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Quality you can count on. Picture bottom row from left to right: Apprentice Kyle Noble, Apprentice Conner Miller, CNC Machinist Larry Ruthruff, Die Maker Kevin Lipp, and Design Leader Brian Schmid. Pictured top row left to right: Die Leader Brent Hoffman, Program Manager Brian Brasington, and Tryout Leader Dan Pitch.

### WELCOME TO GREENVILLE TOOL & DIE

### UPCOMING



Austin Bean



Trevor Vandenburg



Jason Bates



Beau Devers

May 14<sup>th</sup>- Mother's Day

May 29<sup>th</sup>- Memorial Day



Greenville Tool & Die will be closed on May 29, 2023 in observance of Memorial Day.

June 7<sup>th</sup> – Blood Drive

June 18<sup>th</sup> – Father's Day



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## SERVICE AWARDS

We would like to congratulate the following employees reaching service milestones:

### April

8<sup>th</sup>.....Tony Bannen...10 years

16<sup>th</sup>.....Justin Ross...5 years

### May

7<sup>th</sup>.....Ryan Teegardin...10 years

31<sup>st</sup>.....Tim Adkinson...35 years

### June

1<sup>st</sup>.....Jerrad Higgins...25 years

2<sup>nd</sup>.....AJ Selleck...20 years

3<sup>rd</sup>.....Caleb Green...10 years

4<sup>th</sup>....Connor Somerfield...5 years

4<sup>th</sup>.....John Meyer...5 years

6<sup>th</sup>...Mark Heintzelman...35 years

6<sup>th</sup>.....Jody Teegardin...35 years

8<sup>th</sup>.....Dan Pitch...25 years

9<sup>th</sup>.....Kurt Newcomb...20 years

18<sup>th</sup>.....Chris Carr...5 years

25<sup>th</sup>.....Branden Luscher...5 years

28<sup>th</sup>.....Doug Sanders...30 years

30<sup>th</sup>.....Justin Heimbecker...20 years

## CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to GTD employee Trevor Miller and his wife Kyli on the birth of their second child, a son. Gohan Jacob Miller was born on March 31st weighting 7lbs 4oz. He joins big brother Ford, who is two years old.

## BRADY PAULSON RETIRES AFTER 44 YEARS



Brady Paulson retired from Greenville Tool & Die on April 14, 2023 after 44 years of service. Brady began at GTD on March 15, 1979, with no knowledge of the die making process. During his career he progressed through the ranks; first as an apprentice tool & die maker earning journeyman certification from Montcalm Community College, to die leader, tryout leader, process engineer, and Chief Program Manager. He has been one of our best and an expert in the trade.

Graduating from Lakeview High School in 1978, Brady spent his school years working on the family farm and ski business. His father, Jack Paulson, raised beef cattle until Brady was in his teens and then transitioned to crop farming that included corn, beans, and wheat. Brady's mother, Janice Paulson worked for the former Gibson's in Greenville for over twenty five years. Brady has two sisters Becky and Gail. All the Paulson's grew up skiing. The family ski business named after Brady's great grandfather, Brady's Hills, featured the highest elevation in Montcalm County and was a staple in Lakeview from 1956 until 1983. Brady's Hills Family Ski Area offered seven slopes, rope tows, night skiing and snowmaking. The Paulson's love of the sport is generational, and Brady continues to enjoying skiing with his own children. Brady and his wife Lori have two children Macade (24) and Chloe (22). Macade currently has seven years of service to Greenville Tool & Die and earned his own certification as a journeyman die maker in 2020. Chloe recently earned her BSBA in Business Management and is working full time for Corewell Health. Both children have already purchased their first homes, and heavily credit their parents for their success. Looking back at his career, Brady says he is amazed at how much the company has grown. He has seen the emphasis in our industry switch to more automation with progressive and transfer type dies. Brady is also astonished by our rapid delivery times, nearly cut in half from when he started. He presently holds top seniority at the company. His absence will certainly be felt throughout. Brady's plans for retirement include skiing, family, and some work in his pole barn. He would like to complete a project he's had on the back burner; restoration of a John Deere 420 Crawler bulldozer. Brady and Lori also plan to do a little traveling. Their first trip will be to Gatlinburg Tennessee this summer. Greenville Tool & Die would like to thank Brady for all his years of outstanding service. We wish him and Lori many more years of health and happiness in retirement.



