

Inspiration for the Next Generation: Fischer's Dedication

The majority of local folks I have featured are well over the age of thirty-five. This could be because they worked many different careers before settling on opening their own business or because starting your own business from scratch takes a lot of positivity, dedication, determination, and just plain guts, which for most of us is hard to muster all together. While those are absolutely necessary to be a small business owner, opening a business on your own is even harder if you do not have the support of much of your family and friends. Some people can push through this possible obstacle to succeed and persevere in their field. One such gentleman determined to stick with it is 26-year-old Preston Fischer of Fischer Ag Repair and Fischer Seed. Preston's repair shop is technically located just a few miles north of Lake Lillian, but he saw a need for the farmers of this area, so his shop can be anywhere you need him to be. Preston runs his ag repair service from his family's farm and from a full-service truck that he can bring to anyone's farm in the event that immediate repairs are necessary.

Preston grew up on his grandparent's farm helping milk the cows, learning all about seed, and tinkering with the tractors and farm equipment alongside his grandfather. He grew up with farmers, is a farmer, and knows what farmers are concerned about. He carried these fond memories of tinkering with his grandfather with him into adulthood and completed diesel mechanic's school at Alex Tech after graduating from ACGC in 2008. He then got a job working at the John Deere dealership in Willmar and learned the in's and out's of repairing combines and various other farming equipment for five to six years. In 2014, at just 24 years old, Preston decided to venture out on his own. Preston figured he needed to at least try it, and if he failed or things didn't work out then he was still young enough to do something else. He began offering his repair service to locals beginning with friends and family. Fischer Ag Repair has grown from a side hobby for Preston to a full-time, round-the-clock business in a matter of just two years. When asked how he was handling the fast-paced and continued growth, Preston explained he's enjoying staying busy and helping people. He knows there's no going backwards, not that he wants to, and you've got to "go big or go home" if you want to have your own business. Initially, he thought this side tinkering would bring in a little extra money, but this last year and especially the last few months have shown him that growth is never-ending and nothing to be afraid of.

As for what he offers, Preston has a full-service repair truck which means he can travel just about anywhere to come help you get your combines or tractors repaired. While everyone else does business between nine and five, Monday through Friday, Preston really has no limits and would jump out of bed if someone really needed his help. He cares about his customers as if they were his closest friends and that's part of what keeps him going, "people that I'm fixing for, they're so appreciative of me." Preston can do just about anything when it comes to your combines, including complete engine overhauls. Preston is now supported by his longtime girlfriend Brooke Barrett and all of his family and friends. They have seen how hard he works, how dedicated he is to his customers, and how positive he is about continuing to help the farmers around here. This is his busiest time of year but he would love to hear from you should you need him: (320) 894-0109

Preston Fischer's hard work and success is clear evidence that our area is still growing, developing, and expanding. I hope his story inspires more of you young people to take a leap

into the unknown, like Preston did, and don't feel scared to venture into something new. Preston shows us that if you are truly passionate about something and willing to dedicate your time, you can do anything.