

Manufacturing Day set for Oct. 18

*Several local companies will
open their doors to students*

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MOUNT VERNON — Eight local companies will open their doors to high school students on Oct. 18 as part of the annual celebration of Manufacturing Day.

Manufacturing Day is a national event held in October and executed at the local level, states a Jefferson County Development Corporation (JCDC) news release. It is supported across the country by thousands of manufacturers as they host students and teachers at open houses, plant tours, and presentations designed to showcase modern manufacturing technology and careers.

In Jefferson County, the event is presented by JCDC and Man-Tra-Con. This year, eight Mount Vernon companies will open up on Oct. 18 for more than 120 students from all Jefferson County High Schools and Wayne City Unit 100. This is part of an effort to change the perception about today's manufacturing envi-

ronment and draw attention to the "outstanding opportunities" that a career in manufacturing can provide, the release states.

"There is an increasing demand for highly skilled professionals in the manufacturing sector who can design, program, build, and operate

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technology," said JCDC Executive Director Tony Iriti. "It's our job to expand young people's knowledge of manufacturing and show them that Jefferson County is a great place to live and work."

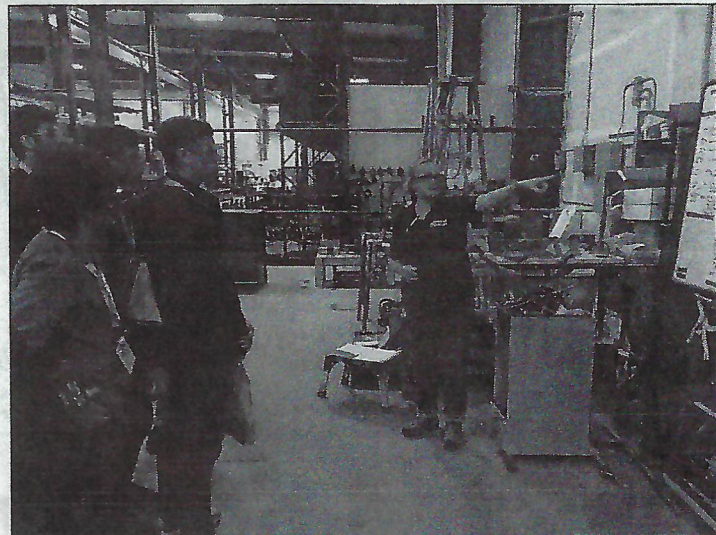
Mount Vernon companies that are participating in this year's Manufacturing Day include: Walgreens Distribution Center, Phoenix Modular Elevator, Continental Tire the Americas, Bennett Metal Products, InnoTech Manufacturing LLC, Mount Vernon Outland Airport, Schulte Industries, and National Railway Equipment Co.

Planned activities will demonstrate opportunities in manufacturing from administrative, product support, sales and marketing, engineering, and manufacturing. All presentations will be interactive, hands-on, and filled with examples, discussions, and learning, the news release states. This is the sixth year that Jefferson County has taken part in Manufacturing Day.

Allison Allgaier, president of Phoenix Modular Elevator, said Manufacturing Day allows students to see the manufacturing process happen and speak to employees in a variety of positions at the company.

"It showcases the variety and diversity of manufacturing job and career opportunities in the county," Allgaier said of the event.

Mount Vernon Airport Director Chris Collins also



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MANUFACTURING DAY — Eileen Chabot, **RIGHT**, of Phoenix Modular Elevator, speaks to local high school students during the 2019 Manufacturing Day event. Phoenix Modular Elevator will once again be one of the companies to open their doors to students at this year's Manufacturing Day on Oct. 18.

remarked Thursday on the importance of Manufacturing Day.

"We're always honored that we've been selected to host the tours and we believe aviation is a great career field," Collins said. "Not just from a pilot's standpoint but an aircraft maintenance standpoint and all the other service roles that there are."

Collins said airport officials will primarily talk to the students about piloting and maintenance since those are the main things done at Mount Vernon Airport. However, they will also mention the other service aspects of aviation as well. Without pilots and mechanics, trans-

portation really suffers, Collins added.

"So it's great that the youth of our community and the county are going to get to hear about some of these things, so maybe there's a chance we can inspire someone to go into one of these fields," Collins said.

The JCDC has extended a special "thank you" to the manufacturers, educators, Allison Allgaier, and Kathy Lively at Man-Tra-Con for "their support and hard work in making Manufacturing Day 2022 possible," the news release states.

For more information on Manufacturing Day, visit www.mfgday.com.

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