



Tuscarora Area Chamber of Commerce honors owner of Mercersburg Printing

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MERCERSBURG -- The Tuscarora Area Chamber of Commerce honored the owner of Mercersburg Printing as its Business Person of the Year.

The chamber presented the award to Don Shenberger Thursday during the group's annual dinner meeting.

In addition to his success in business, friends and family described Shenberger as a man dedicated to his family and his faith.

"I don't know another family in the Mercersburg area that has pulled together and taken a business and brought it to the level you have," said Mercersburg Mayor James Zeger.

Shenberger saw an ad in the newspaper when the printing business was for sale in 1996. After talking about it, researching and praying about it, he thought it would be the right fit for his family.

He took over the business in 1997 and grew it from a two-story, 3,000-square-foot building near the square in Mercersburg to a 16,000-square-foot facility on Buchanan Trail.

Zeger said the Merchant, printed by Mercersburg Printing, is "one of the glues that makes our community special."

Prior to his career in the printing business, Shenberger had worked in insurance and for many years had lived on a dairy farm with his family near Hagerstown, Md. He was introduced to farming as a teen.

When he was younger, he had several altercations with the law and was given a choice: Be placed in a juvenile detention center or work on a church farm near Hagerstown, Md.

He chose the farm, which turned out to be a turning point in his life.

Today, his faith is an important part of his life, and Shenberger and his wife of 40 years, Ruth, have eight children.

"It's a pleasure to work with my children. I like to listen to what they have to say, and we do try to work as a team. I think that's the way it ought to be. You want your team in your business," Shenberger said.

Shenberger has also volunteered with the chamber, serving on the board for the past nine years before retiring in November.

"The chamber would not be where it is without your family," said Mary-Anne Gordon, executive director of the Tuscarora Area Chamber of

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