

## NEWS RELEASE

### Behlen celebrating 75th Anniversary

# 75 Years of PRIDE

COLUMBUS – It has been 75 years since the late Walt Behlen invented the steel toe caps for boots in the family garage. But that moment launched a business that has grown into one of the longest operating businesses in the Columbus area and one of the largest employers.

To mark the occasion, Behlen Mfg. Co. is hosting its Diamond Anniversary celebration from 3-6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17. A public open house will be held at the plant at 4025 E. 23rd St. and will include tours of the facilities and refreshments. Company, state and local officials will speak, starting at 4 p.m. A special invitation has been extended to Gov. Dave Heineman.

In 75 years, Behlen has grown from Walt's ideas and innovations forged in his family's garage, to a company that manufactures products that circle the globe.

Behlen is led by Phil Raimondo, who is president and CEO of Behlen Mfg. Co. Tony Raimondo Jr. is vice chairman of the Behlen Board of Directors. Lyle Burbach and Dick Casey are senior vice presidents of Behlen Mfg. Co., and Tony "TR" Raimondo is chairman of the board of directors and coach.

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