



**LEARNING THE ROPES**—Kristy Castillo (left), co-owner of Mane Street Salon, works with Kendal Kuhn as Sierra Orner takes a phone call. The two Morenci Area High School juniors spent Friday at the salon as part of a job shadowing experience.

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# A day in a life...

## *Economics class members go on job shadowing adventures*

By RILEY TERRY

Analyzing fecal matter for evidence of parasites and abnormal consistencies may not be your first thought when you consider the daily tasks of a veterinarian, but Courtney Fletcher had the chance to witness firsthand some of the things a vet encounters in the everyday routine.

As part of Mrs. Beach's job shadowing project, Courtney, along with the rest of Mrs. Beach's economics class, had the opportunity to spend a day in the life of those who engage in jobs that students may pursue in the future.

Courtney's day began with the castration of a small dog and was followed by several scheduled appointments. She aided in the analysis of the stool of two pups, Fred and Ethel, for worm eggs.

Courtney learned that in order to become a veterinarian,

a student must attend four years of undergraduate school and four years of grad school. After that you must take your national and state tests before you may be permitted to practice.

Learning the ability to help a sick or injured animal is one of the driving forces of becoming a veterinarian for Courtney.

Mason Vaughn took his job shadowing to the bank. He informed me that one thing that draws him to that job is the enjoyment that comes to him from working with money and people.

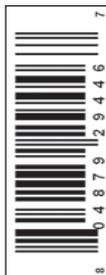
Some of the tasks he aided in Friday at First Federal Bank included taking part in the hiring process of an employee, sorting e-mails, and attending a retirement party.

Mason was surprised that he was asked to take a personality profile test and that his credit

score was referenced. The bank also did a background check on him. All are necessary steps in the hiring process. The academic requirements to work at the bank are only that you have graduated high school.

Down the street from the bank, Sierra Orner and Kendal Kuhn traveled to the Main Street Salon for their job shadowing. Sierra and Kendal spent most of the day answering calls and scheduling appointments. They also spent some time prepping tanning beds for patrons later in the day.

Sierra and Kendal's interest in the salon began when they were younger and often colored and cut the hair of friends and family



# Job shadowing

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members.

Becoming a hairstylist requires two years at beauty school, however, the classroom hours required differ between Ohio and Michigan. Kendal and Sierra both plan on attending school in Ohio, meaning they will need 1,900 hours of class time to get their licenses. Michigan only requires 1,500 hours.

Kendal plans to attend school for more than just hair styling skills. She also wants to learn nails, facials and waxing. One thing the girls were surprised to learn was that in beauty school they will have to learn anatomy. Who knew?

Across town, at the high school, Jazmin Smith and Ashley Taylor spent the day learning what it takes to be a teacher. Jazmin spent her day with Ms. Teel, the Spanish teacher at Morenci, and Ashley learned under Ms. Walker, who teaches English.

Ashley and Jazmin both were surprised to learn that a great deal of patience is involved in being a teacher. Students can often be rude or disrespectful to their teachers.

"I don't know how Ms. Teel does this every day," Jazmin said, her eyes wide.

They observed their teacher's classes and asked questions pertaining to the job. Ashley explained that she doesn't plan on becoming a teacher, but rather, she plans to pursue a career in anthropology. She shadowed Ms. Walker out of curiosity of what it is to be a teacher.

Jazmin explained that she chose Ms. Teel to shadow because she enjoys helping others learn—so much so that when she was younger she would play school with her younger siblings and help them learn the alphabet, numbers, and colors.

Apathy was a word that was used by both students to describe students today. After one



**INTERVIEW**—Riley Terry (right) interviews classmate Mason Vaughn about his experience at First Federal Bank. Vaughn had already sat in on a job interview session and completed other tasks. He was about to leave for Maumee for an employee's retirement party.

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**MESSY**—Courtney Fletcher prepares a sample of dog feces for testing while spending a day at Morenci Veterinary Clinic. Some students have an interest in pursuing a career in the field they chose to explore; others were just curious about what the job is like.

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day in the shoes of their teachers they looked tired and worn down.

In order to become a teacher you must spend four years at college and do one semester of student teaching.

All in all, most of the students seemed surprised at some of the tasks and temperaments required to do the jobs they are interested in. This project has allowed the students to look

through the blinds of adolescence into the house of adulthood.

I realized today that many jobs are looked at by what they seem to be on the outside, but inside there are a great many more tasks to be fulfilled than credit is given for.

• Riley Terry is a Morenci Area High School junior who chose the State Line Observer for a job shadowing experience.

## Veggie Mobile still making Thursday stops in Morenci

The ProMedica Veggie Mobile is now making stops at 14 locations around Lenawee County.

The addition of the Addison Senior Center is the newest location on the weekly calendar.

The Veggie Mobile continues its Morenci visit on Thursdays. The truck stops in Hudson at 9 a.m. before reaching the Morenci Senior

Center around 11:30 a.m. The ProMedica-sponsored truck with fresh fruit and vegetables is operated in partnership with the Lenawee Health Network and the United Way. Produce from local growers is making its way into the weekly offerings as the spring progresses. Bridge cards are accepted.

