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Connecting the Chamber with members in a monthly news source.



ST. JOSEPH
Chamber of Commerce

Connections

The President's Perspective

School may be out of the year, but the Chamber's Workforce Alliance and their partners are still working hard on a quality workforce for tomorrow.

The Teacher Externship Program is ramping up for July. We will have teachers and counselors who will visit six local businesses to learn about career opportunities for students. They will spend four days discovering skills they can take back to the classroom and apply. This program is a great way for teachers and counselors to see firsthand the jobs we have in St. Joseph.

The Chamber of Commerce is constantly evaluating the critical needs of local employers. Workforce rises to the top of most every conversation. The Chamber partnered with Buchanan County, the City of St. Joseph, the St. Joseph School District, the State of Missouri and several local employers to gather funding for a Manufacturing Simulation Center on the Hillyard Technical Center Campus. The Simulation Center is set to open this fall providing a unique training experience for students pursuing welding, machining and industrial maintenance. This initiative will allow program expansion in Allied Health with a new program being created for Diesel Mechanic training as well.

North Central Missouri College has recently opened a cam-

pus in Savannah that will service certificate programs in manufacturing, as well as its allied health programs. This is a great new asset to our region.

Missouri Western State University, in partnership with North Central Missouri College, will grow the region's skilled manufacturing and construction workforce by establishing the Convergent Technology Alliance Center. This is another example of a true public/private partnership to provide opportunities in the community. CTAC is set to open this fall.

I am so proud of the community for coming together to create educational pipelines that will skill up the future workforce. For example, you can start allied health programs at Hillyard Technical Center, bridge to a program at North Central and then go on to MWSU for a bachelor's degree. These are pathways that are easy to access and give the ability to earn and learn. Please spread the word about these opportunities in our region. We will keep you posted as more information becomes available.



Natalie Hawn
President & CEO

NEW MEMBERS

The following businesses and individuals have been approved for membership in the St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce:

Platte River Tile and Drainage Supply, LLC

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Floor Coverings

Concrete Contractors

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Social Service/Welfare Organizations

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Skin Care

Insight Benefits, LLC

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Employee Benefits

Yes She Invests

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Community Organizations

Reed Cycles

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Motorcycles

Levy Craig Law Firm

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Sports

Entertainment

Green Gold Hops

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Agribusiness

FlightCrew Entertainment

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Event Production

The Great Frontier Hops Company

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Agribusiness

Midwest Homes & Restoration

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Roofing Contractors

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Community Organizations

The Buckle

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Retail

June Calendar

For more information, call 816/232-4461. **CREDIT CARD RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE ONLINE**, www.saintjoseph.com

5, 19 **Circle of Influence**

June 5 & 19 and June 13 & 27
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Guests Free

Circle of Influence is a leads group composed of small business professionals looking to exchange direct client referrals and leads. The group also provides a forum for the discussion of issues which businesses commonly encounter. Only one member per profession/speciality in each group is allowed. Cost is \$100 to join. There are two groups, one that meets the first and third Wednesdays and another that meets the second and fourth Thursdays. (Holidays affect this schedule.) Contact Tony Luke for more information, luke@saintjoseph.com or (816) 364-4101. Meetings held at Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center, 1201 Woodbine.

Lunch & Learn Seminar

*Lunch by
Gambino's Pizza*

Presented by Altec Industries, Inc.

During this session, Christel Gollnick of Juper Communications will speak on the topic "Growing Leaders across Intergenerational Teams." She'll give communication tips everyone can use to grow in this area.

Tuesday, June 11
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., \$12
United Way Board Room
118 S. Fifth St.
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED:
816/232-4461
or www.saintjoseph.com

DIPLOMATS CLUB Breakfast

Presented by Altec Industries, Inc., John Joe Insurance & Rogers Pharmacy

The Diplomats Club is a fun group that provides opportunities to promote your business and serve as a link between the Chamber and the community. Join them for their monthly meeting!

Thursday, June 13
7:15 a.m., \$10
Breakfast provided
Nor-Am Cold Storage
1301 Oak St., Elwood, Kan.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED:
816/232-4461 or www.saintjoseph.com

Parties on the Parkway

Presented by Nodaway Valley Bank

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and spread out along the Parkway while listening to some great local music. Country artist Michael Shaun Brown will perform. Food, treats and drink vendors available, no coolers allowed. A free balloon artist is available for the kids! Bring friends, family and pets and enjoy the beautiful parkway. Co-hosted with the City of St. Joseph.

Thursday, June 13
5 to 8 p.m., Free
SW Parkway and 28th Street

BUSINESS after HOURS

Presented by Altec Industries, Inc.

Don't miss Business After Hours! Bring your business cards and make some new connections.

Thursday, June 27
5 to 7 p.m., Free

Nold Bryant Planning and Investments
3101 Frederick Ave.

Public Affairs Coffee

Presented by Farmers State Bank

The Public Affairs Coffee series features issues involving social, economic, governmental, legislative and corporate activities that are of concern to Chamber members and the business community. This event will feature state legislators who will give a summary of this year's session.

Friday, June 28
7:30 to 8:30 a.m., \$15
Breakfast provided
Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center
1201 N. Woodbine Road

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816/232-4461 or www.saintjoseph.com

Know a business that should be a Chamber member?

Ask them to join today!

Contact luke@saintjoseph.com
or send them to our website:
saintjoseph.com

As summer approaches for many, it signals the beginning of "daisy season." Now, while many of us enjoy these delicious cocktails all year long, we thought this would be the perfect time to dive into margarita mixology, La Mesa style!



LOOKING FOR A WAY TO SPICE UP YOUR NEXT BUSINESS LUNCH EVENT OR FAMILY GATHERING?

La Mesa Mexican Restaurants offer catering services for St. Joe and surrounding areas! Whether you're hosting a business or family event, we can handle your catering needs with Mexican Specialties that will fit your party size and budget too!

So, the next time you're thinking catering, think La Mesa. We guarantee your group will be saying, "Muy Bien."

