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Time Resolutions

by: *Christina Metcalf*

All business owners/managers usually have more on their to-do lists than there is time in the day. If becoming more productive is one of your New Year's resolutions, we have suggestions for you that could be a game changer.

One of the biggest productivity challenges is interruptions. But as a business owner/manager they're practically in your job description! You never know when someone will walk in or call. And while you want potential customers to do this in abundance, interruptions impact what you accomplish during the day.

One of the best ways to remain productive through interruptions is by planning. While you can't plan interruptions, you can create a list of things you need to do sorted by the amount of time it takes to do them (or at least an estimate). Weather you realize it or not, your day is filled with small pockets of time. Even when you feel at your busiest, you likely have a handful of minutes that you aren't maximizing currently. Creating this list will help you use every minute of your workday in the most efficient way.

Most to-do lists are organized around large demanding activities - the things with a noticeable deadline. Those small to-do lists are still very valuable, but the "Mystery Minutes" To-Do list will help you with all the time in between your large to-do's.

How Does a "Mystery Minutes" To-Do List Work?

First, make a list of the things you *must* do for your business that don't have pressing deadlines or have deadlines months away that you need to work on bit by bit.

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If you are an active Member of the Canton Area Chamber of Commerce you can host a Business After Hours.

Most of the time businesses will host a Business After Hours at a local bar or restaurant instead of their business location. It is easier to serve food and drinks.

Our Chamber office can help you get connected with a perfect location that is a current Canton Chamber member to help you host your month.

Giveaways from your business are highly encouraged.

Contact the Canton Chamber office to get more details. 309-647-2677

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WELCOME NEW MEMBER

JC Custom Laser Creations, LLC



JC Custom Laser Creations, LLC is owned and operated by James and Charleen (Charlie) Lingenfelter. They started their business two years ago at the end of 2020. Training for this specialized job happened in January of 2021. It was started as a small hobby which quickly turned into a small home business. They have high hopes to continue to grow and expand their specialized business.

JC Custom Laser Creations offer custom laser engraving on many items and materials. Anything from wood, leather, acrylic, glass, powder coated items, bamboo, and more. Examples of this would be cutting boards, keychains, awards, and their favorite tumblers. James and Charlie's daughter has recently joined them on this journey by doing her Laser cut earrings and have also partnered with local artisans and businesses to engrave on their handmade items. You will find a few items at Free Byrd in Canton, Timeless Creations at Northwoods Mall in Peoria IL, and they plan to add some of their custom products in other stores soon. As you would expect of a new start up business, JC Custom Laser Creations has done many vendor shows in the area. This year they are looking to engrave on site at vendor shows like Spoon River Drive.

Everything they engrave is fully customizable and can offer things that most places do not, which is personalization of anything from your business logo on a cup to grandma's handwritten recipe on a cutting board. They have also created fundraising opportunities for local groups, custom gifts, business merchandise, custom wedding favors and more. Charlie states "People bring us items they want to engrave with something special on them as well". Not sure what your business logo would look like on something, no problem they can show you before you buy.



Currently JC Custom Laser Creations does not have a storefront for you to stop by and see as they are still currently operating out of their home, however you can call, text or email them to set up a time to speak about starting an order or any other questions you may have. They are known for having customers over to see everything from start to finish and they absolutely love working with their customers to bring their visions they have to life. If you have an idea and you do not see it on their JC Custom Laser Creations, LLC Facebook page, just ask, James and Charlie are open to try new things.



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SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE IN 2023

With the New Year comes new Chamber sponsorship opportunities for 2023. Sponsorships are a great way to promote your business and help support wonderful community events that attract out of towners to come and enjoy our community. Sponsorships show attendees that you support your community and your Canton Chamber which in turn builds trust in your business and can create new customers, clients or patients.

Sponsorship Event	Sponsor Level	Sponsor Amount
98th Annual Dinner March 9, 2023	Lead Sponsor	\$350
98th Annual Dinner March 9, 2023	Supporting Sponsor	\$175
Golf Outing May 19, 2023	Lead Sponsor	\$1,000
Golf Outing May 19, 2023	Cart Sponsor	\$500
Golf Outing May 19, 2023	Tee Sponsor	\$175
Cruise-In June 16, 2023	Lead Sponsor	\$500
Cruise-In June 16, 2023	Supporting Sponsor	\$175
Meet the Candidates March & October	Program Sponsor	\$125
Taste of Canton September 24, 2023	Lead Sponsor	\$500
Taste of Canton September 24, 2023	Supporting Sponsor	\$175
Canton Area Young Professionals Outings Once a Quarter in 2023	Event Sponsor	\$300
Women In Business November 3rd, 2023	Program Sponsor	\$100
Youth Leadership Academy 2023-2024 school year	Program Sponsor	\$350
Holiday Lightshow Month of December	Lightshow Display Sponsor	\$2500- \$1000
Holiday Lightshow Month of December	Lead Sponsor	\$500
Holiday Lightshow Month of December	Supporting Sponsor	\$175



If you have interest in being a sponsor for a Chamber hosted event or have questions about event sponsorships contact the Chamber office at 309-647-2677 or email Chamber Director Carla Bobell at cbobell@cantonillinois.org.

