



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Co-op Students

- Dren Bartrum – Greenville High School
- Josh Feuerstein – Belding High School
- Laurence Gardner – Greenville High School
- Levi Jackson – Saranac High School
- Brett London – Greenville High School
- Ken Mankel – Greenville High School
- Jeremy Payne – Greenville High School
- Fred Russell – Belding High School
- Jacob Schrader – Greenville High School
- Matt Smalley – Ionia High School
- Austin Wonch – Central Montcalm High School



Sons & Daughters

- Chase Baker (Derrick Baker) – Central Montcalm HS
- Hope MaLaren (Dwayne MaLaren) – Central Montcalm HS
- Abigale Mumby (IV Mumby) – Greenville HS
- Jasmine Peters (Gregg Peters) – Lowell HS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

JUNE

- 6.....Luke Hansen
- 10.....Dylan Stray
- 10.....Josh Johnson
- 13.....Bill Draper
- 19.....Kevin Arnold
- 22.....Brent Hoffman
- 26.....Larry Caverley
- 26.....Dave Bean
- 27.....Kris VanOcker
- 29.....Laura Baker
- 30.....Deb Jones



SAFETY & SUGGESTION COMMITTEE

- Joe Hoy Roger Rasmussen
- Jeff Waite Luke Hansen

The next Safety & Suggestion Meeting will be Wednesday, June 28, 2017 at 3:30 pm in the large conference room.

BLOOD DRIVE

Our next Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, July 11, from 12:30 pm until 5:45 pm.

CLOSED JULY 4TH

GTD will be closed on Tuesday July 4th, in observance of Independence Day. Have a safe and pleasurable holiday.

COMPLETION OF APPRENTICESHIP

We extend our congratulations to Tony Bannen, Josh Brewington, Travis Colter, Ryan Daley, Caleb Green, Pat Kloostra, Ashton Mead, Jesse Playter, and John West who recently satisfied the requirements to complete their apprenticeship from Montcalm Community College. Best wishes to these gentlemen for continued success in their careers.



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JOE HOY – 25 YEARS



Congratulations to Joe Hoy who became the 91st employee reaching 25-years of service at Greenville Tool & Die on July 1, 2016.

Joe grew up east of Greenville, right on M-57, and began working at 14 years of age mowing lawns. Early in high school Joe decided he wanted to be an electrician. He began taking classes that included: sheet metal, woodworking, auto shop, drafting, machine shop, welding, and of course electrical class. Before starting his junior year of high school in 1989, Joe's uncle, Bill Heether encouraged him to check out the tool & die trade. He was offered a co-op position at Tomco Tool & Die where Uncle Bill worked. It was here where Uncle Bill referred to all the young co-op and apprentices as "boy", Joe got the nick name Hoy Boy.

Upon graduation from Greenville High School in 1991, Joe was offered and accepted an apprenticeship at Tomco Tool & Die. But, just prior to completing his apprenticeship his parents decided to sell their home here in Greenville and move north to the U.P. Having three years done and only one year to go in his apprenticeship, Joe made the hard decision to stay south of the bridge and moved in with the neighbors. Joe lived in the neighbor's basement for about four months until he found and bought a house in Sheridan. He still owns the house today. Joe completed his apprenticeship in June of 1995, soon after took an interest in welding, and purchased his first welder for the garage in 1996. After Joe joined Greenville Tool & Die in 2003 he fine-tuned his welding skills. In addition to Joe's welding skills, he has operated the CNC mills, jig grinders, wire burners, and built dies.

Joe has a daughter, Taylor, who is 13 years of age, and when not spending time with her, Joe is enjoying the out-of-doors, weld fabrication, fishing, hunting, tinkering at home, and helping others. Joe has been involved in our GTD fundraising committee for many years, helping our charities of Relay for Life, Food Drive, and Toys-4-Tots. From 2013 thru 2015, 3 straight years for the Relay for Life, Joe walked 24 hours straight without stopping. In 2013 he walked 45 miles, 46 miles in 2014, and 50 miles in 2015! It would appear as though the older Joe gets the faster he walks. Also, Joe is an avid supporter of the Red Cross Blood Drive. He has donated 122 units and recently reached 15 gallons of blood donated. Joe has served on the Tomco/GTD first aid team for the entire 25 years of his service. This first aid commitment all began with Joe joining the Crystal Raceway Safety team upon graduation from high school. Joe served on the race track safety team for 10 years.

One last thing about Joe, he is one you can always count on to have candy in his tool box. When asked about the tool & die trade and the changes he has seen, Joe mentioned the engineering and machining technology. He aged himself when he said he could still remember designers drawing on the drawing boards rather than CAD stations.

Greenville Tool & Die thanks Joe for his rock-solid commitment and all the triumphant achievements he has shared with us over the past 25 years, and wish him continued success in his career.

MARV DOEZEMA RETIRES

Marv Doezema retired from Greenville Tool & Die on February 26, 2017. He was hired in 1997, giving us 20 years of service. Marv was our tool crib manager, shipping and receiving coordinator, co-op supervisor, grounds maintenance, and you name it, our go to guy. In addition to his responsibilities here at GTD, he is also a licensed pyrotechnician who volunteers to shoot off the big explosive mortars in local firework displays. Marv and his wife Carol have 7 children and 8 grandchildren. In his retirement, Marv would like to do a little more hunting, fishing, golfing, and volunteering at his church, the South Boston Church in Saranac.

