January. COURTESY PHOTO.

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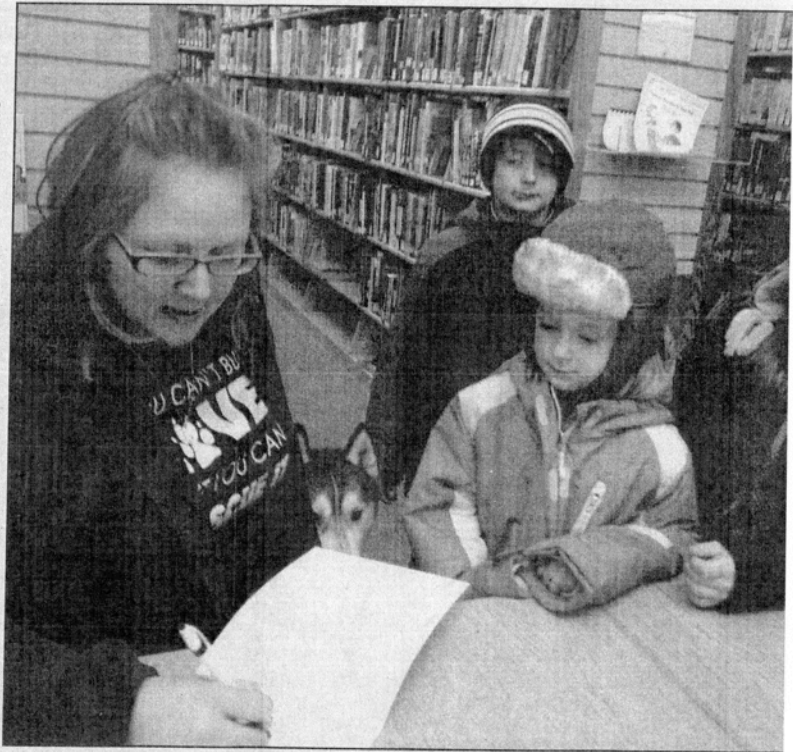
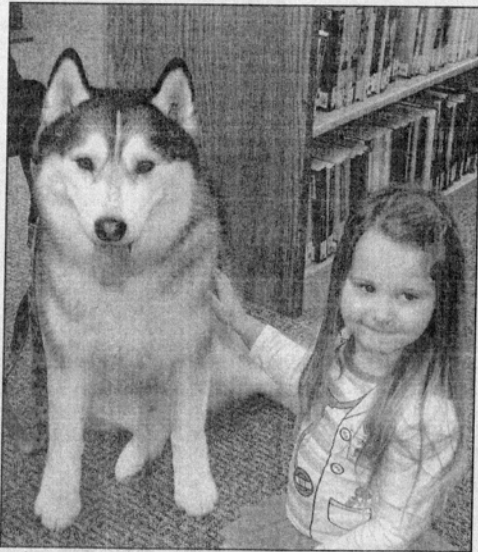


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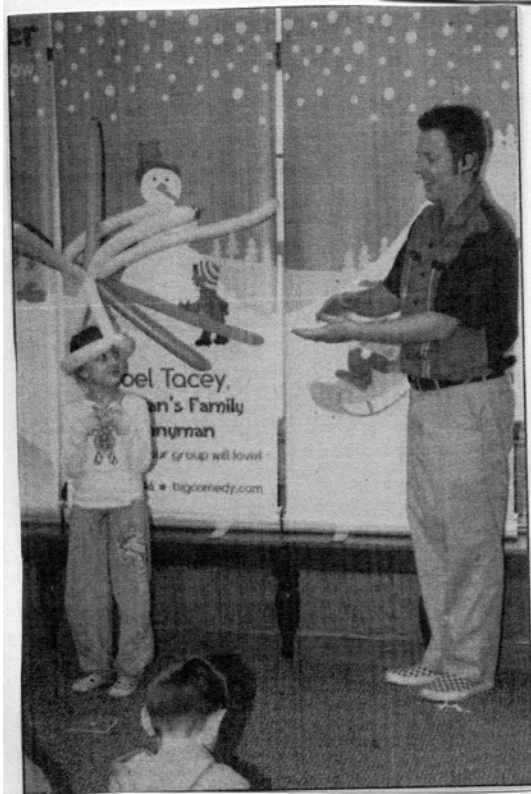
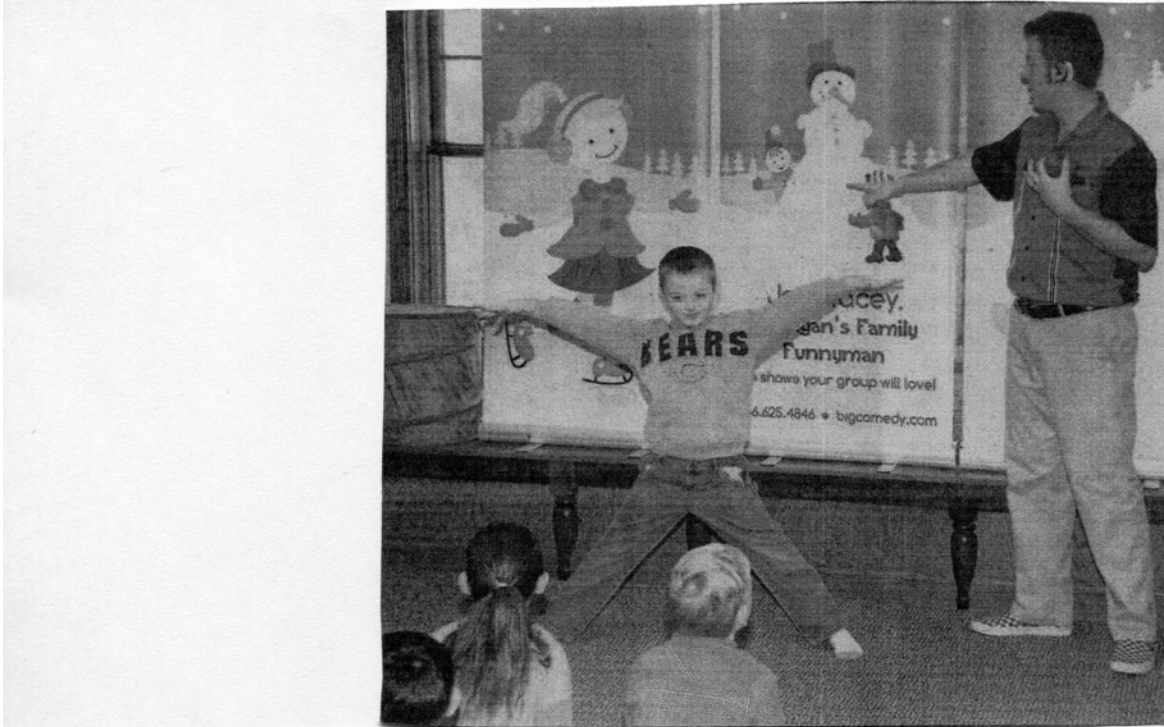
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## Happy husky

