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Connecting the Chamber with members in a monthly news source.



ST. JOSEPH
Chamber of Commerce

Connections

The President's Perspective

For more than 50 years, the Small Business Administration (SBA) has celebrated National Small Business Week, which recognizes the critical contribution of American's entrepreneurs and small business owners.

The Chamber has a line up of events to celebrate National Small Business Week the first week of May. Over 85% of our Chamber membership is made up of small businesses, not to mention all large employers started as an entrepreneur's dream. Supporting a small business not only helps your neighbor, but it also helps give St. Joseph residents and visitors lots of local and unique options they can't experience anywhere else.

Can you imagine St. Joseph without the big pink ice cream cone, Cherry Mash, Mod Podge, Juniper Lane, Hillyard, Hoof & Horn, Fredrick Inn or Adams Bar & Grill? And that's just to name a few great local businesses that make St. Joseph stand out!

The Chamber provides lots of resources to support start ups and small businesses through networking, education and promotion. But don't forget, we also house the Small Business Development Center in the Chamber offices. Rebecca Lobina, director, can be reached at (816) 364-4105. The services provided by the SBDC are free. Rebecca is available to assist individuals and businesses with issues involving business startup, expansion, purchase, sales, marketing, financial analysis and almost any other issue that presents itself to a current or potential small business owner.



Natalie Hawn
President & CEO

Please see a list of Small Business Week events on the back of the newsletter.

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

NEW MEMBERS

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

Eagle Strategies, LLC

Dalton Preston
400 Jules St., Ste. 202 (01)
(816) 279-7491

djpreston@eaglestrategies.com
Financial Services (Associate)

Regional Media Inc.

Lori Haws
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Maryville, MO 64468
(816) 814-4936
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Danielle Dalton
3723 Beck Road (06)
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www.danielledaltonrealestate.com
Real Estate (Associate)

FLYTECH Pilot Academy

Lute Atieh
200 NW Rosecrans Road (03)
(816) 722-5785
info@flystj.com
www.flytsj.com
Aviation

Adlee Conaway Insurance Agency, LLC

6402 King Hill Ave. (04)
(816) 238-5201
aconaway@amfam.com
amfam.com/agents/missouri/saint-joseph/adlee-conaway
Insurance (Associate)

Dennis Sneed Ford

Baron Washington, Jr.
1046 SW 169 Highway,
Gower, MO 64454
(816) 207-3673
baron@sneedford.com
www.sneedford.com
Automobile Dealers

Pete's Pest Control

David Easter
3005 Dover (06)
(816) 293-2727
d.easter@petethebugguy.com
Pest Control

Saint Joseph Army Recruiting Office

SFC Michael A. Cuevas Sepulveda
5301 N. Belt Highway No. 107 (06)
(816) 673-6958
michael.a.cuevassepulveda.mil@army.mil
www.goarmy.com
Government

Stine Seed Co.

Eric Webb
12720 SE Bigham Road,
Stewartsville, MO 64490
(816) 646-5511
jwebb@stineseed.com
stineseed.com
Agribusiness

Heartland Door and Window

Paul Daniel
5002 S.E. U.S. Highway 169 (07)
(816) 364-1670
paul.daniel@becn.com
Doors-Overhead

Gann Asphalt and Concrete Inc.

Nathan Scott
4124 N.W. Riverside St. Ste. A,
Riverside, MO 64150
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nscott@gannasphalt.com
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Asphalt Contractors

Chin Paradise Restaurant

Cer Par
3833 Frederick Ave. (06)
(816) 205-4408
chinparadise23@gmail.com
Restaurants

FULL SERVICE LAUNDRY (WASH, DRY AND FOLD) ALTERATIONS WEDDING DRESS PRESERVATION
TENNIS SHOE & SNEAKER CLEANING INDOOR & OUTDOOR CUSHION CLEANING



East Hills
Cleaners

NOW OFFERING TWO LOCATIONS TO BETTER SERVICE OUR COMMUNITY

3603 Faraon St.
Dry Cleaning
Drop-off Services
Pickup & Delivery

2327 Frederick Ave.
Laundry
Dry Cleaning
Drop-off Services
Pickup & Delivery

May Calendar

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

1, 15 9, 23 **Circle of Influence**

May 1 & 15 and May 9 & 23
11:30 a.m. to 1p.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.

9 **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, May 9
7:15 a.m., \$10

Breakfast provided
Belt Entertainment
210 N. Belt Highway

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

9 **Parties on the Parkway**

Presented by Nodaway Valley Bank

It's the first Parties on the Parkway of the year! Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and spread out along the Parkway while listening to some great local music. The band will be The All Stars Band, who will perform your favorite songs from a variety of genres and decades. 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.

Thursday, May 9
5 to 8 p.m., Free
SW Parkway and King Hill Drive

14 **Lunch & Learn Seminar**

Presented by Altec Industries, Inc.

Have finance questions for your business? Come learn from Jason Horn of Commerce Bank as he discusses and answers questions about business finance.

*Lunch by
Pronto Cafe*

Tuesday, May 14
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., \$12
St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce
3003 Frederick Ave.

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or www.saintjoseph.com

23 **BUSINESS after HOURS**

Presented by Altec Industries, Inc.

Don't miss Business After Hours! Bring your business cards and make some new connections. If you haven't visited the beautiful Shakespeare Chateau before, don't miss this opportunity to view its beautiful stained glass, decor and much more.

Thursday, May 23
5 to 7 p.m., Free
Shakespeare Chateau Inn & Gardens
809 Hall St.

Women's Leadership Group Social

Presented by Altec Industries, Inc., BMS Logistics, Inc., Candlewood Suites, Human Resource Management Association of Northwest Missouri, RitePack, Inc. Sealed Air Corporation, Top Property Realty LLC and Triumph Foods

Each month the Chamber and Northwest Missouri State University's Small Business Development Center bring business topics to light that are important to women. This month will be a social. The date, time and place are still to be determined. Watch your email and social media for more information.



April 29 - May 3

Presented by John Joe Insurance

We're celebrating Small Business Week with a variety of events and activities! Check social media and our website for more details.

All week: Participate in a social media campaign that celebrates small businesses. Share your favorite small businesses with friends through videos and photos. Make sure to tag them and use #sjchamber

Monday, April 29 -- 3 p.m. Open House at Business Workshop Sponsor Innovation Stockyard, 4221 Mitchell Ave. Come look at potential office and coworking spaces that are available. And Small Business Bingo, sponsored by Butchart Flowers, begins!

Tuesday, April 30 -- 3 p.m., Starting a Business 101 with Rebecca Lobina of the Missouri Small Business Development Center will be held at the Chamber and is sponsored by Innovation Stockyard. A Latino Business Seminar will be at 6 p.m. at Rolling Hills Library, 1904 N. Belt Highway.

Wednesday, May 1 -- Cup of Joe at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday at the East Hills Public Library and a Member Crawl to highlight small businesses.

Thursday, May 2 -- Small Business Owner Round Table Discussion and a workshop at 3 p.m. with Rebecca Lobina called "Understanding Your Customer." Both will be at the Chamber and the workshop is presented by Innovation Stockyard.

Friday, May 3 -- Downtown Scavenger Hunt. Visit downtown small businesses on a scavenger hunt. Pick up a map and win prizes! First stop is at Juniper Lane, 1113 Frederick Ave., anytime after 10 a.m. Turn maps in by 6:15 at a social at 1st Barrel Brewing, 510 Edmond St.