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Investor Spotlight



US Bank

We would like to thank US Bank for their recent sponsorship of our Entrepreneurial Boot Camp that was held at Progress Lakeshore.



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Wisconsin Family Turns Autobody Business into Metal Fabrication Shop



Matt and Chris Brunner closed their longtime autobody shop to start a small-scale metal fabrication operation in Manitowoc.

The 100 percent original vintage flatbed belongs to 56-year-old Chris Brunner, who for 18 years owned and operated an autobody shop in Manitowoc.

"I'm into old vehicles and I've always had old trucks," Chris said. "But the minute I saw that picture of this old '35, I knew I had to have it."

The truck, however, has become more than just a prized possession. It represents a major transition Chris and his son Matt, 29, have undergone over the past several months: turning the family's longtime autobody shop into a metal fabricating shop, Brunner Fabrication LLC.

Read the full article by [clicking here](#)

Regional Benefit Survey Results

2018 NEWREP BENEFIT SURVEY

We are pleased to release the results of the Regional Benefit Survey in partnership with Fox Cities Regional Partnership and the nine Counties in the Northeast Wisconsin regional Partnership (NEWREP). Multiple counties are available. If you participated you will have received a link to download directly from the Fox Cities Regional Partnership.

Non-participants are able to purchase survey results for \$125 at: <http://www.foxcitiesregion.com/benefit-survey/> \$25 from each survey sold will go to Child Care Resource & Referral of the Fox Valley to advance implementation and promotion of Family Friendly Policies in the workplace.

Please contact Progress Lakeshore (920.482.0540) with questions

Farm Wisconsin Discovery Center - Job Opening

Job Title: Executive Director

Position Purpose: The Executive Director is responsible for the organization's consistent achievement of its mission and financial objectives. Building a development and fundraising strategy to sustain ongoing operations will be one of the primary goals of the position. Position is responsible for clear and consistent messaging, educational programming, and effective outreach. Position is responsible for the overall management and providing leadership to the management team.

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MARKETPLACE Wisconsin, the Governor's Conference on Minority Business Development

Are you ready to start or grow your business in Wisconsin? Each year, MARKETPLACE helps minority, woman and veteran-owned company representatives learn about doing business with state, federal and local agencies as well as corporations. These markets represent billions of dollars of annual purchasing with special programs to include minority, women, veteran and disadvantaged business owners. Meet with potential buyers, identify funding sources, connect with business assistance resources and build their capacity at MARKETPLACE.

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Oak Creek Approves \$200M Amazon Distribution Center

Amazon.com Inc. and a Texas developer will pledge to create 1,500 jobs and spend \$200 million building an ecommerce distribution center in Oak Creek under an agreement the city approved Tuesday.

That agreement also pledges \$16.9 million in city financing to support the planned 2.6-million-square-foot building near Ryan Road and Interstate 94. It is planned to open in the first quarter of 2020 and have 1,500 workers by the end of 2021.

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Free Small Business Counseling Available

Once a month, a counselor with the Green Bay SBDC (Small Business Development Center) meets with entrepreneurs and existing business owners at Progress Lakeshore. These are free sessions that are designed to help answer any questions or concerns that you may have, and move your business onto the next stage.



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To schedule an appointment with a SBDC counselor, contact our office at 920.482.0540. The next session is held on November 29th.

Connect with policymakers in Madison and D.C. at Washington Seminar

Do you know a student who is interested in learning how our government works? Let them know about this unique opportunity to see public policy first-hand in Madison and Washington.

Now in its fourth year, the Wisconsin Institute for Public Policy and Service (WIPPS) is accepting applications for the Washington Seminar study away program in Madison and Washington, D.C. from May 28 - June 15, 2019.

For more information [click here](#)

Browsing WARF, WiSys Portfolios for Industry Topic

More than 3,000 homegrown, academic discoveries are available for licensing by industries in Wisconsin - and it's not that hard to shop for what you need. Learn more about the patent portfolios of the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation and its sister organization, the WiSys Technology Foundation, at the Thursday, Dec. 13 meeting of the Tech Council Innovation Network in Appleton.

Panelists are Jennifer Cook, associate director for WiSys Technology Foundation, which patents technologies developed through 11 UW System universities and licenses those inventions to companies; and Greg Keenan, accelerator program manager for Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation, which is among the oldest and most successful technology transfer offices in the nation and is the designated patent and licensing organization for the UW-Madison.

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Tailored Training Helps Swagelok Expand Operations

Swagelok, a manufacturer of fluid system products, assemblies, and services for the research, instrumentation, process, oil and gas, power, petrochemical, alternative fuels, and semiconductor industries, recently announced it will open a new Global Headquarters and Innovation Center at its Ohio location. The company expects to invest between \$30 and \$50 million in the campus and it will house 300-350 associates, with room for future job growth.

Offsite they have a unique program with a local community college, Tri-C, and a local manufacturing group Magnet called Right Skills Now. Its focus is on training CNC operators. The program combines 180 hours of training with 320 hours of paid internship. Training is offered both day and evenings. Students scoring 70% or better with perfect attendance in training will be offered an 8-week paid internship at Swagelok Company.

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