There are some limits on sponsorships so be sure to request early. View the Sponsorship Chart for 2023 that gives an overview of all the sponsorships available throughout the year.

98TH ANNUAL CHAMBER DINNER

Nomination Form and Information

SAVE THE DATE!

The Chamber Annual Dinner will be coming up on Thursday, March 9th, 2023. Its purpose is to celebrate, honor and thank the membership and honor the Annual Chamber Excellence Award recipients. Nominations for the Excellence Awards will begin in January.

Do you know just the perfect person to be nominated for:

Business Person of the Year ~ Citizen of the Year ~ Educator of the Year

Go to the Chamber website to download or print off the application and be sure to have the nomination sent in to the Chamber office by February 3rd. You can also find the past Excellence Award Winners here. <https://www.cantonillinois.org/wp-content/uploads/Awards-Nomination-Form-2023>.



Excellence Awards Winners

Through the Years

Citizens of the Year

2022 Paula Grigsby
 2021 Carol Kohler
 2020 Carlye Beadles
 2019 Chad Murphy
 2018 Ron Brown
 2017 Nick Viano
 2016 Carla Bobell
 2015 Leonard Barnard
 2014 Scott Miller
 2013 Judy Anderson
 2012 Deb Rodney
 2011 Kevin Dearing
 2010 Butch Barnes
 2009 Jim Watts
 2008 Kevin Stephenson
 2007 Terry Parks
 2006 Gary Baker
 2005 Rick Klinedinst
 2004 Chuck Taylor
 2003 Gayle DeRenzy

2002 Beverly Jones
 2001 Paul Vonderhaar
 2000 Dave Grigsby
 1999 Jay Curry
 1998 Wayne Demott
 1997 Ed Lewis
 1996 Marty White
 1995 John Julliusson
 1994 Mike & Susan Walters
 1993 Gerald Foreman
 1992 Dave & Jayne Cope
 1991 Robert DeRenzy
 1990 Betty Stephenitch
 1989 Jack White
 1988 Gene Danner
 1987 Don Edwards
 1986 Leonard D. Barnard
 1985 James Elson
 1984 Jim Donnelly
 1983 Leo Sharp

1982 Charlie Wright
 1981 Nancy Elson
 1980 Tom Wood
 1979 Lorraine Farr
 1978 Don Cardosi
 1977 Vernon Sipes
 1976 Everett Howard
 1975 Carl Soldwedel
 1974 Otto Stephenitch, Gordon Linn, Wilbur Meadows, Jack Beale, Larry Ryner & Jim Vansickle
 1973 William Ingersoll
 1972 Robert Jennings, Roy Scalf & Ed Kaiser
 1971 John Davison
 1970 Dr. E.P. Coleman
 1969 Bob Ems
 1968 George Mathis
 1967 Vern Rider

Educators of the Year

2022 Kim Malone
 2021 Josiah Martin
 2020 Stacey Murphy
 2019 Nicole Cain
 2018 Mike Sorrell
 2017 Cynthia Hinchee
 2016 Kim Feiley
 2015 Jean Edwards
 2014 Kyp McLaren
 2013 Janice Sparhakel
 2012 Robin Tonkin

2011 Lynn Stephens
 2010 Julie Jenkins
 2009 Kristina Swardenski
 2008 Joe Roman
 2007 Nancy Howarter
 2006 Scott & Tracy Snowman
 2005 Bill Lingle
 2004 Gerald Haffner
 2003 Gary Grzanich
 2002 Darlene King
 2001 Debbie Berardi

2000 Phil Murphy
 1999 Jim Maynard
 1998 Harold Rose
 1997 Richard Etter
 1996 Sherril Havens
 1995 Fran Faulkner
 1994 Katherine Bolen
 1993 Stanley Ransom
 1992 Sue Stephenson
 1991 Jaki Kohler

