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FCDC Member Feature

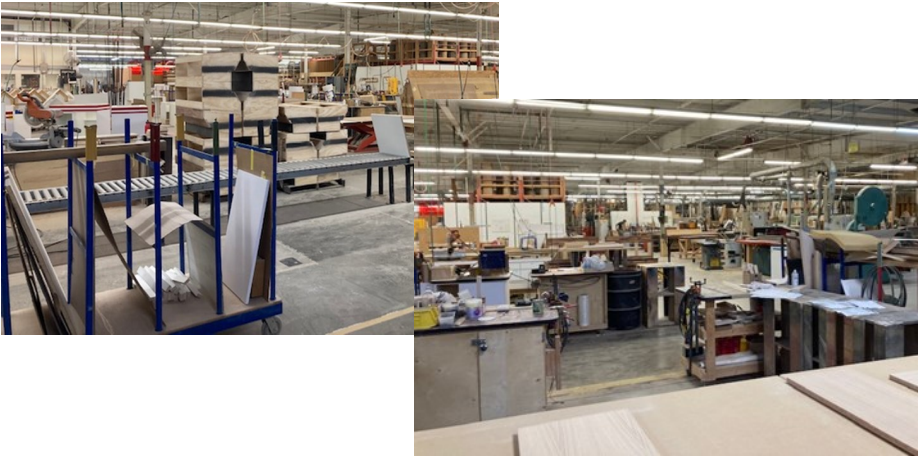


Once again, I have the privilege to share with you a brief background about a local industry that is and has provided quality product to many well-known businesses. Many of us have spent some time at Chuck E Cheese with kids! Did you know that we have a local industry that has built much of what you saw inside those locations? Yes, Midwest Cabinet has worked with these companies and many more. Jimmy Johns, Denny's, Steak n Shake, Applebee's, Houlihan's, IHOP are all places most of us have stopped for a meal. They have also done work for Cabela's, Kansas Speedway, and Kansas University. This Franklin County industry serves the local and global economy.

I recently had the distinct pleasure to sit down with Bob Howell to learn more about this local gem. The company was started in 1984 here in Ottawa. Bob originally came from Ohio but was a Chiefs fan. As a result, he came to Ottawa to be close to his favorite team. Now, that is a TRUE fan! Bob's partner is JR Bessette and John Griffin. Bob is quick to point out that JR is the engineer and design expert. I can see he is very talented. If you walk the floor of the business, you can see that Bob is pretty good at running a business too.



Midwest Cabinet is a long-time community member. They have seen their employment numbers as high as 184 and as low as 45. Their ability to survive and thrive over the years is a testament to their product, their family feeling workplace, and their dedication to their customers. Most of the customers they have these days is due to word of mouth. Midwest Cabinets has an outstanding reputation with the industries they serve. This is a credit to this great company and their leadership over all these years.



While they have assisted many companies around the globe, they have provided true value to our local community. They have done outstanding work for the new Holiday Inn here in Ottawa. In addition, they have done work for Advent Health and work closely with Loyd Builders. I know they did some terrific work for Ottawa University while I was employed there. In addition to providing quality work to our community, they have provided quality jobs and been a true asset for many years to our local tax base. Our community is better because of Midwest Cabinet choosing to locate here in Ottawa.

If you know someone that is looking for work in a family friendly environment, with the opportunity to learn many skills and have room for advancement, I suggest you tell them to reach out to Midwest Cabinet today. The business is relationship driven with customers, vendors, and employees. You can feel it the minute you walk in the door. Reach out to Shayleen Powell and you will quickly see what I am talking about.

To learn more about this great asset to our community, please look them up at <https://www.midwestcabinet.com/>

It is a GREAT day to live in Franklin County!

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