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Four Longtime Pumford/Gregory Construction Employees Retire; Combine 133 Years Experience with the Companies



Matt Pumford thanks and congratulates Dale Meylan, Tom Clark, Butch Jacobs, and Ray Darabos on their combined 133 years of service to Pumford/Gregory Construction.

On December 18th, 2009, four long-time Pumford and Gregory Construction employees were recognized for their hard work and dedication- Tom Clark, Ray Darabos, Butch Jacobs, and Dale Meylan.

Tom Clark

Resident of: City of Essexville, Bay County

Phone Number: 989.928.0110 (company cell phone- best way to get ahold of him until at least 2/2/2010)

Most memorable job: "There have been many enjoyable and rewarding projects, thus it is hard to single out just one. The early wood-framed offices with nice architectural detailing were great [as well as various large log wood homes]. The most current and perhaps the most memorable project would have to be the major renovations to the Consumers Energy Alma facility."



Tom Clark started with Pumford Construction in 1988 and has been a hardworking Carpenter ever since. Although Tom has another career as a pastor in his future, he has been an extremely hard worker and will definitely be missed on the jobsite.

Ray Darabos

Resident of: Saginaw County

Phone Number: 989.642.3031

Most memorable job: "Napa Store on McCarty was quite an experience, it was one of our [Pumford's] first site jobs and we were buying new equipment, etc."

Ray Darabos began as a Laborer with Pumford Construction in 1977. As Matt Pumford pointed out, "[As Pumford is a fourth generation family owned company] I was able to work a lot with Ray as a kid and he taught me quite a few things." Matt chuckled, "I tried to talk him into staying now that my kids are getting older." Ray has a great attitude and has mentored a lot of people in the field.

Butch Jacobs

Resident of: James Township, Saginaw County

Phone Number: 989.781.1555 (home) or 989.928.0115 (company cell)

Plans for after retirement: hunting, fishing, spending time with the family

Most memorable job: "The Frankenmuth Brewery. It had some really fancy brick, great detailing at the top; just a really neat building."

Butch Jacobs worked a year and a half as an apprentice at what was Johann before it merged with Pumford Construction. He has been a Mason with Pumford Construction since May 1972; 38 years of service. Matt Pumford remarked, "Butch has a great family with a close connection to Pumford

Construction; we will still see him around, but I am sure he will be doing a lot more hunting now."

Dale Meylan

Resident of: Kawkawlin, Bay County

Phone Number: 989.928.0126 (cell)

Plans for after retirement: Doing more of his hobbies- hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, traveling, and anything outdoors

Most memorable job(s): "The Jennison Place and Boathouse Condominium projects (along the river in Bay City)- both jobs entailed everything that construction is about- demolition, adding new construction, and renovation."

Dale Meylan started at Gregory Construction almost 41 years ago. It was his first and only job for over four decades and claims to have "never collected a check from anywhere else." In Matt Pumford's words- "they don't get any better."

These four men have a combined total of 133 years experience at Pumford/Gregory Construction. It is going to be difficult to replace the expertise and workmanship that they brought to their jobs. According to Matt Pumford, "It will take a whole bunch of you [skilled tradesmen] to take the place of these four." While we know that Pumford has many talented employees, it is important to sit back and



recognize the hardworking journeymen that have paved the way and taught so many of us our crafts.

Thanks Tom, Ray, Butch, and Dale! Enjoy your retirement!

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