

Family man brings his values to business

Axiom Engineering opens in Georgetown

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Ken Christenbury seems to have his hands full. Yet with a wife, four little girls, a fifth child on the way, plans for at least one boy and the possibility of adopting another, he still had time to create his newest baby - the week-old business Axiom Engineering.

The engineering firm located within walking distance of the courthouse in Georgetown, recently opened its doors for commercial and residential business projects. Christenbury, 34, plans to work on project management, design and permitting for residential land planning and commercial land development projects, including rezonings and annexations, stormwater management, Delaware Department of Transportation entrance plans, on-site wastewater disposal systems, san-

itary sewer gravity collection and pump systems.

After receiving a bachelor of civil engineering from the University of Delaware in 1994, Christenbury worked as a civil engineer in Sterling, Va. He has worked with Design Consultants Group in Milton and Environmental Consultants International Corporation in Rehoboth Beach. If Christenbury continues to work as hard as necessary to support his growing family, his engineering skills may soon be seen all over town.

"I have retained clients through three firms because I provide a darn good, hands-on approach," said Christenbury. "I give my customers a reason to come back."

The company's name, Axiom, means "mathematical truth," a principle on which engineers heavily rely. Along with four employees, Christenbury plans to work primarily on medium-sized projects, which he describes as his

company's forte.

"We structure ourselves to best serve our customers. Service can suffer as a company grows," said Christenbury. He said he has seen a decrease in customer satisfaction as other companies increase in volume.

"I have four little girls and pregnant wife at home who's trying to be my bookkeeper," said Christenbury, of Millsboro. "I'm the primary breadwinner of six, soon be seven, so I work hard and a lot to make sure that we're taken care of."

Christenbury and his wife moved to Sussex County in 1997, where their children would be raised and home-schooled by their mother. He received his professional licensing in 1998 and is currently licensed to work in the state of Delaware, Maryland and Virginia.

Christenbury and his wife regularly attend Dagsboro Church of God with their four girls, Alina, Brenna, Corina and Delina. "Our first love is Christ, and our second love is each other," said Christenbury. "Christ gives strength and provides a strong foundation for my family."

In addition to attending religious services at his church, Christenbury can also observe his own work. While working with River Basin Engineering, Chris-

tenbury helped to install utility extensions for Dagsboro Church of God and played a role in getting the land annexed and rezoned. Christenbury's lifestyle

and family values have seemingly influenced how he operates in the business world.

"I operate on the principle that
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Axiom Engineering President Ken Christenbury recently opened his new engineering firm in Georgetown. The firm specializes in commercial and residential business projects.

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my word is my bond. That principle has lent itself to a level of trust between myself and my clients that can't be manufactured. It has to be earned," said Christenbury. "I have no designs to rule over an enormous empire."

While Christenbury may stay true to his word at Axiom Engineering, the same cannot be said for his life at home.

"We're talking about possibly having more kids," said Christenbury. He paused, then added, "But if the sixth is a boy, we'll have to adopt or try again for another boy. Having only one boy with five girls-that wouldn't be fair."

Axiom Engineering LLC is located at 6 W. Market St., Suite 1B in Georgetown.

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