## JERRAD HIGGINS REACHES 25 YEARS



Jerrad Higgins will be the 109<sup>th</sup> employee to reach a quarter century of service on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Jerrad is the son of Dwight Higgins and Kim Thorington. While attending Belding High School, Jerrad worked as a co-op student at GTD. After graduation he was accepted into our apprenticeship program. Jerrad earned journeyman diemaker certification in 2003. He also earned journeyman certification as a tool & die designer in 2005. Jerrad and his wife Brenda operate Higgins Angus Farm. On average they maintain around thirty head of cattle. From precision tooling to well-marbled beef, Jerrad exemplifies quality. Thank you Jerrad for the past quarter century of exceptional service to GTD.

## DAN PITCH REACHES 25 YEARS



Dan Pitch will be the 110<sup>th</sup> employee to reach a quarter century of service on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Dan is the son of Howard and Margie Pitch. While attending Carson City/Crystal High School, Dan worked for the Hubbardston Hydro Electric dam before becoming a co-op student at GTD. After graduation he accepted an apprenticeship and went on to earn journeyman diemaker certification in 2003. Dan and his wife Lisa have two children, Hayden (14) and Avery (11). Dan enjoys spending time with his family and is an avid hunter/trapper. Both Hayden and Avery compete in archery tournaments. Sharp sightedness runs in the Pitch family. Thank you Dan for 25 years of outstanding service to GTD.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

### April

2<sup>nd</sup> ..... Tyler Peterman  
4<sup>th</sup> ..... Joe Hoy  
4<sup>th</sup> ..... Phi Do  
11<sup>th</sup> ..... Ken Mankel  
12<sup>th</sup> ..... Tim Johnson  
20<sup>th</sup> ..... Matt Smalley  
25<sup>th</sup> ..... Tyler Akin  
27<sup>th</sup> ..... Rob McGill  
30<sup>th</sup> ..... Kurt Newcomb  
30<sup>th</sup> ..... Tony Seaborn

### May

1<sup>st</sup> ..... Don Orr  
1<sup>st</sup> ..... Nate Akin  
4<sup>th</sup> ..... Jake Zander  
5<sup>th</sup> ..... Kaden Gnuse  
6<sup>th</sup> ..... Trenton Heintzelman  
9<sup>th</sup> ..... Bill Patterson  
10<sup>th</sup> ..... Kevin Coon  
10<sup>th</sup> ..... Matt Diehl  
18<sup>th</sup> ..... Mark Heintzelman  
30<sup>th</sup> ..... Brett Tomkinson  
30<sup>th</sup> ..... Branden Luscher

### June

6<sup>th</sup> ..... Luke Hansen  
6<sup>th</sup> ..... Diana Turner  
10<sup>th</sup> ..... Josh Johnson  
13<sup>th</sup> ..... Bill Draper  
18<sup>th</sup> ..... Conner Miller  
19<sup>th</sup> ..... Kevin Arnold  
19<sup>th</sup> ..... Carter Brownell  
22<sup>nd</sup> ..... Brent Hoffman  
26<sup>th</sup> ..... Dave Bean  
26<sup>th</sup> ..... Connor Somerfield  
27<sup>th</sup> ..... Kris VanOcker  
29<sup>th</sup> ..... Laura Baker  
30<sup>th</sup> ..... Deb Jones

## PROMOTED TO PROCESS ENGINEERING



Greenville Tool & Die is pleased to announce Brent Hoffman (pictured with wife Michelle) has been promoted to our Process Engineering Department. As a Program Manager Brent will oversee and coordinate various projects while ensuring all the needs of our customers have been met. Brent's 20+ years of die making and CNC milling experience will serve him well in this new position. Congratulations Brent!

## BLOOD DRIVES



June 7, 2023  
August 2, 2023  
September 27, 2023  
December 6, 2023

44 donations were made during our April blood drive. These employees reached milestones:

Brian Brasington – 14 gallons  
Norm Denny – 4 gallons  
Trent Heintzelman – 2 gallons  
Marty Bush – 15 gallons

## TOURS WELCOME AT GREENVILLE TOOL & DIE



In March Greenville Tool & Die hosted Baldwin Heights Elementary 4th graders to a tour of our facilities. These students received a demonstration of simulation, surfacing, design, toolpathing, CNC 5 axis milling, die tryout and assembly. GTD was happy to help educate these young students on the different aspects of tool and die, as well as the different schooling and career paths that are available to them. If your school is interested in a tour please contact [hr@gttd.com](mailto:hr@gttd.com)

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