

STEVE THOMSEN RETIRES



Steve Thomsen, (shown at left, with his wife Theresa,) retired from Greenville Tool & Die on January 15, 2016. Steve joined GTD in October of 1979 as a high school senior co-op student. He began full-time employment with GTD on June 9, 1980, giving him more than 35 years of service. Steve has been a very vital part of Greenville Tool & Die with his many years of knowledge and

experience as a tool & die maker and die leader.

Born and raised in the Greenville area near Wabasis Lake, Steve is the oldest of 5 children. He has 2 younger sisters and 2 younger brothers. In October of 1984, Steve would marry the former Theresa Bow. They recently celebrated 31 years of marriage. Steve and Theresa have been blessed with three children; Kristen 30, Melissa 28, and Connor 23. They have two granddaughters and one grandson.

Some of Steve's hobbies include; fishing, hunting, farming, golfing, and riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle. In retirement Steve plans to continue his hobbies and stay busy with the grandchildren. Steve shared with us that the grandchildren are the center of his and Theresa's lives and attention, and family is number one for them.

When asked what changes he has seen over the years in tool & die, Steve had this to say, "The rapidly changing technology is one of the biggest things. Dies are being completed in 6 months that used to take 1 year. The trouble shooting time spent during development and tryout has been significantly reduced. Therefore, technology has been instrumental in reducing the amount of time required to complete a project. We all must be willing to learn with and adapt with the advances in technology."

Steve told us the thing he would miss the most in retirement was all the friendships he has established over the years here at GTD. He has enjoyed building dies, and the skilled trade has been very good for him. It taught him that he can fix or build just about anything at GTD or at home.

On behalf of all of us here at GTD, we wish you and Theresa many years of good health and prosperity in your retirement. A very sincere "thank you" for all your years of service, your contributions, and your friendship. We will miss you.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

JANUARY

4.....John Senn
8.....Ken Bradley
15.....Brad Throop
16.....Mark Winters
20.....Kenny Haines
26.....Conner Arnold
28.....Marty Bush

FEBRUARY

2.....Matt Caverley
4.....Robbie Rahn
5.....Jeremy Hopkins
7.....Matt Dempsey
8.....Brian Brasington
10.....Mike Davis
10.....Bill Harry
10.....Austin Wardell
17.....Seth Heckman
22.....Mike Smith
24.....Jessica Demorest
27.....Rick Visch
28.....IV Mumby

SAFETY & SUGGESTION COMMITTEE

Brent Hoffman Matt Caverley
Mark Cazier Justin Heimbecker

The Safety & Suggestion Committee met on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. in the large conference room.

BLOOD DRIVE

Our January Red Cross Blood Drive saw 46 donors. Those reaching milestones with their donations were:

Nick Tillottson	3 gallons
Rick Wheaton	3 gallons
Dave Bean	7 gallons
Brett Tomkinson	7 gallons
Joe Dempsey	13 gallons

A big thank you to all of our donors. Our next blood drive is Tuesday, March 8.



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2015 FALL & WINTER SUCCESSFULL HUNTS



Dylan Breimayer (above) with his 8 pt. buck having a 18-1/4" outside spread. Dylan shot this nice buck during bow season in Charlevoix county.



Brett Tomkinson (above left) with his 10 pt. buck having a 17" outside spread. This buck was taken during archery season. Brett also took this nice 8 pt. buck (above right) with a 18-1/2" outside spread during rifle season. Both of these bucks were taken in Mecosta County.



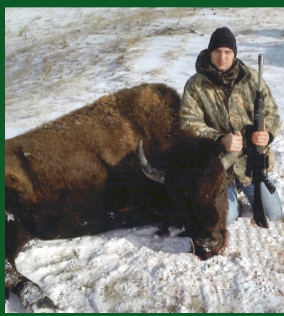
Marty Bush (above) with his 8 pt. buck having a 17-1/4" outside spread. Marty shot this nice buck during bow season in Ionia County.



Brad Throop (above left) with his 8 pt. buck having a 22" outside spread and his 11 year old daughter Emily with her 8 pt. buck having a 10" outside spread. Emily bagged her buck opening evening of rifle season and Brad bagged his buck on the 2nd morning of rifle season. Both of these nice bucks were taken in Montcalm County.



Dan Gasper (above left) with his son Terry (above right) are each shown with their 800 lb. buffalo taken during a South Dakota hunt the first week of January. Dan said they hunted just east of the Crazy Horse Mountain. He also commented they drove thru a big snow storm on their trip out that covered three states. It slowed them down a little, but they made it safely. Dan and Terry are currently trying to schedule a wild pig hunt sometime in the next year.



Neil Winters (above left) with his 5 year old granddaughter Lucy (center) and 8 year old grandson Cohen (right) show off grandpa's 10 pt. buck having a 22-1/4" outside spread. Neil shot this nice buck during bow season in Montcalm County.

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