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VINCENT J. COOPER
September 25, 1997 – November 1, 2017

It is with great sorrow GTD announces the tragic loss of our own apprentice tool and die maker, Vincent Cooper, who passed away November 1st in an automobile accident on his way to work.

Vincent was born to Charles and Amy (Vitins) Cooper and has one brother, Zachary Cooper. He graduated from Portland High School in 2016 and began full time employment with Greenville Tool and Die in June the same year. He enjoyed snowboarding, skateboarding, playing his guitar and drums, and riding his quad. Vince had a sweet soul and was a true friend to all, he was always up for an adventure.

The employees of GTD are deeply saddened by his passing. When asking our employees about his character, they all sang praises of him. He was truly a wonderful young man. We will miss Vince. Our sincere condolences to all his family and friends.



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Beverly Ralph – 25 Years



Congratulations to Beverly Ralph who becomes the 94th employee to reach 25 years of service at Greenville Tool & Die on December 14th.

Bev was born the youngest of four, having one brother and two sisters, on a 40-acre farm outside of Carson City. The family grew corn, wheat and alfalfa for hay to feed the cattle. They raised a mixed breed of Black Angus cows for both milk and meat. Being a bit of a tomboy, she took after her big brother and by the time she was 12 years old had mastered driving the John Deere tractor and her Dad's Dodge pickup truck.

During her junior and senior years in high school, Bev recalls spending a lot of time sitting on a blanket in the grass at the McBride drag strip along with her brother and sister-in-law. It was there that her love of muscle cars was born. Bev recalls her envy upon seeing a classmate's brand new 1970 Hemi Orange Challenger and was determined to one day have a muscle car of her own. If you drive past Greenville Tool & Die today and notice a shiny Silver Metallic Challenger in the parking lot, Bev is in the building.

After graduating from Carson City-Crystal High School in 1969, Bev attended Montcalm Community College, becoming a Licensed Practical Nurse and later earning a 2-year Associate Degree in Business Administration. She has held various positions over the years such as: Library Aide, Dental Assistant, LPN, Financial Clerk and Bank Teller. Bev worked part time while attending college and raising her three daughters Darci, Holli and Crystal. On December 14, 1992 Bev joined Tomco Tool & Die as a General Clerk. She entered quotes, checked purchase orders and other finance related tasks. She advanced to the sales department and settled into the position of Program Managers Assistant. She did such an amazing job, when Greenville Tool & Die purchased Tomco in 2003 Bev maintained her position in the merger. In addition to her Program Managers Assistant duties, she is also responsible for GTD's monthly ISO checks and verification. Worth mentioning are the things Bev does that go above and beyond her job description. For example, she always serves the cake at anniversary celebrations and she makes coffee every morning for our customers; truly a team player.

You may catch her at a car show from time to time, but these days her passion is quality time with family and her pets. Currently she has 4 grandsons, 2 granddaughters, a dog and a cat. When asked about the changes that stand out over the past quarter century, Bev quickly recalled the paperwork. In the beginning Customer Buyoff binders filled her desk area in rows. Today everything is exchanged electronically by uploading or sending CD/DVDs.

On behalf of all of us here at GTD, we thank Beverly for her outstanding commitment to excellence and the delightful disposition she has shared with us over the past 25 years and wish her continued success in her career.



HOLIDAY SCHEDULE



Greenville Tool & Die will be closed from Saturday, December 23rd thru Tuesday, December 26th, in observance of Christmas.

GTD will also be closed from Saturday, December 30th thru Tuesday, January 2nd, in observance of the New Year. **2017**

Happy Holidays

BLOOD DRIVE

Forty successful donations were collected in the November blood drive held at Greenville Tool and Die. The following GTD employees have recently reached milestones in blood donated:

Jesse Player – 3 gallons
Caleb Green – 4 gallons
Kerry Jahns – 19 gallons
Jay Vlahas – 20 gallons



Thank you to our donors for your commitment to helping those in need.

Our next Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on **Tuesday, January 9th** from 12:30pm - 5:45pm.

SAFETY & SUGGESTION

Safety & Suggestion Meeting
Wednesday, January 10, 2018 - 3:30pm

January committee members are:
Tim Adkinson Paul Arlt
Ben Crawford Mark Winters



GOOD LUCK LEVI

Our very best wishes to Levi Jackson who left Greenville Tool & Die on November 17th to join the U.S. Navy. Levi ships out December 7th to attend basic training at the Great Lakes Naval Station in Chicago.

Levi, we commend you for your bravery, pray for your safety, and thank you for your service.



MARRIAGE



Congratulations GTD employee, Kevin Lipp, who married the former Erika Baker on October 21, 2017. The newlyweds took a week-long honeymoon cruise from Miami, Florida to Key West to Cozumel, Mexico. Best wishes to Mr. & Mrs. Lipp for a long and happy life together.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

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2.....Marv Doezeema
2.....Tim Adkinson
5.....Matt Miller
13.....Alex VanderHoek
18.....Gordon Garvey
21.....Terry Miller
25.....Tristen Potter
29.....Dan Pitch
30.....Josh Bailey



TOYS FOR TOTS



GTD employees can still purchase a train or a soldier for \$1 to help buy toys for the children of Montcalm County. Please see Robbie Rahn, Jeff Waite, or Mici Bos before December 7th. All proceeds are used to purchase gifts which will be donated to the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program.



CHRISTMAS GIFT SUGGESTIONS

To your enemy: Forgiveness

To an opponent: Tolerance

To a friend: Your Heart

To a customer: Service

To all: Charity

To every child: A Good Example

To yourself: Respect



SERVICE AWARDS



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

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1.....Brian Brasington.....31 years
1.....Conner Arnold.....3 years
3.....Dan Updike.....43 years
9.....I.V. Mumby.....31 years
14.....Beverly Ralph.....25 years
14.....Bill Draper.....19 years
15.....Jordan Melching.....3 years
19.....Mark Cazier.....6 years
29.....Terry Miller.....3 years

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

WELCOME BACK TO GTD



Please join us in welcoming Marv Doezeema back to GTD. Marv retired on February 26, 2017 after 20 years of service and rejoined us part time on November 27, 2017.