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Jeff Boldt  
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Dear Mr. Boldt,

I am enclosing the La Crosse Area Chapter's 26th entry for the Gold Ribbon and Lou Flagg award. The La Crosse Area Chapter, 115, is pleased to submit the history of a company. That company is Bagniefski Heating/Cooling of La Crosse, Wisconsin.

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## HISTORY OF A COMPANY

### BAGNIEFSKI HEATING / COOLING

Lawrence Bagniefski started working at Badger Corrugating Co. in 1940 for Clarence Sexauer as a tin smith, building duct work for heating systems at that time. Most heating systems were fired with coal, wood and some oil burners.

In 1947 and 1948 he did the work mostly from his house on East Ave., in La Crosse, WI.

In 1961 he purchased land at 1209 S. Sixth St. in La Crosse and built the Bagniefski Heating / Cooling business. Earlier it was known as East Avenue Sheet Metal until in 1963 it was incorporated into Bagniefski Heating. The sheet metal service included four brothers - Don, Ken, Bob and Fred, and was known as B & B Sheet Metal from 1967 until 1984.

In 1984 Tim Cavadini, Route 2 Bangor, and Larry Silha, 929 S. Fifth Ave., La Crosse purchased an interest in Bagniefski Sheet Metal, Heating and Cooling at 1209 S. Eighth Street. They joined Robert Bagniefski.

Bagniefski does sheet metal work and installs heating, ventilating and air conditioning equipment for residential, commercial and other customers if they feel they can meet customer requirements.

In this day of high efficiency equipment they continue to attend seminars and conferences to stay up to date on the latest "state of the art" information.



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