

NOVEMBER'S BUSINESS OF THE MONTH!



The Savanna Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce Johnson Plumbing & Heating as November's business of the month!

How long have you been in business?

Will started Johnson Plumbing in 2011 as a sole proprietor and then incorporated to Johnson Plumbing and Heating, Inc in 2019.

What is your favorite part of your business?

Our work days are never the same; this is definitely not a repetitive job. Will spends a lot of time in the field working hands on still, while the office is taken care of by Marci.

What services or products do you offer?

We are a full-service plumbing shop offering new plumbing, repairs to existing plumbing, water heaters, water softeners, reverse osmosis systems, iron filters and drain clearing. We service all furnace and AC models as well as being a Carrier and Comfortmaker dealer for new installs and duct cleaning.

What is your background? Education, work experience?

To be a plumber in Illinois you need to be licensed with the Illinois Department of Public Health. The following are the requirements to be able to test for your plumbing license: Applicants must be U.S. citizens (or in the process of declaring citizenship), have been employed as a licensed apprentice plumber for a minimum of 4 years, and have successfully completed at least 2 years of high school or equivalent in addition to completing an approved course instruction through a college, university or trade school.

How did you get started in this business?

I started in 2002 changing from a carpentry job to start a plumbing apprenticeship with a local business. I stayed with that business until 2011 when I started Johnson Plumbing out of my garage. From my garage I opened a shop behind Main Street until 2013 when our shop moved to the chestnut park area. We now have a second location with a shop and office in Mt. Carroll and employ 6 technicians, 1 co-op student and 2 office personnel.

How did you get the background and skills necessary to run this type of business?

It's actually a combined family effort. Will had gotten his experience on the job, through his apprenticeship and Marci has managed the bookkeeping end of it which was learned over years working for other businesses.

Where do you see your business in the next year?

This is a hard one to answer this year. As for everyone who has a small business, we are doing all we can to keep our employees and customers safe while still be able to provide our services to them. We are very fortunate to be in a business that has kept us very busy even during these unprecedented times.

If you have one piece of advice to someone?

If you are interested in plumbing or HVAC and your school aged, check with your school and see if they offer a co-op class, we have been very fortunate to have co-op students work with us to get a feel if this is a career they would like to pursue. Also, in our area there are several technical schools that offer HVAC training.

