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MANUFACTURING DAY EDUCATES STUDENTS ABOUT CAREER CHOICES

(St. Joseph, MO) -- The St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce is working with local manufacturers and the St. Joseph School District to host Manufacturing Day on Friday, Oct. 5.

Manufacturing Day is a national event that St. Joseph has participated in for three years that recognizes the contributions and advancements made possible through manufacturing companies and careers. About 500 students will tour different manufacturing companies in St. Joseph to learn about skills used, education needed and career options. Manufacturing Day activities are meant to change the image of the industry and help introduce high school students and families to industry changes.

The following manufacturers have scheduled tours or presentation events:

- Altec Industries, 2106 S Riverside Rd, St. Joseph, MO 64507
- Gray Manufacturing, 3501 S Leonard Rd, St. Joseph, MO 64503
- Herzog Contracting Corp., 4801 SE Riverside Terrace, St. Joseph, MO 64507
- LifeLine Foods, 2811 S. 11th Street Road, St. Joseph, MO 64503
- Nor-Am Cold Storage, 2700 Stockyards Expressway, St. Joseph, MO 64501
- Reardon Machine Co., 5015 U.S. Highway 169, St. Joseph, MO 64507
- Snorkel, 2009 Roseport Road, Elwood, KS 66024
- Summit Truck Group, 5906 Mitchell Ave., St. Joseph, MO 64507
- Van Am Tool & Engineering, Inc., 5025 Easton Road, St. Joseph, MO 64507

Students from Hillyard Technical Center, which educates students from around the region, will be in attendance. All events are invitation only.

"It's very important for our high school students to learn about the careers available to them in skilled manufacturing in St. Joseph," said R. Patt Lilly, President and CEO of the St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce. "As baby boomers retire, these high-skill, high-pay careers are becoming vacant. For our economy to continue to thrive, the next generation is needed to learn these skills and help keep the industry growing."

Media is invited to talk with employers, students and the Chamber of Commerce during a tour at:

12:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 5, Altec Industries, 2106 S. Riverside Road
Main office lobby, ask for Patt Lilly

The partner sponsors, which help make Manufacturing Day possible are: BKD CPAs and Advisors; BMS Logistics, Boehringer Ingelheim, GT Midwest, Hillyard Companies, I&M Machine & Fabrication, Kelly Services, North Central Missouri College, RitePack Inc., Sealed Air and Tyson Foods. For more information see choosesaintjoseph.com/mfgday

About the Chamber: Since its inception in 1862 as the Board of Trade of St. Joseph, the St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce has been the catalyst for economic growth and development in Northwest Missouri. The Chamber strives to be the unified voice of business that advocates, promotes and inspires the St. Joseph area. The Chamber's mission, supported by more than 1,300 members, is to create an environment that allows business to thrive and the community to prosper.

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