

75 YEARS SINCE BREMEN CASTINGS OPENED ITS DOORS



You know a business is tied to its community when that community is found in its name. Case in point: Bremen Castings Inc. (BCI) has been a fixture in Marshall County since its founding in 1939.

BizVoice featured BCI in our March-April 2013 edition (check out the article in the archives section at www.bizvoicemagazine.com). At that time, over 20% of its staff had been with the company for more than a decade, and *Inc.* magazine named it one of America's 5,000 fastest growing companies in 2012.

The family-owned foundry celebrated its 75th anniversary in March this year and president JB Brown credits the longevity and success of the company to its forward-thinking business model, streamlined day-to-day operations and a fully engaged staff. The company frequently honors its employees by promoting their achievements on its social media feeds.

"It is crucial for everyone to be a team member and an active citizen within our communities, so we strive to cast each employee into a valuable and responsible individual," Brown explains in a statement. "We have a set of core values that we want everyone to have and appreciate."

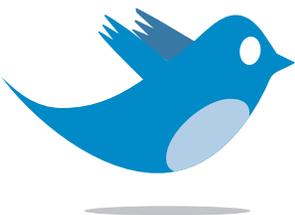
The statement continues:

Originally named Bremen Gray Iron foundry (the name was changed to Bremen Castings Inc. in 1972), the company was established on March 17, 1939 by Ellis Brown, Charles W. Kling and Harold Heckamen with an initial investment of \$10,000. Some of the first customers included Bendix Corporation, Clark Equipment and Ford Motor Company.

Since its inception, Bremen Castings has grown from an 800 square foot building to its current 125,000 square feet with more additions planned for the future. The company has continued to stay at the forefront of the foundry industry, having won numerous awards for its safety, technology and environment-friendly manufacturing. Today, Bremen is still privately owned and operated by the Brown family.

What's Chirping on Tweet Street?

The Indiana Chamber has over 11,000 followers. Are you on the list? Here are some examples of recent activity:



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The Indiana Chamber is endorsing @HaleIndy (D-District 87) for re-election to the IN House [@tiny.cc/briirjx](http://tiny.cc/briirjx) @inhsedems #INlegis

.@americanpicker Mike Wolfe on prowl in Indiana – including a stop in Indy and filming a pick in Auburn <http://ow.ly/zrvVs> #history

Our BizVoice package on cycling in IN includes @muknights, @citybloomington, @zippspeed, @indianastate, @natrilgear <http://ow.ly/zpSbl>

Now accepting applications for Best Places to Work in Indiana 2015 – deadline is Nov. 21 <http://ow.ly/zpw99> #BPWIN15

.@ivytechcc to launch aerospace program – plans to help lift Indiana's aviation sector <http://ow.ly/zppjL>

Nice spotlight on Dubois County by @GerryDick & @IIB on this week's show, shot in historic League Stadium (of "A League of Their Own" fame).

Chamber President Brinegar comments on new report from state's Blue Ribbon Panel on Transportation Infrastructure <http://tinyurl.com/kduk7h7>

What others are saying to – or about – the Indiana Chamber:

@WUISharvest: @IndianaChamber looks at impact of #UAVs on agriculture in the Midwest <http://goo.gl/ljEfuW>

@IndianaRailRoad: We're excited to meet with @Indiana_EDC and @IndianaChamber today to talk #FreightRail and explore #EconomicDevelopment opportunities!

@i4qed: Teachers chat with @IndianaChamber on evolving traditional school counseling model. #teachervoices #INedchat pic.twitter.com/sCe49fTDcT

@rex_bolinger: An #Indiana and #US crisis - @IndianaChamber survey shows skills gap #PLTW pledges to erase in US indy.st/1lzpHib

@indianaINTERN: Alyssa DelPrete is halfway through her summer #internship at the @IndianaChamber. Check out her thoughts here: bit.ly/1lyYU5F

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