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Economic Outlook 2018 Invitation

Friday, January 05, 2018 RSVP by February 1st, to Paula Young at 269 441-1667 or young@bcunlimited.org Click on the link below for a copy of the invitation: Economic Outlook 2018 Invitation We look forward to seeing everyone there! ...

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January 5, 2018

Prairie Farms building \$29 million expansion to Battle Creek facility

Prairie Farms building \$29 million expansion to Battle Creek facility Thursday, January 04, 2018 Prairie Farms Dairy Inc. is investing nearly \$29 million in a state-of-the-art addition to its Battle Creek facility. It will be Prairie Farms's only bottling plant that will produce ultra-high-temperature pasteurized milk products, which will give them additional shelf life...[READ MORE HERE](#) ...

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Janesville Acoustics

Thursday, December 21, 2017 Janesville Acoustics is moving 79 jobs to Battle Creek. Janesville Acoustics located in the Fort Custer Industrial Park in closing down it's Richmond, Indiana facility...[READ MORE HERE](#) ...

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December 21, 2017

Request for Proposal: Distillers, Brewers Brew & Pubs

Thursday, December 21, 2017 Are you the newest great Midwest Brewery, Brew Pub or Distillery? Are you looking to grow into another market? If so, Battle Creek Unlimited is looking for you. Click

on the RFP link below to find the Request for Proposal (RFP): RFP Deadline for submission is March 2nd ...

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December 21, 2017

Joe Sobieralski, President & CEO, Contract Extension

Friday, December 15, 2017 NEWS For Immediate Release Effective Immediately

Continuity to Continue at BCU Battle Creek, Mich. – December 14, 2017 – The Battle Creek Unlimited (BCU) Board of Directors is pleased to announce the contract extension of Joe Sobieralski as President & CEO. Sobieralski joined BCU in December of 2015, as Vice President and was quickly appointed Interim President & CEO. In October of 2016, the Interim title was removed ...

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December 15, 2017

Request for Proposals on Downtown Buildings

Friday, December 15, 2017 Battle Creek Unlimited seeks request for proposals from reputable, experienced developers who have the interest and capacity to revitalize downtown properties at: 15 Carlyle Street, 64 W. Michigan Avenue, and 119 W. Michigan Avenue. Interested parties should click on the links below for the request for proposal information for each property: Proposals will be accepted through Friday, March 2, 2018 ...

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Eight Battle Creek firms receive \$325,000 for worker training from state

Eight Battle Creek firms receive \$325,000 for worker training from state Tuesday, December 05, 2017 Eight companies with a presence in Battle Creek have been awarded more than \$325,000 collectively from the State of Michigan to develop the local workforce...[READ MORE HERE](#) ...

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December 5, 2017

Battle Creek's National Guard 110th Attack Wing receives prestigious unit award

Tuesday, December 05, 2017 Battle Creek's National Guard 110th Attack Wing receives prestigious unit award by NEWSCHANNEL 3 The 110th Attack Wing of the National Guard in Battle Creek received the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. BATTLE CREEK, Mich. — For it's work with remotely piloted aircraft and cyber defense operations, the 110th Attack Wing of the National Guard, at the Battle Creek Air National Guard Base, received an Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. "The 110th Attack Wing is honored to have received the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, which clearly demonstrates the outstanding accomplishments of our incredible team of Airmen," ...

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Jackpot! KCC gets \$2.15M for Regional Manufacturing Technology Center

Jackpot! KCC gets \$2.15M for Regional Manufacturing Technology Center Thursday, November 02, 2017 Noe Hernandez, Battle Creek Enquirer Published 12:04 p.m. ET Nov. 2, 2017 | Updated 1:14 p.m. ET Nov. 2, 2017 [CONNECTTWEETLINKEDINCOMMENTEMAIL](#) Kellogg Community College's will get \$2.15 million from the state to renovate its Regional Manufacturing Technology Center in

Battle Creek. The Legislature's Joint Capital Outlay Subcommittee approved a grant for the renovations on Wednesday, nearly 18 months after Gov. Rick Snyder signed a capital outlay bill into law. "We are grateful for Governor Snyder, members of the Michigan Legislature and representatives of several local organizations, including the city of Battle Creek and the ...

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November 2, 2017

Duncan Aviation expanding in Battle Creek, will create 50 jobs

Wednesday, October 11, 2017 Natasha Blakely, Battle Creek Enquirer Oct. 11, 2017 (Photo: Al Lassen/For the Enquirer) The airplane maintenance and repair company is moving forward with its plans to lease a hangar at Battle Creek Airport. The company expects the expansion to create 50 new jobs over the next three years. Duncan Aviation is the world's largest privately owned business jet support facility. It was founded in 1956 and opened up a facility in Battle Creek in 1998. The company did a major expansion in Battle Creek in 2005, but is now at capacity and has even had to turn away some ...

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October 11, 2017

Shabaka Gibson Joins Battle Creek Unlimited as New Vice President

Friday, September 22, 2017 Battle Creek, Mich. - Battle Creek Unlimited (BCU) is pleased to announce the addition of Shabaka Gibson as its newest Vice President. Gibson's work will encompass Retention, Expansion and Workforce. He will work along with the rest of the BCU team as they continue with innovative solutions to generate jobs and investment in Battle Creek. A former Southwest Michigan native and retired Army reservist, Gibson returns with over a decade of vast experience in business, policy and economic development from overseeing operations abroad to local municipal government as the Village Manager of Stevensville. Gibson has experience ...

