

**Wellsville Chamber of Commerce**  
**Chamber Spotlight**  
**Cohorst Enterprises**  
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Our ninth spotlight for the Wellsville Chamber of Commerce is Cohorst Enterprises, which specializes in excavation, demolition, and municipal and civil projects. It is owned and operated by Jeremy Cohorst and is located at 114 E 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Wellsville.

Cohorst started his company in 1996. After not finding any type of work that truly interested him, he decided to start his own contracting business. He settled in Wellsville because his children were going to school in Wellsville and because he appreciated the inclusive community.

Although starting one's own business is not always easy, Cohorst found that one of his biggest challenges was the start up. It was difficult getting the equipment and items he needed for his newborn company. However, since meeting that initial challenge, his business has been thriving.

As his website states, "We bring exceptional quality through our experience and expertise. In fact, our service speaks for itself through the many companies and civil entities that repeatedly ask us to come back." Cohorst has performed jobs in numerous locations, from small towns to the larger cities. However, one of his greatest achievements came when his company received a contract from one of the largest contractors in Kansas City. This was a testament to the quality of work Cohorst Enterprises performs.

Cohorst states, "Our business is set apart from others by our quality of work and our dedication to our customers." He truly values his employees, the Wellsville community, its accepting attitude, and the opportunities it has provided his company.

A typical day for Cohorst involves heading into work, assigning employees their jobs for the day, overseeing his employees while on sites, completing paperwork, and much more. As an entrepreneur, one "wears many hats"; therefore, his duties can change daily.

I asked Cohorst if he could start over knowing what he has learned, what would he do differently? He said, "Since I have already been through most of the tough learning situations, I could get through problems much more easily. Being able to get through problems the first time, instead of learning through trial and error, allows one to have more financial success."

In the upcoming years, Cohorst plans on evolving the business so that it doesn't have to function with him being present. He would like to focus on other interests, while knowing the business can fully operate without him being onsite.



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