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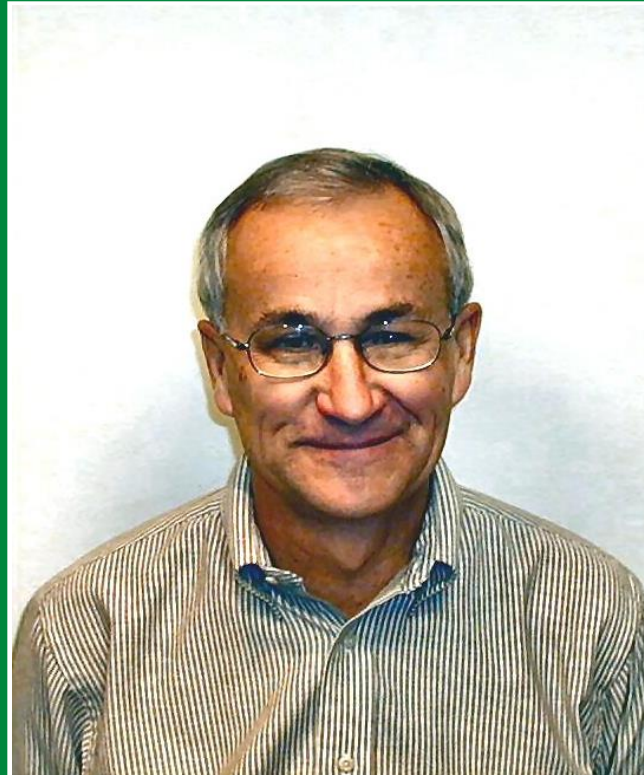
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### GTD 71<sup>ST</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Greenville Tool & Die was established August 15, 1946. Thank you, customers and employees, for 71 years of quality service!

## LARRY CAVERLEY RETIRES AFTER 50 YEARS



Larry Caverley retired from Greenville Tool & Die on June 26th after 50 years of service.

Larry was born to parents who made their living operating a dairy farm. It was here that the value of hard work and accepting responsibility was learned. He is the oldest of 6 children, having 3 younger brothers and 2 younger sisters. Larry graduated from Greenville High School in 1967. He excelled in the industrial arts programs such as metal shop and wood

shop. Larry's teacher, Mr. Houck, recommended he consider employment at GTD. Larry applied and received an interview with Mr. Stan Ash, owner and president of the company. After the interview Mr. Ash said Larry was going to have to wait until the vice-president, Mr. Bill Arntz, returned from vacation and interview with him as well. Larry left the interview with Stan thinking he pretty much was not going to get hired. But after interviewing with Mr. Arntz, he did indeed get a job offer and accepted. Larry joined GTD on August 2, 1966 just prior to starting his senior year of high school as a part time co-op employee.

Upon graduation Larry was offered an apprenticeship with the company. At this point Larry had to decide, work on the family farm or pursue a career in tool & die. With much discussion and encouragement from his father he accepted the apprenticeship and became a full-time employee on June 26, 1967. Over the years, Larry would become a die maker, tryout leader, night shift foreman, plant superintendent, vice president of manufacturing, and president of the company.

Larry has been married to the former Cherilyn Fisher since September 1969. This fall they will be celebrating 48 years of marriage. Larry & Cherilyn have two children Matt (Kim) and Tammy (Eric), and four grandchildren, Ashley, Brenden, Kayleen, and Hannah. In retirement, Larry and Cherilyn plan to continue boating, golfing, "fixing" projects, volunteering, and enjoying family time.

When asked what changes he has seen over the last 50 years, Larry said the accuracy of modern day equipment and technology has allowed us to fabricate dies to a superior quality compared to the equipment from the past. In addition, Larry commented on how this same technology has shifted the work load from the shop to simulation, surfacing, and design.

Some of Larry's final comments he leaves us with: He is so thankful for having good parents. Both helped to teach him an excellent work ethic. Working at GTD has been a great career, he has really enjoyed the opportunity to work with all the different people over the years. He is thankful for the opportunity that his mentors gave to him. While working here has not only been a great career and job, but also a wonderful opportunity to be a mentor and a teacher for the next generation.

