



### STEVE FOSTER RETIRES

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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

#### MARCH 2015

- 1.....Travis Colter
- 1.....Justin Priest
- 1.....Derek Strouse
- 2.....Ryan Sandtveit
- 3.....Joe Winters
- 5.....Kodde DeVries
- 5.....Kyle London
- 6.....Joe Dempsey
- 6.....Jary Shinabarger
- 10 .....Bev Ralph
- 17 .....Cody Braman
- 17 .....Dale Hartway
- 18 .....Chris Bannen
- 23 .....Roland Demorest
- 24 .....Rich Ring
- 28 .....Nick Feuerstein
- 28 .....Herb Jones
- 31 .....Nick Tillottson

As we mentioned in last month's Tool Bits, HR Director, Steve Foster (above left), shown congratulating Rich Ring (at right) on becoming the new HR Director. Rich has more than 30 years of service here at GTD. Steve retired with several other longtime GTD employees at the end of 2014. Steve served GTD for more than 32 years, with responsibilities for purchasing, safety and environmental, human resources, the company's community service and education liaison, and editor of the Tool Bits. Steve graduated from Greenville High School in 1966, received his AAS from Montcalm Community College in 1968 followed by a BA in Business at Michigan State University in 1970. After college graduation, he would spend more than 10 years as a sales engineer and sales manager at both LexaLite Corp. of Charlevoix, and Process Equipment Corp. in Belding. Accepting an offer from GTD's late, longtime owner, Stan Ash, Steve started at GTD in early August of 1982 in what would be a long career of wearing many hats. From the very beginning, Stan encouraged Steve to be involved and partner with our educational partners and other manufacturing businesses

in the area. As a result, he became involved with or a member of many organizations, boards, and advisory groups. He became known for promoting the skilled trades, career technical education, Career Showcase, student shadow days, teachers-in-industry, and business/education partnerships. He was honored by the Greenville Public Schools in 1999 as their "School Bell" award winner and was a long time advisory board member for Montcalm Community College's apprenticeship advisory group and served as the first president of the college's M-TEC Bd of Overseers (now known as the Ash Technology & Learning Center). In 2010, Steve was MCC's commencement speaker and was honored with their Stanley & Blanche Ash Distinguished Service Award. For almost 20 years, Steve has been a trustee and former president of the Education Foundation of Greenville. Currently, he is president of the Montcalm Area Intermediate School District's Board of Education and is a lifetime honorary member and past president of the American Apprenticeship Round Table.

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### SAFETY & SUGGESTION COMMITTEE

Tony Walker  
Jeremy Schapp

Caleb Green  
Ryan Daley

The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at 3:30 p.m. in the large conference room.

### BIRTHS

Congratulations to A.J. and Miranda Selleck on the birth of their first child, a boy, Alexander James, born on January 30th.

We also congratulate Kevin and Sarah Coon on the birth of their son Logan Michael, born on February 2nd. He joins siblings Kristian 7, Noah 5, Isabel 4 and Joseph 2. Best wishes to the Selleck and Coon families.

### SERVICE AWARDS

On February 25, Chris Bannen will reach 30 years of service and Kerry Jahns the 35 year service plateau. Our sincere thanks and appreciation to Chris and Kerry. Best wishes for continued success in their careers.



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For some time, Steve was a Montcalm County private sector member of the Central Area Michigan Works, 4-county Workforce Investment Board and served as chairman of its Outreach Committee. In the community, he has been chairman of the Montcalm Challenge Food Drive and was honored in 2003 with our area's EightCAP, Inc. Volunteer of the Year. A promoter of the Michigan Sportsman Against Hunger program and its venison donation program, Steve is also an active member of MMUSA and the Montcalm Branch of QDMA.

Steve and his wife Cherie have been married for more than 46 years, have 3 grown children and 6 grandchildren. In retirement, Steve plans to spend much of his time pursuing his passion for outdoor/hunting videography and photography which has seen him travel from the Midwest to the Rocky Mountains, Old Mexico, South Africa, and this year, Canada. He and Cherie also plan to do some other traveling as time goes by to see and experience new destinations.

On retiring, Steve shared, "For many years, I have been privileged and fortunate to have served and been a part of and shared with others the legacy of Greenville Tool & Die. To have not only worked for, but gotten to know and appreciate Stan and Blanche Ash, true servants in our community, and major influencers in my life, has been special. I have had an opportunity to work with a number of great people through the years at GTD for whom I appreciate, admire, and respect. Although I am excited about this next chapter of my life, I will miss you. Keep up your good work."



### BELDING ROBOTICS WINS AGAIN

Recently Robotics Team 7173 D became the 3rd team from Belding to qualify for the state tournament. Our own student learner Taylor Sluiter is shown far right.

### CAREER SHOWCASE

On Tuesday March 10, from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm Greenville Tool & Die Co. will once again host students and parents from local school districts the opportunity to explore the tool & die career. Students 8th - 12th grade can sign-up online at; [www.careershowcase.org](http://www.careershowcase.org)

### BRICKS & MORTAR AWARD

At the recent Greenville Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Celebration on January 29th, Greenville Tool & Die Co was awarded the "Bricks and Mortar Award" for our recent building expansion.

### BLOOD DRIVE

At our January Red Cross Blood Drive, we had 53 donors. The following donors reached milestones with their donation;

Jesse Playter	1 Gallon
Ryan Sandtveit	1 Gallon
Jon Gigowski	7 Gallons
Tim Johnson	9 Gallons
Rich Ring	19 Gallons

Our next blood drive is Tuesday, March 10th.



### NEW EMPLOYEE

We welcome to our engineering department Bill Meyers, above, as engineering assistant. Best wishes to Bill in his new career.

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