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Pictured above is Toby Ingraham standing next to the Okuma MC-60V mill control panel.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

### APRIL 2015

- 2.....Tyler Peterman
- 3.....Dylan Breimayer
- 4.....Joe Hoy
- 7.....Jim Buskirk
- 7.....Steve Thomsen
- 12 .....Tim Johnson
- 13 .....Matt Paulson
- 20 .....Matt Brewster
- 23 .....Dave Bailey
- 24 .....Sam Hazekamp
- 25 .....Todd Braman
- 27 .....Rob McGill
- 30 .....Kurt Newcomb

## TOBY INGRAHAM - RETIRES

After more than 24 years of service, long time employee Toby Ingraham retired on January 29. Toby was a vital part of our CNC mill department. Throughout his career here at Greenville Tool & Die, Toby had the training and knowledge to operate any one of our many cnc mills, he took pride in that as well as the quality of his work.

After graduating from Cedar Springs High School in 1968, Toby began working for a tire retread shop. After 17 years of that, he began pursuing a tool & die career by taking classes at Montcalm Community College on his own. Shortly after that he was offered employment in a local tool & die shop, which began his new career.

Toby joined us here at Greenville Tool & Die on October 8, 1990.

Born in Greenville, Toby was raised on Blue Lake located north of Lincoln Lake. He would later marry Gayla, his wife of more

than 45 years. They have two sons; Ben and Andy, as well as six grandchildren.

In retirement Toby would like to spend some time working on his 1955 Ford and 1961 John Deere tractors. Other hobbies Toby would like to continue are reloading his own ammunition and woodworking. When time permits he would also like to attend some tractor shows and flea markets. He and Gayla would love to visit some national parks out west and possibly visit some warmer weather along the ocean so Gayla can enlarge and enhance her sea shell collection.

Final comments from Toby was that he is very thankful for the opportunity he has had to work at GTD, and that he thoroughly enjoyed working with all the good people here.

From all of us here at GTD, best wishes Toby, to you and Gayla, for contentment and good health in your retirement. We will miss you and your smile.

## SAFETY & SUGGESTION COMMITTEE

Tim Johnson  
Ashton Mead

Jeremy Schaap  
Jesse Playter

The next Safety & Suggestion Committee meeting will be Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at 3:30 p.m. in the large conference room.

## NEXT BLOOD DRIVE

Our next Red Cross Blood Drive will be here at GTD on Tuesday, March 10, from 12:30 pm until 5:45 pm.

## SERVICE AWARD

We would like to recognize and thank our Rick Visch for 30 years of service on March 15, and Deb Jones, for 5 years of service on March 30. Best wishes to Rick and Deb for continued success in their careers.

## BIRTH

Congratulations to Jordan and Kristina Melching on the birth of their second child, a boy, Lucas Allen, born on February 6. Little Lucas joins big brother James, 3. Best wishes to the Melching family.



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## FCA - FIAT CHRYSLER AUTOMOBILES



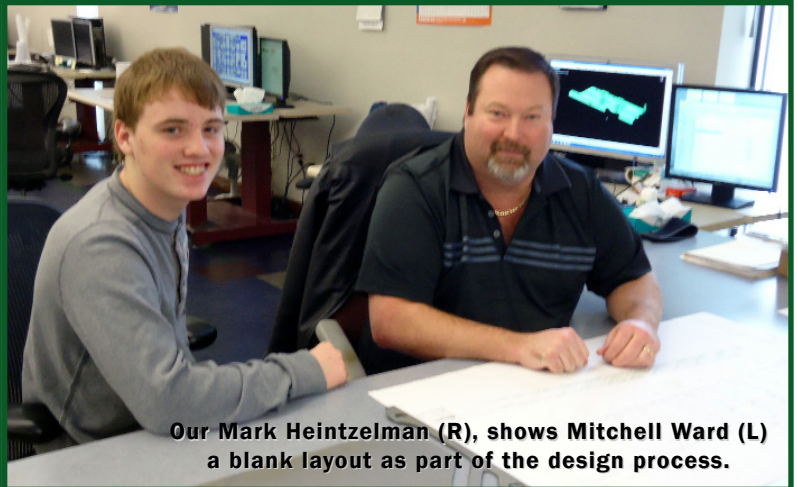
Pictured above (L-R) Matt Paulson, Todd Braman, Gordon Gorby, Greg Cooley, and Ryan Daley

We recently completed a program for FCA - Fiat Chrysler Automobiles. The Front Seat Crossmember required a series of five (5) dies to produce the right and left hand parts. These two (2) redesigned parts will be replacing an assembly that is currently on two (2) production automobiles. These redesigned parts will result in considerable cost savings for our customer. The dies will run production in the Warren, Michigan plant.

Our die leader on this project was Todd Braman. He was assisted by Matt Paulson, Steve Thomsen, and Ryan Daley. Our design leader handling this project was Gordon Gorby. Greg Cooley was one of our many CNC mill operators involved in the precise machining of the steels required to produce the dies. Brady Paulson was the program manager.

## JOB SHADOW

Recently, Mitchell Ward, a freshman at Belding High School, visited GTD in a Job Shadow experience. Mitchell is interested in engineering and tool & die. He plans to investigate and possibly enroll in the machine tool program at Heartlands as soon as he is grade eligible. Our Mark Heintzelman showed Mitchell the design process in our engineering department, while Derrick Baker demonstrated the simulation software, Tony Walker toolpathing, and Jim Buskirk process engineering. As always, many thanks to all of our employees who help make these job shadows a success.



Our Mark Heintzelman (R), shows Mitchell Ward (L) a blank layout as part of the design process.

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