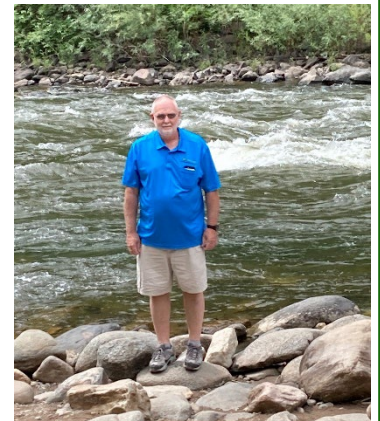




JIM BUSKIRK WILL RETIRE AT THE END OF APRIL



James (Jim) Buskirk will retire from Greenville Tool & Die on April 29th with nearly 44 years of service. Raised by his parents Ellis and Verna Buskirk, Jim grew up with his sisters Cathy, D'Ann, and Sue in the Lakeview/Six Lakes area. During high school Jim had part time jobs on a farm and doing some construction work with his uncle. After the farm bought a hay stacker, and high interest rates slowed the housing market halting construction demands, Jim opted to explore the Tool & Die trade as recommended by his uncle and former GTD employee Ron Stendel. Jim began his career with GTD as a cooperative student learner in July of 1977. After Jim graduated from Lakeview High School in 1978 he was accepted into GTD's apprenticeship program and began courses at Montcalm Community College. Jim earned his Tool & Die Maker certification in 1982. He also went on to earn his Tool & Die Designer certification in 1996. Jim would spend sixteen years in the shop as a die maker, three years in design, and in July of 1997 he was asked to become one of our Process Engineer/Program Managers. He has done an excellent job fulfilling this role the past twenty five years. Jim married the former Sue Lake in August of 1981. Together they have a son Jeremy, daughter Jessica, granddaughters Layna, Josephine, Elizabeth, and Ellie, and grandson Logan. When he isn't hard at work Jim enjoys traveling with Sue, spending time with family, camping, hunting, fishing, and bike riding. Jim has been featured in the Toolbits many times over the years with successful hunts including turkey, deer, bobcat, and bear. Additionally, Jim has been featured many times riding the Dick Allen Lansing to Mackinaw (DALMAC) Bicycle Tour. He has completed the grueling trip sixteen times! Jim said he has enjoyed the challenges GTD presented to him and will truly miss his coworkers, however he is excited to retire the same day as Sue. The pair plan longer vacations and more time with family. In fact, they already have a sunrise/sunset tour booked in upper Michigan to be immediately followed by South Dakota, Branson, and Cape Cod trips. GTD is as equally happy to see them set sail as we are sad to see Jim go. From all of us at GTD it has been an absolute pleasure working with you Jim. We wish you and Sue many happy and healthy years of retirement.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



April

2.....Tyler Peterman

4.....Joe Hoy

7.....Jim Buskirk

11.....Ken Mankel

12.....Tim Johnson

12.....Tim Parker

20.....Matt Smalley

25.....Tyler Akin

27.....Rob McGill

27.....Taylor Hoy

30.....Kurt Newcomb

30.....Tony Seaborn

BLOOD DRIVES



employees donated plasma. GTD employees reaching milestones in blood donated included:

Kevin Arnold – 7 gallons

Derrick Baker – 7 gallons

Seth Heckman – 3 gallons

Greenville Tool & Die will host the next American Red Cross Blood Drive on:

Tuesday, May 3, 2022

12:00-6:00pm



The Versiti Blood drive hosted at Greenville Tool & Die in March was a success with thirty-four employee donors. Additionally, five employees donated double red's and two



Cameron Visser joined Greenville Tool & Die as a Tool & Die Maker Apprentice in March. Welcome to GTD Cameron!

OUR CONDOLENCES



Dan Updike

May 10, 1951

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March 13, 2022

Our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Dan Updike. Dan retired from Greenville Tool & Die on December 15, 2017 with 44 years of service. He was a great man and will be missed.

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Greenville Tool & Die hosted students from the Ionia County Career Center for a tour of our facilities on March 23rd. Visit our Facebook page to see more photos from the tour. Thank you ICC for your interest in the tool and die trade. If you are interested in a tour or a job shadow please email hr@gtd.com or call 616-754-5693.



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