On behalf of all of us here at GTD, it has been a pleasure to work with you Larry. We wish you and Cherilyn many years of good health and prosperity in your retirement.

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## INSURANCE MEETING



There will be an Insurance Renewal Meeting for all employees on **Wednesday, August 9, 2017 3:15pm in the breakroom.**



## SAFETY & SUGGESTION



Travis Colter Devin Cunningham  
Dave Hendricks Kerry Jahns

The Safety & Suggestion Meeting will be **Wednesday, August 30, 2017 - 3:30pm.**

## CLOSED SEPTEMBER 4TH

Greenville Tool & Die will be closed **Monday, September 4, 2017** in observance of Labor Day.



## GTD FLU SHOT CLINIC

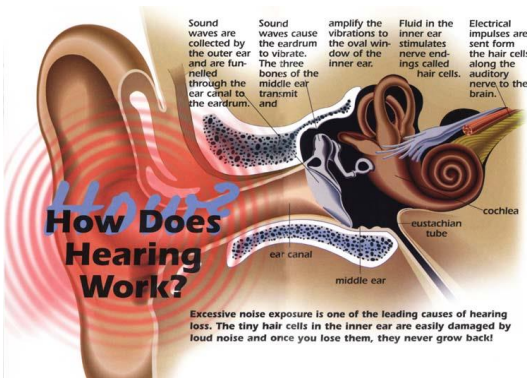
**Wednesday, September 13, 2017**  
2:15 - 5:15pm



GTD employees/retirees, your spouse, and your children are eligible for onsite flu shots. Please contact Rich Ring in Human Resources for more information.

## ANNUAL HEARING TEST

Employee Hearing Test  
**Monday, September 25, 2017**



## NEW APPRENTICES



Congratulations to (pictured left to right) Ken Mankel, Levi Jackson, Jeremy Payne, Matt Smalley, and Austin Woch who were recently hired full time in our apprenticeship program.

## BACK TO SCHOOL REMINDER

School resumes on the following dates:  
Belding High School - August 28, 2017  
Carson City-Crystal High School - August 28, 2017  
Central Montcalm High School - August 28, 2017  
Greenville High School - August 28, 2017  
Ionia High School - August 23, 2017  
Montcalm Community College - August 26, 2017\*



\*Some classes may not follow the regular semester schedule. Check the schedule in [my.montcalm.edu](http://my.montcalm.edu) each semester for details and current information.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

### AUGUST

- 1.....Tony Walker
- 3.....Paul Fyolek
- 3.....Terry Swan
- 12.....Kerry Jahns
- 12.....Tim Jakeway
- 12.....Paul Arlt
- 14.....Tim Gasper
- 15.....Brian Schmid
- 17.....Dave Hendricks
- 19.....Doug Sanders
- 26.....Devin Cunningham
- 31.....Ryan Teegardin



## SERVICE AWARDS



The following employees are recognized for their hard work and dedication on:

### AUGUST

- 4.....Adam Teegardin.....20 years
- 4.....Seth Heckman.....3 years
- 6.....Dave Bean.....33 years
- 8.....Jay Vlahas.....40 years
- 8.....Tim Johnson.....29 years
- 14.....Tim Gasper.....44 years
- 15.....Don Orr.....28 years
- 22.....Ken Selleck.....34 years

Thank you all for your commitment, and the accomplishments you have brought to Greenville Tool & Die.

## WELCOME TO GTD



Tyler Baker



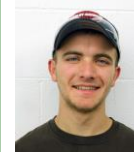
Ross Cusack



Nicholas Harrell



Branden Luscher



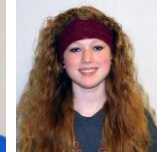
Kaleb Mattix



Matt Miller



Gabriel Platte



Julia Potter



Kurt Potter



Chad Reed



Tyler White

## BLOOD DRIVE



**American Red Cross**  
Together, we can save a life

The following GTD employees/retirees have recently reached milestones in blood donated:

Seth Heckman - 2 gallons  
Phil Rewa - 3 gallons  
Nick Tillotson - 4 gallons  
Rick Hillman - 25 gallons

Thank you donors, for your commitment to helping those in need.