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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

### JUNE 2010

2	.....Chad Reed
6	.....Luke Hansen
7	.....Phil Hopkins
13	.....Bill Draper
19	.....Chad Teegardin
19	.....Kevin Arnold
21	.....Bill LaMere
22	.....Zach Rodriguez
26	.....Dennis Guernsey
26	.....Larry Caverley
26	.....Dave Bean
30	.....Connor Thomsen
30	.....Deb Jones



(L-R) Nate Akin, Mike Brownell, Jody Teegardin, Brian Schmid, Dick Grimm, and Kurt Newcomb. Missing is Jerrad Higgins.

## MIDWAY PRODUCTS GROUP (2011 FORD EXPLORER)

## SAFETY & SUGGESTION COMMITTEE



As featured in several of our recent Tool Bits issues, we are completing the design and building of the necessary dies to make a number of parts for Ford's upcoming 2011 U502 Explorer. In this issue, we are featuring a transfer die which will produce the right and left hand Roof Side Rail for our customer, Midway Products Group of Monroe, Michigan. The parts will be of high strength material and Midway's Columbus Grove, Ohio plant will handle the annual volume of approximately 158,000.

This has been a challenging tool to design and build. Our die leader on the project has been Jody Teegardin. He has been

assisted by Mike Brownell, Dick Grimm, and Jerrad Higgins.

Nate Akin has been our design leader with help from Brian Schmid and Kurt Newcomb.

## WOULD YOU PREFER TO RECEIVE A DIGITAL VERSION OF THE TOOL BITS?

If so, please email either myself, Steve Foster ([sfoster@gtd.com](mailto:sfoster@gtd.com)), or Deb Jones ([djones@gtd.com](mailto:djones@gtd.com)) with your email address and each month a PDF version of the newsletter will be sent to you in lieu of the printed copy. You may also access a digital version from our website, <http://gtd.thomaswebs.net/newsletters>.

Tim Gasper  
Kevin Raymond

Chad Teegardin  
Tony Ross

The Safety & Suggestion Committee for May will meet on Wednesday, May 26, 2010, at 3:00 p.m. in the large conference room.

## MARRIAGE

Congratulations and best wishes go out to Tim Holland and the former Shanna Pheister on their marriage April 10.

## BIRTHS

Tim and Kristin Adkinson welcomed their new son, Jesse Lee, on April 10. Jesse also has a brother, Ross, 3.

Matt and Heather Dempsey also had an addition to their family as daughter Laila was born on April 19. They also have a son, CJ, 6, and a daughter, Alexis, 5.

Best wishes to both of these families.

## AVALON PARK

Avalon Park is now open and ready for you, your family, and guests to use. Enjoy!



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# 2010

## GRADUATION

At this time of year, we like to extend congratulations to the many graduates associated with Greenville Tool & Die.

First of all, our graduating Co-op and student learners are: Michael Bush, son of our Ted Bush, from Greenville High School; Ben Dulek, Zachary Rodriguez, and Alex Watts from Greenville High School; Sara Smith, daughter of our Jerry Smith, from Belding High School; and Connor Thomsen, son of our Steve Thomsen from Greenville High School.

Other graduating sons or daughters of GTD employees are: Elizabeth and Jessica Brownell, daughters of Mike Brownell, from Belding High School; Madisyn Bush, daughter of Ted Bush, from Central Michigan University; Jessica Buskirk, daughter of Jim Buskirk, from Montcalm Community College; Alexandra Johnson, daughter of Tim Johnson, from Central Montcalm High School; Julie Laux, daughter of Kurt Laux, from Davenport University; Weston Rasmussen, son of Roger Rasmussen, from Central Montcalm High School; Cody Teegardin, son of Chad Teegardin, from Alpena Community College; Melissa Thomsen, daughter of Steve Thomsen, from Central Michigan University; Derek Visch, son of our Rick Visch, from Greenville High School; and Aimee Winters, daughter of Neil Winters, from the University of Phoenix.

We extend our best wishes to all of our graduates.



At left, Tyler Reynolds, a senior at Greenville High School on a shadow experience, is shown a few things about Catia die design by our designer, Ross Hansen, at right.



Recently, during Bring Your Child To Work Day, our Gordon Gorby, shows daughter, Rylie, and son, Tyler, some of the neat things he does everyday as a tool and die designer.

## RELAY FOR LIFE

This year's Montcalm County Relay For Life event on behalf of the American Cancer Society will be held Friday, June 18 and Saturday, June 19 at Greenville High School's Yellow Jacket Stadium. GTD's committee members for this year's event are Captain Norm Denny, Robbie Rahn, Joe Dempsey, Jon Gigowski, Joe Hoy, Kevin Raymond, Rachel Hopkins, and Matt Dempsey. They have been in the process of recruiting team members (our GTD team is known as Wheeler's Walkers after our late Controller, Bob Wheeler) and conducting fundraisers for the event. If you are interested in being a team member or just walking or running in the event, please contact a committee member.

## NEW EMPLOYEE

We welcome new employee, Deb Jones. Deb, from the Lakeview area, has extensive business experience, particularly in the banking industry. She is presently assuming the roles of receptionist and accounts receivable specialist.




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