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ST. JOSEPH  
Chamber of Commerce

# Connections

## The President's Perspective

### Investing in the Future: Launching St. Joseph Young Professionals

At the St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce, we believe in building a community that works for everyone—and that includes the next generation of leaders. That's why I'm proud to announce the official launch of St. Joseph Young Professionals (SJYP), a new initiative designed to connect, support, and empower emerging talent in our region.

Young professionals are not just the workforce of tomorrow—they're contributing, investing, and leading today. Whether they're launching startups, joining established businesses, or taking on roles in education, health care, manufacturing, and beyond, these individuals bring fresh perspectives and a hunger for growth. As a Chamber, it's our responsibility to help ensure they see a future here in St. Joseph.

St. Joseph Young Professionals provides a platform for connection, leadership development, and civic engagement. Through networking events, professional development opportunities, and community involvement, SJYP will help young adults build strong roots in our community and strong relationships with one another.

Why does this matter? Because when young professionals feel connected and supported, they're more likely to stay. They're more

likely to buy homes, raise families, start businesses, and give back. In a competitive talent market, investing in our young leaders is one of the smartest things we can do—not just for workforce retention, but for the vitality of our entire region.

We invite businesses, community leaders, and young professionals themselves to be part of this effort. Encourage your employees to join. Mentor someone. Show up and support the events. The first one is July 16 (more info on the back). Help us make St. Joseph not just a place to start a career—but a place to stay and grow.

The future of St. Joseph is bright, and it starts with the people who choose to build their lives here. Let's give them every reason to stay.



Natalie Hawn  
President & CEO

## NEW MEMBERS

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

#### Tee'd Up

Desire Wahlgren  
504 Edmond St. (01)  
(816) 617-7001  
teedupgolf@yahoo.com  
teed-upgolf.com

#### Entertainment

**74 Madison Group at Morgan Stanley**  
Andy Fent  
11161 Overbrook Road, Ste. 225  
Leawood, KS 66211  
(913) 991-3348  
andy.fent@morganstanley.com  
advisor.morganstanley.com/74-madison-group

#### Investments

**Moony's Coffee**  
Elizabeth Generaux  
17071 S.W. Peck Road,  
DeKalb, MO 64440  
(816) 646-8918  
egeneraux@gmail.com

#### Food Service

**Shimer Cleaning Co.**  
Nathan Shimer  
511 S.E. Moore Road (04)  
(816) 248-2118  
shimercleaningco@gmail.com  
www.shimercleaning.com

#### Window Cleaning

**Music Machine DJ and Emcee Service**  
Gary Murphy  
1707 Brookside Drive (06)  
(816) 244-8039  
garyandvickimurphy@hotmail.com

#### Music

#### Collision Leaders of St. Joseph

Rex Jones  
3900 Frederick Ave. (06)  
(816) 232-5886  
accounting@collisionleaders.com  
www.collisionleaders.com

#### Automotive Repair

**Aura Furnishings**  
Isaac Black  
315 S. Belt Highway (06)  
(816) 238-3363  
issacblack@rentallsj.com

#### Furniture

**Bankers Life**  
Ashley Lamm  
1213 N. Belt Highway, Ste. A (06)  
(816) 396-0058  
ashley.lamm@bankerslife.com  
www.bankerslife.com

#### Retirement Planning

**Knockouts - Haircuts for Men**  
Diane Stanley  
1213 N. Belt Highway (06)  
(816) 749-4777  
dianestanley1@gmail.com  
www.knockouts.com

#### Beauty Salons & Services

**Victory Chevrolet**  
Billy Davidson  
401 E. Main St.,  
Savannah, MO 64485  
(816) 324-3161  
bdavidson@victorykc.com  
www.buyavictorychevy.com

#### Automobile Dealers

#### Jake Anderson Shelter Insurance

305 S. U.S. 169 Highway,  
Gower, MO 64454  
(816) 424-3031  
jakeanderson@shelterinsurance.com  
www.shelterinsurance.com/ca/agent/jakeanderson

#### Insurance

**Epiphany Dermatology**  
Savanna Valles  
805 N. 36th St., Ste. D (06)  
(816) 608-2652  
info@epiphanydermatology.com  
www.epiphanydermatology.com/location/  
st-joseph-mo

#### Health Services

**Sun Panel Homes**  
John Norton  
1932 Frederick Blvd. (01)  
(816) 476-1013  
sunpanelhomes@gmail.com  
sunpanelhomes.com

#### Home Builders

Know a business that  
should be a Chamber  
member?