Marv echoed what most say about their time here at GTD, the technology has changed along with the physical growth of the company. He recalls the first mobile phone GTD got for the die trucks. Marv said it was as big as a lap top computer today, and had a big old antenna required for the roof.

While Marv's positions have since been filled, he could never be replaced. GTD will miss Marv's expertise and witty banter. We thank him for the two decades of his life he spent with us, and wish him and Carol peaceful bliss daily in his retirement.



JERRY SMITH – 25 YEARS

Congratulations to Jerry Smith who became the 92nd employee reaching 25-years of service at Greenville Tool & Die on October 8, 2016.

Born and raised just east of Belding, Jerry and his family still reside in the same house he grew up in. Included on the property is his dad's pole barn, set up with a machine shop, where Jerry recalls standing on a box to run the lathe. He remembers him and his dad making tractor implements for a 1926 Farmall Regular tractor. This tractor was one of the first with the Farmall name. Jerry still has it today. It has been converted from steel wheels to rubber, and over to hydraulics.

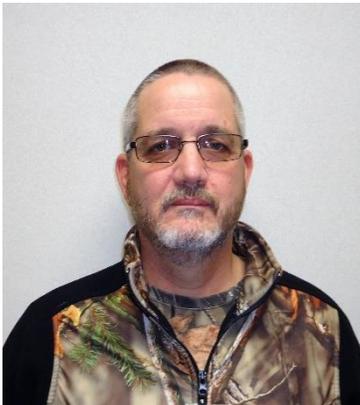


Jerry graduated from Belding High School in 1983, where he took classes such as: welding, metals and machine, and wood shop, also working on a dairy farm in Ionia. After graduation, Jerry continued to work on the dairy farm for about another year and a half, while at the same time taking classes at Montcalm Community College. In 1985, Jerry became employed at IEM in Ionia making and building die components for the tool & die industry. Over a period of five years at IEM, Jerry worked his way up to CNC department manager. In 1990, Jerry received an opportunity to join GTD, which he did. Over the years he worked in die assembly, wire burn, and jig grinding. In July of 1991, Jerry would marry the former Yvonne Rhoades. They have 4 children, Kyle, Sarah, Naomi, and Stephanie. Jerry completed his tool & die apprenticeship and received his journeyman's card in 1994. He commented that he really enjoys the precision machining department.

Jerry also enjoys working at home in that same machine shop he and his dad worked in, cutting wood for home heat, working in his small orchard of fruit trees, and fixing cars. He said he doesn't exactly enjoy the car repairs, but with four kids it is necessary. When asked about the changes he has seen over the years; Jerry said the size of the dies stand out. He remembers building dies with Neil Winters on a gas tank shield and the overall size of the dies were around 4x4x4ft high. That was considered big back then.

On behalf of all of us here at GTD, we thank Jerry for the unwavering dedication and excellent workmanship he has shared with us over the past 25 years, and wish him continued success in his career.

DICK GRIMM RETIRES



Dick Grimm retired from Greenville Tool & Die on April 27, 2017, after over 36 years of service. The Grimm family has certainly had an impact on GTD over the years. Dick is the son of retiree, the late Richard (Granny) Grimm. His brother Dan, and sons Jason and Jeremy also worked for GTD, following in the tool and die trade. We can't thank Dick enough for including us as part of his family traditions.

Dick was a die maker and die designer. He is also a member of the Flat River Conservation Club and an avid outdoorsman. When he has time, he enjoys mountain biking and bow hunting. Dick and his wife Veronica have two sons and one daughter. While Dick opted out of a retirement celebration and chose to leave quietly, we can't let him go without him knowing just how much he will be missed. We are both proud to have had him as a part of our family and proud to have been a part of his.

On behalf of all of us here at GTD, it has been a pleasure to work with you Dick. We wish you and Veronica many years of good health and prosperity in your retirement.

RELAY FOR LIFE



Thank you to everyone who supported Greenville Tool & Die's team, Wheeler's Walkers, in this year's Relay for Life event for the American Cancer Society. Our team came in 3rd place and raised \$5,794.99 in donations. Please plan to join the team next year, together we can continue to fight this disease and make a difference.



SERVICE AWARDS



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

JUNE

- 3.....Jeremy Hopkins.....15 years
- 6.....Dave Bailey.....40 years
- 6.....Neil Winters.....40 years
- 7.....Ted Bush.....35 years
- 7.....Mark Winters.....35 years
- 10.....Larry Ruthruff.....15 years
- 10.....Brett Tomkinson.....15 years
- 11.....Ashton Mead.....5 years
- 18.....Justin Stump.....5 years
- 18.....Devin Cunningham.....5 years
- 18.....Nick Tillottson.....5 years
- 26.....Larry Caverley.....50 years
- 29.....Roland Demorest.....25 years

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

WELCOME TO GREENVILLE TOOL & DIE



Laura Baker Sydney Case Mandy Christian Blake Shotko Michael Parker Joshua Johnson Timothy Jakeway Vincent Cooper



Macade Paulson Anthony Seaborn Trenton Heintzelman Tristen Potter Teagan Heether Kenneth Mankel Matthew Smalley Austin Wonch



Levi Jackson Andrew Nielsen Jeremy Payne Kodde DeVries Daniel Potter

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