

Herrmann sells Ursa Major to Bridgeway

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Bridgeway has purchased stencil manufacturer Ursa Major. The sale was completed April 1.

Macomb resident Bill Herrmann, bought Ursa Major approximately six years ago and moved it from Oregon to Macomb. The company maintained space on West Jackson in the Estes Industrial Building.

Ursa Major produces stencils for a variety of uses, including basketball courts, playgrounds and ceilings. The company's name stems from its orig-

inal product, a stencil that can be used to create an accurate representation of the summer or winter constellations.

Herrmann said he was glad to be able to sell to another local company.

"I just decided that I really wasn't promoting it as much as it probably deserved to be, and I thought they could," he explained.

Tom Pospeschil, the marketing and operations coordinator for Bridgeway Training Services, said his company believed the purchase made sense from a fiscal standpoint and will help fulfill Bridgeway's mis-

sion statement, "Creating Solutions for Everyone."

"It's a very profitable business and it provides an extraordinary amount of work for our clients," Pospeschil said.

Ursa Major didn't employ a large workforce - five people could handle production during the height of the busy season - but Herrmann said he was glad those jobs stayed in the area.

Ursa Major's products are now being manufactured at Bridgeway's Macomb facilities. If business continues to expand,

Pospeschil said they could move part of the production process to some of the other five communities in which Bridgeway operates.

Ursa Major products are distributed throughout North America, many through ursamajorstencils.com. Pospeschil said business has been "very good" since the sale went through.

"We're extremely pleased to be able to provide this work and be able to produce this product," Pospeschil said.