Business Persons of the Year

2022 Fonz Hale
 2021 Scott Brown
 2020 Mark & Terri Anderson
 2019 Bob Senneff
 2018 Ashley Harper
 2017 Rob Bobell
 2016 Shirley Franzoni & Kent Janssen
 2015 Carol Davis
 2014 Jayne Cope
 2013 Kevin & Harriett Williams
 2012 Dr. Randy Klinedinst

2011 Kim Newburn
 2010 Charles Haggerty
 2009 Todd Fletcher
 2008 Shirley Archdale
 2007 Dennis Crawford
 2006 Don Heller
 2005 John Davis
 2004 Steve Hines
 2003 Billy Jump
 2002 Steve Joachim
 2001 Bruce Edwards

2000 L. Arlem Higgs
 1999 Mark Pirtle
 1998 Larrilyn Hoops
 1997 Max Scott
 1996 Dr. David Hahn
 1995 Claude Blessman
 1994 Anthony Rolando
 1993 Wayne Demott
 1992 Wilbur Meadows
 1991 Jim Carter

HOLIDAY LIGHTSHOW THANK YOU

We want to thank local businesses and individuals that helped make the Holiday Lightshow possible for it's very first year. Truly a community supported event!

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO
DONATED FUNDS TO HELP GET
THE HOLIDAY LIGHTSHOW OFF
THE GROUND THIS YEAR

\$1000 DONORS

DR. KROCK FAMILY
DR. RENICK FAMILY
GRAHAM HEALTH SYSTEM
ORWIG AUTO BODY

\$500 DONORS

BARMAC FARMS
CEFCU OF CANTON
IPA VA STATE BANK
JIM MALOOF REALTOR
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MIDAMERICA NATIONAL BANK
SNOWMAN REINDEER FARM
CARL & LINDA WALTER

\$250 DONOR

FULTON COUNTY FARM BUREAU

OTHER DONORS

APEX SEED COMPANY
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THANK YOU TO THESE LOCAL BUSINESSES & FRIENDS WHO HAVE ASSISTED IN MANY WAYS

All those who volunteered at shows
Camp Big Sky
Canton Area Chamber Board of Directors
Canton Park District
City of Canton
Davis Ford/Davis GMC
First Christian Church
Fulton County Septic
Hendricks Trucking & Materials
JC Custom Laser Creations
Progressive Vision Center
Spoon River Holiday Lights
West Central Powersports

We especially want to
thank Tim & Peyton
Lindsey for being the
masterminds behind
these awesome
lightshows.



We also want to thank the many businesses, non-profit organizations and churches who helped volunteer during the run of the lightshows selling tickets or directing traffic, even when it was cold!

Camp Big Sky, Canton All-Stars, Canton Area Chamber Young Professionals, Canton JFL, Canton Main Street, Canton SPARKS, Chamber Ambassadors, Chamber Board of Directors, Canton Youth Acres, CHS Band Students and P&O Band Club, Community Action Partnership of Central IL, First Baptist Church, Friends of Westview, Friendship Festival Royalty, Habitat for Humanity, Ingersoll PTO, Kosho Ryu Kempo, MidAmerica National Bank, and Nagle Accounting & Tax Service

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Next, organize it by the amount of time each item takes. For instance, if your to-do list contains “clean out the back storage room” the time assigned to that task might be something huge like two days (depending on the size of the area). If you’re like most business owners/managers, you don’t have two days to work on organizing your storage room. You either need to hire or assign someone to do that or you must do it when you’re off or closed.

However, if you break the task down into manageable smaller jobs, you can assign each a shorter timeframe. For instance, imagine you have three boxes on the floor in your storage room that you need to unpack and organize. If you write that as a standalone task, instead of lumping it in with the entire room organizations project, that job can be completed in a few minutes.



If you have large tasks break them into smaller components. List each component on your to-do list. While this will make your to-do list longer, it will also make it more “do-able.” Plus this to-do list isn’t something you’re going to finish today or even later this week. A Mystery Minutes To-Do List is one that uses down-time effectively whenever you have it to ensure projects get completed a little bit at a time.

Next, organize the list by shortest activity to longest based on time increments. Your list may have several 5-minute activities, 10-minute activities, 15-minute activities, and so forth.

Then take each task within the category and sort it by importance or upcoming completion date. For instance, if you have three 5-minute jobs with one of them coming due next month (and the rest of them not being deadline specific), place the task due next month at the top of your 5-minute category.

Throughout the day you’ll have time to work on your prioritized to-do list. You may not always realize whether you’re going to have five or ten minutes at your disposal. So, for those times when you’re not sure how much time you have, you can either choose the shortest activity on the list or you can select the longer activity knowing you will need to break it into multiple sessions. There are some occasions where you will know that you have ten minutes such as before a meeting, phone call or event. Make the most of that time!



