

August 2024

Connecting the Chamber with members in a monthly news source.



ST. JOSEPH Chamber of Commerce

Connections

The President's Perspective

August brings the end of summer and the hustle and bustle of back to school. I think back to my time in school and the teachers that had an impact on me.

My third grade teacher was Mrs. Smith, who saw a spark in my shyness and helped me come out of my shell. My eighth-grade teacher, Mrs. Burns, brought out a love for speech and debate that I didn't know I had. We all have those teachers who helped us along the way. On Aug. 6, I encourage you to remember your favorite teachers. We have the opportunity to support our local teachers and staff and let them know their hard work doesn't go unnoticed.

As I get out and talk to local businesses, supporting education continues to be one of the key topics. It is the number one issue I hear when asking why an employee doesn't live in St Joseph. Just like you invest in your workforce, we have to invest in a quality workforce for our school district. These are not only your children and grandchildren but the workforce of tomorrow coming out of our SJSD. We have to continue to

invest in it. Can we afford not to?

On Aug. 6, you will be asked to vote yes on Proposition S, which is a tax increase that allows the St. Joseph School District to increase staff and teacher pay. If approved, for example, if you own a \$200,000 home, your taxes would increase by \$18.86 a month.

I believe that it is our job as the local community to own the commitment to quality education. So, I ask all of you to do your part to support the SJSD now and into the future. Show up on Aug. 6 and vote yes. And please encourage your staff to do the same.



Natalie Hawn President & CEO

NEW MEMBERS

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

IV Nutrition
James Schoonover
6501 N. Belt Highway (06)
(816) 259-0258
stjoe@ivnutrition.com
stjoeivnutrition.com
Health Services

Kitchen Wise Closet Wise of Northwest MO
Mike Parrott
2327 Frederick Ave. (06)
(816) 762-7773
mparrott@kitchenwise.com
www.kitchenwise.com/nw-missouri
Storage

HLC Insurance
Caleb Wells
P.O. Box 8131 (08)
(816) 273-4216
insurancehlc@gmail.com
www.hlcinsurance.com
Insurance

A to Z Event Rentals
Aubrey Zimmerman
3804 Northridge Terrace (06)
(816) 261-0814
atozeventrentalsllc@gmail.com
facebook.com/atozeventrentals
Rental Services

The Mini Pearl
Rayne Cox
18500 State Route K (05)
(816) 244-5258
rayneanne22@gmail.com
facebook.com/theminipearl2023
Rental Service

The Provident Brunch House & Brewery
Janaha Anderson
513 Francis St. (01)
(816) 656-8117
janahabelieves@gmail.com
brand.site/the Provident
Restaurants

From the Ground Up Physical Therapy & Wellness, LLC
Trennon Roarty
2202 Locust St. (01)
(816) 323-0992
info@fromthegrounduppt.com
www.fromthegrounduppt.com
Physical Therapy/Rehabilitation

Drewes Brothers Land & Cattle, LLC
Trevor Drewes
13758 Farmers Drive,
Craig, MO 64437
(816) 262-1304
trevordrewes@gmail.com
Agribusiness

Tabula Rasa, LLC
Cody Trover
2809 S. 33rd Terrace (03)
(785) 991-1048
tabularasallc2020@gmail.com
Painting Contractors

Great White Printing, LLC
Edric Zaruba
1704 Center St. (03)
(909) 910-9881
edriczaruba@gmail.com
Printers

The Comfort Center
Erica Walker
1804 N. Belt Highway (06)
(816) 279-1511
thecomfortcenter@gmail.com
www.thecomfortcenter.com
Swimming Pools & Spas

Victory GMC
Chris Yates
2008 N. Belt Highway (06)
(816) 396-5822
cyates@victorykc.com
www.victorystjoe.com
Automobile Dealers

Born To Be Wild
HARLEY-DAVIDSON
GIVEAWAY

AUGUST 31 | 7PM-10PM

Win a 2024 Harley Glide Revival!

LIMITED EDITION ONLY 1,700 PRODUCED!



EARN ENTRIES AUGUST 1-31

ST JO FRONTIER CASINO
ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI

777 Winners Circle
St. Joseph, MO 64505

StJoFrontierCasino.com



August Calendar

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

Open Spaces Downtown Tour

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Are you thinking of opening a business, or need a new space? See the opportunity that awaits in Downtown St. Joseph. Tour buildings available for rent or for sale, learn about permitting and how to get your small business started along the tour route. This event is held in partnership with Main Street St. Joseph. The tour will start at the Trunk Building, 716 Felix St., and will include three to four other properties.

Tuesday, Aug. 6
3 p.m. Free
The Trunk Building
716 Felix St.

7, 21
8, 22

Circle of Influence

Aug. 7 & 21 and Aug. 8 & 22
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.

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Parties on the Parkway

Thursday, Aug. 8
5 to 8 p.m., Free
Corby Pond
Rain date: Aug. 15

Presented by Nodaway Valley Bank

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and spread out along the Parkway while listening to some great local music. St. Joseph band Doc's 100 Proof will perform R&B, Disco and Funk music. 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.

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DIPLOMATS CLUB Breakfast

Monday, Aug. 12
9 a.m., \$10

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

Diplomats Day at Chiefs Camp Presenting Sponsors: BlueScope Buildings North America, Preferred Title of St. Joseph, LLC, Top Property Realty, LLC and Triumph Foods LLC

Breakfast provided
Chiefs Camp, MWSU
4525 Faraon St.

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

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! This is a special meeting at Chiefs Training Camp. Diplomats, look for an email for more information. **Limited seats available. First come, first served.**

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Lunch & Learn Seminar

*Lunch by
Little Caesars*

Presented by Altec Industries, Inc.

"How to restore quality over quantity and turn workplace purpose into passion."

Do you find yourself overwhelmed with the influx of tasks needing to be completed daily in your workplace? Do you feel there has been an extreme change in the quality of employees? Do you wish you had more hours to work on scaling your business or working more on your purpose versus hiring or doing interviews? This coaching workshop aims to help create, enhance, maintain, and sustain a more high-performing, quality-focused workplace environment, increasing employee passion and productivity. This coaching from Demetrius Chance will help you understand and analyze your employees' psychological and emotional similarities and differences, develop a more cohesive and productive working environment, and increase purpose and value, leading to increased production.

Tuesday, Aug. 13
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., \$12
St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce
3003 Frederick Ave.

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

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BUSINESS after HOURS

Presented by Altec Industries, Inc.

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

Thursday, Aug. 22
5 to 7 p.m., Free

Niche of Time Jewelry
2221 N. Belt Highway
Woodlawn Shopping Center



Looking for a job?
See our jobs board.

**Want to make a job
posting on this site?**

Go to

choosesaintjoseph.com/job-post-form

(Small employer listings appear under
the Chamber icon.)