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Koelble's Korner: Workshop: Help looking at job roles

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An Employment Skills Workshop, a cooperative effort of the Lake County Chambers of Commerce and Lake County Educational Service Center, is on the agenda from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday on the campus of Lake Erie College in Painesville.

It's not a new program, as next week's session will be the 16th, offering an opportunity for nonvocational high school juniors and seniors to help themselves gain insights on employment skills from local businesspeople.

Workshop participants will include 300 students from Fairport, Kirtland, Harvey, Lake Catholic, Lake Academy, Madison, Mentor, North, Perry, South, Riverside and Wickliffe high schools.

Each of the expected 300 students will attend a panel discussion by five business representatives on various career topics to help them become work-wise.

Panelists for the career sessions include **John Schwartz** of Purgreen Group Inc.; **Sandy Sisa** of the Lake County Juvenile Center; **Daniel Lastoria** of Electricians Local 673; **Jan. L. Hlahol**, **Linda Bosela** and **Jamie Martin** of Cleveland Clinic; **Matt Donovan** of Plumbers Local 55; **Tom Lix** of Lake Erie College; **Claudia Euse**, **Patrick Shannon** and **George Sample** of Lubrizol Corp.; **Denise Mercsak** and **Ryan Cueni** of Painesville Police Department; **Todd Alishusky** of Sheet Metal Workers Local 33; and **Raymond Paganini** of Cornerstone IT. Moderators will be **Marie Francosky** and **Apryl Dervay** of Lake Erie College, and **Marleen Birkey** of Kelly IT Resources.

Francosky, Dervay and Birkey are members of the committee which has worked hard with **John Weiss**, chairman and director of Lake Academy.

Others are **Michele Pokelsek** and **Tom Schultheis** of Lake Academy, **Denise Tomazic** of CGI Federal, **Deb Remington** of Lake Erie College, **Dave Enzerra** and **Mary Jane Sanders** of Lubrizol, **Lou Falk** (retired) and **Linda Reed** of Painesville Chamber of Commerce, **Joanne Zeroske** of Cleveland Clinic.

Motivational speaker **Donald McLeod**, founder and owner of Listen Up LLC, will address participants between 9 and 10 a.m. in Morley Music Hall, closing the day's program with a 30-minute wrap-up in the same location around 12:30 p.m.

Brunch will be served to students, depending on short breaks, between 10 a.m. and noon in Holden Center.

Another deadline near

Deadlines come... and deadlines go.

Another is due to arrive next Saturday, and unless it's met by those submitting birthdays or wedding anniversaries for St. Patrick's Day (March 17), it'll be gone without further fanfare.

Should you have a birthday or anniversary on that Irish heyday, send your name, address, phone number, and year of either birth or anniversary, to St. Patrick/Koelble, The News-Herald, 7085 Mentor Ave., Willoughby, OH 44094. The submission must bear a March 6 or earlier postmark to be considered for a "Koelble's Korner" list published March 13.

Another deadline is not too far down the road, a March 22 or earlier postmark for replies to an invitation for those with April Fool's Day birthdays or anniversaries. That's April 1 in case you didn't know.

The same procedure as to vital name/address/phone/dates should be sent to Fools/Koelble at the address listed above.

The list will be found in a March 27 "Korner."

One reminder is extended for either birthday or anniversary. None will be repeaters from previous years unless resubmitted during the current period.

March dates detailed

My monthly advance notice of scheduled "Mondays with Malta" radio shows came this week and the WELW-AM 1330 feature begins at 7 p.m. this Monday, emanating from The Captain's Club, 34870 Vine St., Eastlake.

Featured will be members from North High's first three Hall of Fame groups, with **Bob Foley** and **Tony Newman** helping Malta and **Ray Milavec** in hosting roles.

Villa Angela-St. Joseph Winter Sports Night is set March 8 from B.G.'s Old World, 661 E. 185th St., Euclid.

A repeat of last year's popular basketball game between Lake County high school basketball coaches and Broadmoor Bobcats will be center stage March 15 and March 22.

A preview of the game will occupy the first session, with those involved gathering at Cleats, 7693 Reynolds Road, Mentor. The March 22 game starts at 7 p.m. at Mentor High.

The month concludes with a high school baseball and softball preview on March 29 in the Radisson Hotel, 35000 Curtis Blvd., Eastlake.

Shore repeats

The final countdown Wednesday in Mentor's 48th annual "Cardinal Challenge," pairing students from the district's three middle schools, showed these point totals: Shore 360, Memorial 340, Ridge 140. The victory for Shore was its second in a row, the group topping last year's action with 550.

Helping co-worker

Co-workers in the Willoughby-Eastlake School District have been going an extra mile recently to help 30-year-old **Jeff Steinmetz** in his fight to overcome cancer. He plans to continue his battle to Sloan Kettering Hospital in New York.

His friends, along with many others interested, will share a benefit pasta dinner Friday at Panini's, 37333 Euclid Ave., Willoughby. Doors will open at 5 p.m., with dinner served between 6 and 9 p.m.

Donation is \$1, including dinner.

Always in spotlight

Health care has been an important topic, one that will be addressed at the next meeting of the Lake County chapter of Public Employees Retirees at noon Thursday in Dino's Restaurant, Interstate 90 and Route 306, Willoughby.

"Humana Medicare Advantage PPO" will be discussed by Humana representative **Tim Snyder**.

Lunch will precede the program and business meeting during which events and legislation affecting the retirees will be covered. Reservations may be made through Sunday by calling **Rose Wolf** at 440-953-3121.

Slight standing change

One switch in the top "Academic Challenge" standings came about during last week's action, Jackson Memorial (Stark County) moving into seventh spot with 510 points. Rootstown's 10th place position vanished.

Amherst Steele and Euclid were runners-up behind Jackson with 410 and 340 points, respectively.

Sandusky Perkins, Sandy Valley (Stark County) and Grand Valley battle for honors at 7 p.m. today on WEWS-TV Channel 5.

He's year older

Shiloh observed his second birthday Tuesday and Thursday marks a year since he has been with daughter **Kathy** and myself.

We marked his official birthday with appropriate acknowledgment — a yellow cupcake (chocolate is taboo), iced lightly and with two candles. The Lab-Beagle mix didn't take long to enjoy it, naturally, without the candles.

He's improved in many aspects but is no different than those loved and enjoyed by thousands of other happy owners. At various times, he boggles one's mind with his intelligence in knowing what's going on around him.

He's excitable, sometimes to the point of overexuberance which is being met with a necessary amount of understanding.

Why shouldn't he be treated with understanding?

He has shown the same on many occasions — especially when his older friend is not feeling well or his caretaker slipped on black ice during a walk and needed some attention.

Happy birthday!

Communication ...

"Don't knock the weather. If it didn't change once in a while, nine out of 10 people couldn't start a conversation." — **Kin Hubbard**

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