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Pictured above at left is Greenville High School senior, Ali Loding. Ali visited us for a Shadow experience on December 6. Also pictured is our Derrick Baker.

## SHADOW EXPERIENCE IN CAD

GTD has always been very open and willing to afford area students an opportunity to visit with us to learn about their career interests and what kinds of opportunities might be available to them in the tool and die industry. Ali Loding, a senior at our local Greenville High School was here for such an experience on December 6. A student in Mr. Hopkins CAD class, Ali, has interests in studying Plastics Engineering and CAD this coming fall at Ferris State University. Ali's father, Jeff, was also a Co-op student with us a number of years ago and today has a very successful business, (GTW), Greenville Truck and Welding. Thanks to our employees, IV Mumby, Brad Throop, and Derrick Baker for spending time with Ali.

On December 19, the employees of Greenville Tool & Die were treated to a wonderful Christmas dinner with their choice of Prime Rib or Chicken Breast. A big thank you to Mark Cole and his staff at Coles Catering for a wonderful meal.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

### FEBRUARY 2014

- 1.....Dave Christensen
- 2.....Matt Caverley
- 4.....Rob Rahn
- 5.....Jeremy Hopkins
- 7.....Matt Dempsey
- 7.....Mike Geister
- 8.....Brian Brasington
- 10 .....Mike Davis
- 10 .....Bill Harry
- 10 .....Austin Wardell
- 14 .....Levi Barnhill
- 22 .....Mike Smith
- 27 .....David Michalek
- 28 .....IV Mumby
- 28 .....Austin Meyers

## SAFETY & SUGGESTION COMMITTEE

Tim Gasper  
Matt Brewster

Mike Davis  
Mark Cazier

The next Safety & Suggestion Committee meeting will be Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. in the large conference room.

## BLOOD DRIVE

Our next Red Cross Blood Drive is Tuesday, January 14, 2014.

## SERVICE AWARDS

Congratulations and thanks go out this month to Jon Gigowski reaching 25 years of service on January 10, and, Tony Ross, reaching 10 years of service on January 29. Best wishes to Jon and Tony for continued success in their careers.

## CLASSES BEGIN

Montcalm Community College Related Instruction classes for our apprentices, begin on Monday, January 13, 2014.



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## VERSON 2,000-TON PRESS

We have recently purchased the used 1999 Verson 2,000 ton, straight side, 4-point, transfer press, shown at right. The unit is being refurbished and we hope to take receipt this summer sometime.



A few key features: T-slotted rolling bolster; 96" X 204" bed area; 96" X 204" T-slotted ram; 20" stroke; 60" shut height; 16" slide adjustment; 15-30 variable SPM; air counter balance; air clutch and brake; light curtains; and, 72" wide windows.

## CINCINNATI 20VC RETROFIT

MTI Controls Corporation has been retrofitting a couple of our older model Cincinnati/Milacron 20VC machining centers. We performed the mechanical upgrades here before sending the units out. We needed to update the machining centers' technology and incorporate a new controller. Our Roger Rasmussen (below) is helping with the setup of the first machine. The retrofits allow for faster feed rates, constant velocity, 50% reduction in cycle times, and can handle complex geometry and part programs of any size or complexity.



## GTD's 2013 ARCHERY DEER SEASON BUCK POOL WINNERS

Congratulations to our 2013 Archery Deer Season Buck Pool winners, Joe Dempsey and Brett Tomkinson.

Joe's nice 8-pointer had a 17-1/2" outside spread and just nudged out, Brett Tomkinson's 8-point buck having a 17-1/4" outside spread. Make sure in Joe's picture at right that you don't get confused as to which is the buck!

Brett had a super year, as you recall from last month's Tool Bits, he won our 2013 Firearms Deer Season Buck Pool with another nice 8-point having an 18-1/2" outside spread. Way to go guys!



Joe Dempsey



Brett Tomkinson

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