Ask them to join today!

Contact [luke@saintjoseph.com](mailto:luke@saintjoseph.com)  
or send them to our website:  
[saintjoseph.com](http://saintjoseph.com)

# July Calendar

For more information, call 816/232-4461. CREDIT CARD RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE ONLINE, [www.saintjoseph.com](http://www.saintjoseph.com)

2, 16  
&  
10, 24

## Circle of Influence

July 2 & 16 and July 10 & 24  
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/specialty 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](mailto:luke@saintjoseph.com) or (816) 364-4101. Meetings held at Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center, 1201 N. Woodbine Road.

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## Lunch & Learn Seminar

*Lunch by  
Longboards Wraps and Bowls*

**Presented by Altec Industries, Inc.**

Topic -- Small Business Financing: Loan Opportunities at Mo-Kan

Looking to expand or enhance your business by purchasing property or equipment? Mo-Kan's loan officers will walk you through SBA 504, 7(a), and Revolving Loan Fund opportunities.

Since 1982, Mo-Kan has partnered with the SBA to provide commercial loans to local small businesses, providing them an opportunity to access much needed capital at a fixed, long-term rate. It works with you and your bank to develop a business plan and financing mode. Come learn if its programs can help make your business goals a reality.

**Tuesday, July 8**

**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](http://www.saintjoseph.com)**

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## DIPLOMATS CLUB Breakfast

**Presented by Altec Industries, Inc., Nodaway Valley Bank & 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, July 10**

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

Breakfast provided  
St. Jo Frontier Casino  
777 Winners Circle

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED:**

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## 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 music. Enjoy Fast Times, an 80s cover band. Food, treats and drink vendors will be available. No coolers allowed. A free balloon artist is available for the kids! Bring friends, family and pets and enjoy the beautiful parkway.

**Thursday, July 10**

**5 to 8 p.m., Free**

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**Rain date: July 17**

## Member Appreciation Week!

This is our week to give back to you and thank you for being members. Make time to participate in one of these free events!

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### Lunch with Staff and Board

Tuesday, July 15, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Free, RSVPs required

Chamber Board Room

### Drink Break

Free hot & cold caffeinated drinks in the  
Chamber parking lot

Thursday, July 17, 1 to 2 p.m.

### Members Thanking Members!

Friday, July 18, All Day

Visit a fellow member, take a photo, tag @  
saintjosephchamber on Facebook for a  
chance to win a \$50 gift card to a Chamber  
member business

### Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, July 16, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Chamber Board Room

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## St. Joseph Young Professionals

**Presented by Altec Industries, Inc.**

Join St. Joseph Young Professionals for a Network on Tap—a casual, come-as-you-are happy hour designed to help you make meaningful connections in a relaxed setting. Enjoy light appetizers & cash bar. The first 20 attendees receive a complimentary drink. No registration required, just show up and bring a friend! This is a great chance to meet other professionals in your age group, discover new opportunities, and unwind after work. If you're between the ages of 20 & 40, this group is for you!

**Wednesday, July 16**

**6 to 7:30 p.m., Free**

Parkway Distillery

415 N. 13th St.

For more info email

[masters@saintjoseph.com](mailto:masters@saintjoseph.com)

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## BUSINESS after HOURS

**Presented by Altec Industries, Inc.**

Don't miss this fun Business After Hours. Have some food and drinks and maybe meet your next business connection. Bring your business cards!

**Thursday, July 24**

**5 to 7 p.m., Free**

The Story Collective

114 S. Seventh St.



### *Ninth Annual* **CELTIC STREET FAIRE**

**3 to 9 p.m.**  
**Saturday, Sept. 13**  
Coleman Hawkins Park at Felix St. Square

*Featuring*  
**The Elders - O'Riada Manning Irish Dancers -  
Damian McCarthy - Beer & Whiskey Tasting**



*Learn more at*  
[stjoeaoh.com](http://stjoeaoh.com)