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A Mazak laser is programmed for use at Hastings HVAC.



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A brake press is used at Hastings HVAC at 3606 Yost Ave.



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Components go through the final assembly area at Hastings HVAC.

## HVAC's new president seeks more expansion

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**W**hen you're hot, you're hot. Lifelong Hastings resident Shawn Hartmann is certainly that. The 1990 Adams Central High School alum and Central Community College graduate was recently named president of Hastings HVAC, climbing the ranks from his short-lived purchasing agent position (which lasted all of four hours, he recalls) in 2007 through research and development, technical support, manufacturing and sales management and vice president roles to reach the top rung on the company ladder.

It's a position he's anxious to explore, one that he feels he has been preparing for his entire professional career.

A natural born leader, he has worked his way up through the ranks with various local tool and die companies, utilizing his CCC degree serving customers both local and abroad.

He is confident the gained experiences will serve him well as he looks to grow and expand operations around the globe for the Hastings-based HVAC commercial equipment manufacturer located at 3606 Yost Ave.

"Right now, we want to expand and would like to find a few other lines so we can continue to build and grow," he



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Shawn Hartmann is photographed with a counter flow (back) and duct furnace (left) that were manufactured at Hastings HVAC.

said. "We build residential and commercial equipment, and it would be nice to have some other HVAC-related things we can manufacture along with the equipment we do to complement it."

"We sell equipment nationwide and on both sides of the ocean: Australia, north and south across both borders, and a few things to the east, as well. We'd like to continue to expand

our national and global market."

Hartmann happened upon his opportunity to join the Hastings HVAC team through a chance encounter with company owner Vern Powers at the gym.

Having recently wed Avani Day Spa owner Elizabeth Israel, he decided he was ready to settle down in a position that would enable him to trade his long-time night shift sched-

ule for daytime hours. Both the job and marriage have proven to be ideal matches, he said.

Like Powers, who served two terms as Hastings mayor, Hartmann has a passion for growing his native city.

As both a soon-to-be-declared candidate for mayor himself in the 2024 race and Hastings HVAC president, his aim is to create new opportunities for the city to grow through increased

business dealings beyond its borders, creating a work environment that benefits its collective work force and businesses alike.

"As a worker who has worked his way up through the ranks, I understand what it's like to work for a living all day long," he said.

"We're really happy to be in Hastings, bringing dollars from outside the city into the city. As a global distrib-

utor, we're not selling stuff around the corner. We're selling in Ohio, New Mexico, New York ... and using those dollars to pay our employees.

"We buy local as well, spending dollars with other local vendors in Hastings. That's the main thing: it's important to have companies like us to reintroduce outside dollars to this community."



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