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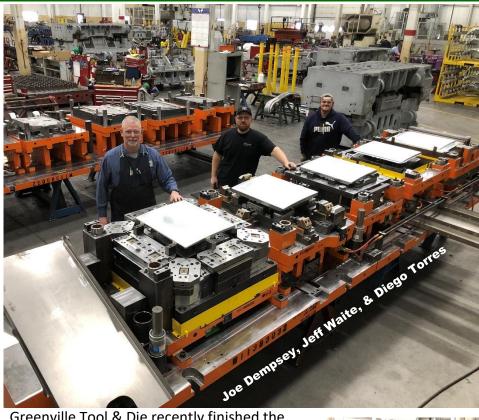


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5-STATION TRANSFER DIE



Greenville Tool & Die recently finished the design and manufacture of this 5-station transfer die which makes a steel washer lid. Our die leader on this project, Joe Dempsey, was assisted by Jeff Waite, Diego Torres, Blake Shotko, Jordan Melching, and Connor Somerfield. AJ Selleck, Kurt Newcomb, Ted Murray, and Gaven Tift handled the design process, Dwayne MacLaren did our simulation, with Terry Swan as our project manager. Together these men completed another high quality stamping die and job well done.





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SERVICE AWARDS

The following employees are recognized for their hard work and dedication: MARCH

3rd......Marty Bush........35 years 7th......Mandy Christian....5 years 10th....Mike Brownell.....35 years 18th....Joel Palmer.......10 years

Thank you all for your commitment, and the accomplishments you have brought to Greenville Tool & Die.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to the following employees:

MARCH

1st......Travis Colter
3rd......Joe Winters
5th......Kodde DeVries
6th......Jary Shinabarger
6th......Joe Dempsey
6th......Zack Adkins-Korson
7th......Chase Baker
17th......Jamie Kinnee
18th......Chris Bannen
23rd......Roland Demorest
24th......Rich Ring
28th......Nick Feuerstein
28th......Nick Tillotson

OUARTER CENTURY OF SERVICE



Gordon Garvey is the 103rd employee to reach 25 years of service on February 27, 2021. Born in Grand Rapids, Gordon grew up in Belding. When he was in 4th grade his parents, James and Lois Garvey, and his brother Gerald moved to Greenville. Around thirteen years old he landed his first job on a farm across the street from the original Meijer on M-91. Gordon shoveled, mowed, and cared for horses. By the time he was in High School he was working for Jimbo's Arcade driving a delivery van all over the state to change out game machines and recover the coins inside them. It is uncommon to see kids as young with the same responsibility to carry large amounts of money to various locations today. Gordon graduated from Greenville High School in 1984. He enjoyed microbiology but said after 7 hours each day at school he had little interest in extracurricular activities. Gordon attended Lake Superior State University studying forestry and wildlife management. He changed career paths after he and his wife Amy found they were expecting a child in 1986. Gordon went right to work to support his family. He spent five years at Wolverine, then learned some machining skills at IEM/Danly Die Set. Gordon's Uncle T.J. Williams, a GTD retiree, along with his father in law, purchasing director at Lobdell-Emery, encouraged him to apply at Greenville Tool & Die. Gordon was hired in 1995. Only three years later he completed all the necessary coursework at Montcalm

Community College and the job requirements to earn journeyman certification as a Tool and Die Maker. Gordan and Amy will celebrate 36 years of marriage this year. They have one son, Derrick, and one granddaughter, Isabella. Amy was employed with the county courts which lead Gordon to a second job as a Process Server. For fifteen years Gordon served eviction and divorce papers. He also cleaned out eviction homes. When Gordon is not hard at work he enjoys traveling to tropical or historic places. Every couple of years he takes a trip to the ocean. He has enjoyed Virginia Beach, Treasure Island, Mt. Vernon, and Valley Forge. He hopes to make it to Hawaii next. Gordon is also a music lover. Preferably big hair metal bands most popular in the 80's. His favorites are Jackyl & Great White. When he attended a two day music festival in Minnesota he got the chance to meet them. Over the years the technology at GTD has seen vast improvements. Gordon said it once took around one year to build a die to completion. Today GTD is capable of building the same job in around six to eight months. Gordon has enjoyed the short distance he travels from work to home, that convenience has been one of the reasons he has continued his career at GTD this past quarter century. More than that are the close bonds built with his co-workers. Gordon said he went to high school with a half dozen of these guys. He also credited the company with great choices when it comes to the individuals hired. Gordon stated all the older experienced guys are excellent mentors and all the younger guys are hardworking and eager to learn. It takes quality employees to build quality parts. Thank you Gordon for your excellent service to Greenville Tool & Die the past 25 years and best wishes for continued success in your career.



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