Monk the husky visited his fans at Dearth Union Township Library last Thursday during a book signing of "Monk the Christmas Husky," written by Sherwood resident Suzanne Sarlis-Hartwell. Sarlis-Hartwell and Monk both autographed books for their fans.



Chloe Houston makes friends with Monk during the book signing, left, while Suzanne Sarlis-Hartwell and Monk Christmas Husky" for Brendan Wood, Olivia Wood and Christianna Davis. (Photos by Donna Claar)



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SWEET MUSIC

# New program gives children musical skills

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COLDWATER — Every Wednesday for the next several months, the sweet sound of music may be heard emanating from the library in Coldwater.

The newly formed Branch United Youth Choir, led by Joel Snyder, helps children in grades 2-6 develop musical skills. So far, it has drawn in roughly 25 children from throughout Branch County.

“We want them to enjoy music based on an understanding of music,” Joel said. “That’s what a choir gives (people).”

Joel said he teaches the children how to match pitch, how to sing in a choir, and how to read music. The level of musical skills children possess when they first come to the program can vary.

“Some have had piano lessons; some have very strong music programs in their schools, some don’t,” Joel said. “I assume that they don’t know anything going into it but they can learn anything.”

“I make it my mission to start from the ground up,” Joel added.

The program is funded by money raised during a benefit concert at Tibbits last year, held in memory of several family members of Susanne Wise and Diane Pridgeon. Pridgeon said she is excited about the program.



**The Branch District Library – Coldwater Branch is the meeting place of the new Branch United Youth Choir. The children’s choir group meets every Wednesday.**

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“There aren’t many opportunities for children to have instruction like this that’s totally free of charge,” she said.

Pridgeon said there is a need for such a program in Branch County.

“Unfortunately with the direction that the schools are heading ... children do not receive the same amount of music at the elementary level than what was happening five years ago,” she said. “This is answering that need for those that take up the opportunity.”

Cynthia Snyder, Joel’s mother, accompanies the children on piano. She also helps the children sing when needed. She said

music is just a part of life.

“I go to very few weddings, or even funerals, that don’t have music,” Cynthia said. “People sing when they’re happy, they sing when they’re sad ... they’ve proven, I think, that it has helped in other areas of learning.”

“It’s just something that never leaves you,” she added.

Cynthia said the reaction among the children so far has been very positive.

“It’s worked out nice though; the kids say ‘this is the only time I don’t have to be quiet in the library,’” she said.

The semester will continue until the spring concert in May. To continue

the program during the next school year, Joel said he will have to find additional funding as the money obtained through the benefit concert will have run out.

“I’m working towards incorporating and getting us nonprofit status so that we can ... get more donations and work out another method to maintain funding,” he said.

Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 4:30-5:45 p.m. at the Branch District Library – Coldwater Branch. For more information and to register for the program, call Cynthia at 586-292-6639.

The program is free to Branch County residents.

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BRANCH DISTRICT LIBRARY

# Bead collection on display

**Diane Hoskins, a private collector, donated some of her beads to be displayed at the Coldwater branch of the Branch District Library for the month of February.** COURTESY PHOTO