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September 22, 2017

Metal finisher may bring 94 jobs to Battle Creek

Thursday, August 17, 2017 Metal finisher may bring 94 jobs to Battle Creek Noe Hernandez, Battle Creek EnquirerPublished 11:06 a.m. ET Aug. 17, 2017 | Updated 3:06 p.m. ET Aug. 17, 2017 A metal finishing company planning to build a factory in Battle Creek may bring 94 jobs to the area. City commissioners on Tuesday approved a resolution for a Sept. 5 public hearing on a 12-year property tax abatement for Bowers Aluminum Company, which hopes to build a 68,850-square-foot facility on a 27-acre site in the Fort Custer Industrial Park. The plant, which would have an address of 1401 Shiga Drive, would be built ...

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August 17, 2017

Battle Creek Unlimited Welcomes Adam Reid

Friday, May 05, 2017 Battle Creek, Mich. - Battle Creek Unlimited (BCU) is pleased to announce the addition of Adam Reid as its newest team member. Reid will be Manager, Special Projects & BC CAL KAL Inland Port Development Corporation. Over the next six and a half months, Reid will work closely with Jan Frantz as she transitions to full retirement from her role with BC CAL KAL and Foreign - Trade Zone 43. BC CAL KAL is a nonprofit corporation which markets and administers Foreign-Trade Zone 43, serving a 14-county area including Allegan, Barry, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Clinton, ...

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May 5, 2017

Robert Corder Joins Battle Creek Unlimited as New Vice President

Friday, April 07, 2017 Battle Creek, Mich. - Battle Creek Unlimited (BCU) is pleased to announce the addition of Robert Corder as its newest Vice President. Corder's work will encompass Attraction and Development. He will work along with the rest of the BCU team as they continue with innovative solutions to generate jobs and investment in Battle Creek. Corder has almost a decade of experience in economic development and foreign investment. Most recently he served as the Business Development Project Coordinator at the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) based out of Chicago, Illinois. During his tenure there, Corder successfully facilitated ...

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April 7, 2017

BCU Board of Directors Removes Interim Title - Taps Joe Sobieralski as BCU's Next President & CEO

Thursday, January 26, 2017 Battle Creek, Mich. - The Battle Creek Unlimited (BCU) Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Joe Sobieralski as its next President and CEO. Sobieralski joined BCU in December of 2015, as Vice President and was appointed Interim President & CEO in July 2016. "We feel Joe has done a great job during his tenure as Interim President & CEO, he has demonstrated many of the qualities that the Board seeks in a President & CEO," said John Gallagher, BCU Board Chair. "We feel those qualities are imperative to move the organization forward, ...

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January 26, 2017

PSA: Recreational activities prohibited in Fort Custer Industrial Park

Tuesday, November 08, 2016 CONTACT: John Wright, Facilities Coordinator, Battle Creek Unlimited 269.924.5032 Wright@bcunlimited.org November 8, 2016 - Battle Creek, Michigan - All off road motorized vehicles including snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, motorcycles and all other recreational vehicles are prohibited on all public and private land in Fort Custer Industrial Park. Violators on property posted "No Trespassing" will be subject to prosecution. Fort Custer Industrial Park contains underground utilities, hazards to motor vehicles operating off the road, and pedestrian and vehicle traffic dangers. Furthermore, the use of firearms, hunting and fishing are prohibited on all public and private land in Fort ...

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November 8, 2016

Doug Voshell Returns to BCU

Tuesday, August 16, 2016 Battle Creek, Mich. - Battle Creek Unlimited (BCU) is pleased to announce the hiring of Doug Voshell, past Vice President of BCU, as a consultant. Mr. Voshell first joined BCU in August of 2008, as the Marketing Director. In April of 2016, Mr. Voshell retired after almost eight years with BCU. After four months of retirement, Mr. Voshell has fondly agreed to join back forces with BCU on an as needed basis working on Battle Creek Tax Increment Finance Authority (BCTIFA) special projects as a consultant. The depth and breadth of Mr. Voshell's knowledge and experience ...

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BCU Promotes Long Time Employee Bridgette Jones to Vice President

Battle Creek, Mich. - Battle Creek Unlimited (BCU) is pleased to announce the promotion of Bridgette Jones to Vice President of Retention and Development which focuses on retention and development initiatives along with TIFA projects, and the BC Vision. Ms. Jones started her career with BCU in 1998, and since that time has held various positions with increased responsibility. Ms. Jones has risen to each of the challenges presented to her over the years and has consistently gone above and beyond for the organization. In December of 2015, Ms. Jones received her Master's Degree in Business Administration from Western Michigan University ...

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August 11, 2016

BCU Rewards Local Companies and Closes out the Battle Creek Jobs Fund Program

Friday, January 08, 2016 BATTLE CREEK, - Battle Creek Unlimited (BCU) presented a check for \$180,000 to Cosma Casting, Michigan and a check for \$60,000 to Post Consumer Brands for their completion of the Battle Creek Jobs Fund Program. The Battle Creek Jobs Fund (BCJF) is a performance-based, incentive program funded by a grant through the W. K. Kellogg Foundation aimed at reducing the number of families living below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines. This program provided an incentive to new prospects looking to locate in Battle Creek and existing employers looking to create new positions. In addition, the program offered ...

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