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ST. JOSEPH
Chamber of Commerce

Connections

The President's Perspective

Investing in Tomorrow's Workforce

The future of St. Joseph's economy depends on the students sitting in our classrooms today. Preparing them with the skills, experiences, and confidence to succeed is one of the most important roles we share as a community.

This October we have two great opportunities to see that in action. On October 2, students from across the region will take part in Manufacturing Day. They'll step inside local facilities, see advanced technology at work, and hear directly from the people who make our manufacturing sector one of the strongest in Missouri. Experiences like this help students better understand the many career pathways available right here in our community.

Shortly after, on October 14 and 15, we'll host the My Success Event, where a couple thousand high school students will connect with employers from a wide range of industries—manufacturing, healthcare, technology, skilled trades, and more. This hands-on career exploration helps students picture their future in St. Joseph while giving businesses a valuable chance to meet and inspire the next generation of talent.

Events like these are about more than a single day's experience—they are investments in our future. They strengthen the pipeline between education and employment, making sure young people can see a future here and employers have the talent they need to grow.

I encourage our members to get involved—whether by opening your doors, volunteering at events, or simply sharing your story with students. Your participation makes a difference, and together we can ensure a strong and vibrant workforce pipeline for years to come. If you'd like to participate in either of these events, please e-mail arthur@saintjoseph.com.



Natalie Hawn
President & CEO

Need help recruiting or retaining talent?



Uncommon Life is here to make recruiting employees to work and live in St. Joseph easier. The Chamber has incorporated the Made with Uncommon Character brand to highlight why St. Joseph is a unique place...and why your recruits should call it home. This includes tools for you as a recruiter or human resources specialist to use when hiring and getting new hires acclimated to the community.

On the web: uncommonlife.info E-mail arthur@saintjoseph.com



Chamber Blood Drive -- St. Joe Battle of the Badges

Tuesday, Oct. 28, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 29, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

3122 Frederick Ave.

Visit savealifenow.org to register and enter code CBBU. At the event you can vote for Police, Firefighters, EMS, Sheriff and Highway Patrol.

NEW MEMBERS

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

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Employment Services

John's Quick Lube

Harley Elliott
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Automotive Repair

Love's Travel Stops

Hannah Crise
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Convenience Stores

Olsson

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Engineering

SAVE YOURSELF TIME, MONEY & CONFUSION

CUSTOMIZED HEALTH INSURANCE FOR:

Individuals, Families and Small Business

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October Calendar

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1, 15 9, 23	Circle of Influence 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 or (816) 364-4101. Meetings held at Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center, 1201 N. Woodbine Road.	Oct. 1 & 15 and Oct.. 9 & 23 11:30 a.m. to 1p.m., Guests Free
2	Manufacturing Day Manufacturing Day is a national day set aside to recognize the importance of the manufacturing industry and the diverse, highly-skilled, jobs that are available in our community. Held in October of each year, companies open their doors to students to display and discuss the industry and the possible career paths available.	Thursday, Oct. 2
7	Open Spaces Downtown Tour Are you thinking of opening a business, or need a new space? See the opportunity that awaits in Downtown St. Joseph. Start at 2 p.m. with a "How to Start a Business" workshop. Tour four to five buildings available for rent or for sale from 3 to 5 p.m. and enjoy a social at The Den at 5 p.m. Also get updates on what's happening downtown.	Tuesday, Oct. 7 2 p.m. Free 801 Felix St.
9	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, Oct. 9 7:15 a.m., \$10 Breakfast provided Pizza Ranch 3007 N. Belt Highway Ste. A RESERVATIONS REQUIRED: 816/232-4461 or www.saintjoseph.com
11	Donut Dash 5k+ Presented by Gold-N-Glaze Donut & Coffee Shop Join us for a family-friendly 5k+ run/walk through historic St. Joseph, featuring and benefiting Mount Mora Cemetery, Robidoux Row and Patee House museums. Strollers and pets welcome. Stay after the run for brunch at the Hi-Ho! Children 12 and younger are \$15.. More info and register at saintjoseph.com .	Saturday, Oct. 11 8 a.m., \$35, includes T-shirt Patee House Museum 1202 Penn St. Fee is \$45 after 9/26 (no shirt)
14,15	My Success Event Presented by Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health Thousands of high school students will learn more about possible career paths at this year's My Success Event. Representatives from St. Joseph businesses will interact with students during this two-day event.	Tuesday & Wednesday, Oct. 14 & 15 Civic Arena 100 N. Fourth St.
14	Lunch & Learn Seminar Presented by Altec Industries, Inc. Topic -- Workplace Yoga Come learn from Jessica Bledsoe from Evolve Studio about the benefits of workplace yoga.	Tuesday, Oct. 14 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
23	SPECIAL BUSINESS after HOURS Presented by Altec Industries, Inc. Don't miss this Business After Hours. Bring your business cards and make some new connections. This month is our special Chiefs-themed business mixer. Wear your gear & win prizes!	Thursday, Oct. 23 5 to 7 p.m., Free St. Jo Frontier Casino 777 Winners Circle
24	Women's Leadership Group Presented by Altec Industries, Inc., BMS Logistics Inc., Candlewood Suites, Human Resource Management Association of Northwest Missouri, RitePack, Inc., Sealed Air Corporation, St. Jo Frontier Casino and Top Property Realty LLC She Means Business Shop Crawl -- In honor of National Women's Small Business Month, come support some of your favorite local small businesses. Your registration gets you an exclusive shopping experience. The first 50 registered will receive a swag bag of goodies. Refreshments will be offered and a chance to win prizes.	Friday, Oct. 24 5 to 9:30 p.m., \$30 AR Workshop 3855 Frederick Ave. Register through AR Workshop
29	SMALL BUSINESS SUMMIT Presented by Fastgas, SJC Marketing and St. Joe Petroleum Co. Inc. A Cup of Joe Book Club meeting starts at 8, followed by its entrepreneurial discussion at 8:30 a.m. then learn from specialists during breakout sessions on small business topics, get consultations during the Resource Fair and hear a keynote speaker. Lunch is included. This year hear Jon McGraw, of Vision Pursue, speak about "Managing Stress and Emotional Intelligence."	Wednesday, Oct. 29 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., \$25 MoWest Fulkerson Center 4525 Downs Drive