PECATONICA BUSINESS SHOWCASE

NORTHSTAR GRAPHICS



Locally owned and operated since 2000.

Northstar Graphics is a custom screen-printing and embroidery store. They also offer DTG printing, logo design, signs, banners and much more. Conveniently located downtown Pecatonica

Visit their website <u>https://www.northstargfx.com</u> and their Facebook page today and see details on everything they have to offer.



Hours

Monday	8:30-4:30pm
Tuesday	8:30-4:30pm
Wednesday	8:30-4:30pm
Thursday	8:30-4:30pm
Friday	8:30-4:30pm

424 Main St Pecatonica, Illinois 61063 815-239-2299

Getting To Know You



Q & A time

1. When did you start your business?

Our Business started in our home in 2000.

2. Why did your family choose Pecatonica to open a store?

We were looking for a building to house our expanding business in 2004 and our current location at 424 Main Street came up for sale. It fit our needs perfectly.

3. How many people do you employ?

The store employs four people at this time.

4. Can you describe your business?

Custom screen-printing and embroidery are our main business. We also do DTG printing, logo design, signs, banners; laser engraved awards and gifts as well as commercial, sports and portrait photography including wedding, families and senior. I also do fine art film photography, have a full darkroom to process, and print black and white film for our commercial work. Yes, I still shoot film for a variety of reasons.

5. Name three ways you stand out from other business in the area.

We stand out from the competition with our outstanding customer service, quality products and professional approach to serve our customers. We are professional screen printers and that shows in our work.

6. What are a few things you believe has contributed to your success?

Quality work, competitive pricing and 100% on time delivery.

7. Where do you see your business in the years to come?

We have recently expanded with the addition of a Direct to Garment printer. This printer allows us to economically print multi-color designs on a low quantity of garments. Something not possible with traditional screen-printing. With the addition of the DTG printer, we have expanded into online sales on sites like Amazon and Etsy. This has opened our business to a larger customer base and has increased our sales into new markets. I expect this to be where we will see most of our growth in the future

8. What has been your most satisfying moment in business?

Having an idea and turning idea into a successful business.

9. Is there any advice you would give others looking to open a business in Pecatonica?

Running a successful business can be very rewarding. It can also be very stressful, frustrating and tiresome. However, at the end of the day I would not trade it for anything. I was given some advice from a local businessman shortly after starting my business. He told me two things 1 "always do business with those who do business with you" 2. "Money that is spent out of town stays out of town". Basically, do business locally. I try to practice that every day.