It’s easy to allow ourselves to get bogged down in business. When business is nonstop and we have a few moments, we tend to use that time to catch our breath and don’t use it efficiently.

However, if you have a list of quick wins that you can conquer in a matter of minutes you not only will get more done, but you’ll also feel better about your day and what you have truly accomplished.

IT'S BACK! GLACIAL GOLF



Sat., Feb. 18, 2023

Putt-Putt Golf Tournament

11AM \$100 (Team of Four)

6PM FREE Beer Stein for each player!

Sign up at any participating bar.

Register by Wed. Feb. 8th.

Canton VFW Post 1984
Official Time Out
White Oaks Sports Bar
Brew-n-Cue
Billy's Tap
Jack's
Moore's Pub
Canton Elk's #626
American Legion
Josie's Tap
Country Line Bar & Grill

Beginning Location: Country Line Bar & Grill

Ending Location: Billy's Tap

Canton
MAIN STREET



MESSAGE FROM SPOON RIVER PARTNERSHIP FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Happy New Year! As this Chamber Courier is being released, we are all ringing in the New Year together. We hope that you had a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays the last couple of weeks!

As with each new year, the Spoon River Partnership for Economic Development is preparing to present our 2022 Annual Report to the Canton City Council, followed by the Fulton County Board. In early January, our report will be made available online at cantonillinois.org or via hard copy upon request at our office located at 48 N. Main Street in Canton.



Executive Director
Cole McDaniel

There has been plenty of projects completed and there is a lot to be announced as part of the 2022 Annual Report, so we hope you stay on the lookout over the next few days for a link and email directly to the report! Each year SRPED strives to help units of local government, small businesses, community leaders and residents to further the capacity and hands on initiatives for community and economic development throughout Fulton County, Illinois.

One example of direct local government assistance from SRPED has been the recommendation, establishment and programming of the Canton Business Development District #1. I will discuss in further detail what a Business Development District is, and what it means for the City of Canton, business owners, community members & entrepreneurs. With the strong foundation that the City of Canton is putting together, we are already starting to see multiple proposals and potential projects being introduced. We can't wait to share more about these exciting projects in early 2023.



Happy New Year
from the Canton Area
Chamber of Commerce



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Let's make it a great year!



The 150% Club is an optional membership upgrade that provides added exposure for your business. By paying an additional 150% of regular membership dues at the time of your renewal or new membership, your business can join the Canton Area Chamber of Commerce 150% Club.

Meet our
2023 MEMBERS

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- Advanced Rehab & Sports Medicine
- American Family Insurance
- American Legion Post #16
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- Canton Church of the Brethren
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- Canton Family YMCA
- Canton Harvester Inn
- CEFCU Canton Member Center
- Central Illinois Lighting & Signs, Inc.
- CFC Properties
- COOK Medical
- Crawford's Home Furnishings
- Dana Smith
- Dempster Insurance Agency
- First Christian Church
- Froehling, Weber & Schell, LLP
- Fulton County Emergency Medical Assoc.
- Fulton County Housing Authority
- Fulton County Septic
- Giant Goose Ranch
- G-M Mechanical
- Harold Jump
- Helping Hands Resale Shoppe
- Hocker, Fitzjarrald & Richardson, PC CPAs
- Holthaus Companies
- Hulvey Law
- Ipava State Bank
- JC Custom Laser Creations, LLC

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- Jones Surveying & Engineering Corp
- Kevin & Debbie Stephenson
- Kevin Meade
- Kiwanis Club of Canton
- Maurer-Stutz, Inc.
- Meade Law Office, P. C.
- MidAmerica National Bank
- Mid Century Fiber
- Midwest Dental
- Monical's Pizza
- MWC Advertising - Zak Edmonds
- North Central Behavioral Health Systems
- Oak-Hines Funeral Homes
- Official Time Out
- OSF Healthcare
- Otto Stephenitch
- Phil Miller
- Pizza Hut
- Progressive Vision Center, LTD
- Pure Green, LLC
- RK Dixon
- Rhoades Real Estate & Land Auction
- Scott Miller
- Sherwin-Williams of Canton
- Spoon River Media, LLC
- State Farm Insurance - Chuck Taylor
- Stinauer Family Dentistry
- Timbuk Tech, Inc.
- Town & Country Insurance Agency
- Unity Point Clinic of Canton
- VR Meat Company
- Walgreen's of Canton
- Walmart of Canton
- West Central Powersports