



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We would like to take this opportunity to wish the following GTD employees a Happy Birthday on:

#### DECEMBER 2014

2.....Marv Doezema  
2.....Tim Adkinson  
6.....Robert Hiltz  
13.....Greg Cooley  
13.....Alex VanderHoek  
14.....John West  
14.....Jeremy Schaap  
18.....Gordon Garvey  
25.....Tristen Potter  
29.....Dan Pitch  
30.....Josh Bailey

### SAFETY & SUGGESTION COMMITTEE

Kerry Jahns  
Tony Bannen

Dwayne MacLaren  
Josh Bailey

The next Safety & Suggestion Committee meeting will be Wednesday, November 26, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. in the large conference room.

### BIRTH

We would like to congratulate employee, Matt Greenhoe, and his wife, Courtney, on the birth of their 4th child, a girl, Paisleigh, on October 2. She joins brothers Kamdyn 4, Brantley 3, and Lucas 3. Best wishes to the Greenhoe family.

### BLOOD DRIVE

Our next Blood Drive will be Tuesday, November 11, from noon until 5:30pm. We would like our night shift donors to report at 3:30pm.

### TOOL BITS ANNIVERSARY

November marks the 48th anniversary of this Greenville Tool & Die monthly newsletter, the TOOL BITS.



**MIDWAY EXHAUST HEAT SHIELDS:** (l-r): Luke Hansen, Brian Schmid, Todd Braman, Jeremy Schaap, and Jeff Waite.

### MIDWAY PRODUCTS GROUP - HEAT SHIELDS

Last month we featured another project for Midway Products Group of Monroe, Michigan. That included the design and building of two 5-station transfer dies to produce a couple of different embossed, aluminum, exhaust heat shields for GM trucks. This month, we feature a couple of similar aluminum heat shields for Midway as shown above. They are also for GM trucks, but will be produced at Midway's LPII plant (Lake Park Industries of Indiana). These exhaust shields will be produced through a different process, however, using two 7-station progressive dies.

Our die leader on this project was Todd Braman. He was assisted by Jeremy Schaap and Jeff Waite. Our design leader was Brian Schmid, with help from Luke Hansen. Brady Paulson was our project manager.



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## CAMINO DE SANTIAGO PILGRIMAGE (WAY OF ST. JAMES)



John Latva, 3rd from right.

Since the 9th Century, people have been making the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Apostle, St. James the Great, at the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in Galicia of northwestern Spain. Our John Latva first became interested in this pilgrimage in 2001 when he participated with a group on a bus tour of the route. Wanting to have the experience and visit the many towns and places along the route, John spent the last 3 weeks of September on this trip walking, as many before him, with new-found friends he met on the way. Each year, more than 200,000 people make this journey. They each carry a document with them called "pilgrim's passport." This allows them access to hostels and meals along the way.



John Latva

In the photo at right, John is shown early in his pilgrimage during which he logged almost 200 miles. In the photo at left, he is with new found friends he met on the journey. They are standing in front of the Cathedral of Santiago which is in the midst of a 2-year restoration process.

### TENTATIVE UPCOMING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

At this time of year, for the convenience of our employees, customers, and vendors, we like to announce our tentative schedule for the upcoming and fast approaching holiday season.

Greenville Tool & Die Company will be closed for the holidays as follows:

**Thursday, November 27 - Thanksgiving Day**

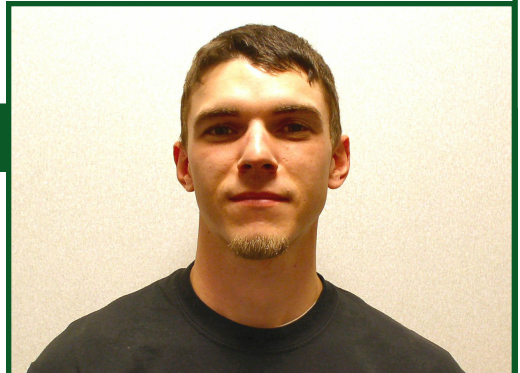
**Wednesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve**

**Thursday, December 25 - Christmas Day**

**Wednesday, December 31 - New Year's Eve**

**Thursday, January 1, 2015 - New Year's Day**

To all, have a most joyous, and safe, holiday season.



### NEW EMPLOYEE

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome new employee, Derek Strouse, of Belding. Derek has joined us as a candidate for our tool and die maker apprentice program. Best wishes to Derek as he starts his new career.

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