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Two employees observe 50 years of service!

This Special Edition Newsletter is dedicated to two individuals who have served the company for 50 years! Steve Lund retired in 2023 with the milestone of 50 years completed in September. While not yet retiring, Virginia Cripe will pass the 50-year mark, just a few days after turning the page into 2024.

It is easy to say that these two individuals are and have been pretty special employees and co-workers for this company and the predecessor companies. But more importantly, both Steve and Virginia have been people that all in this company respect and like personally and have always looked up to, as both managers and friends.

On behalf of many, many people at HF Group, present and past, I want to acknowledge their significant milestone and simply say thank you.

Jay Fairfield, President

Steve Lund

Steve's beginnings and career advancement with HF Group has been well-documented. After his start and several years in production, Steve's endless curiosity in learning new things led him to the new challenges associated with computers and software. From there, he moved to learning accounting software and finally a desire to become an accountant.



Steve and Pat Lund

In 1990, Steve moved into the position of assistant accountant. He secured his CPA and in 1999 was promoted to the position of Controller.

For a little more than half of his working career, Steve was responsible for managing our accounting and financial functions. Steve was not only a reliable member of our team, but a respected colleague and manager throughout our company.

Virginia Cripe

Virginia started her career at Heckman Bindery in January of 1974. Her work and contributions have touched nearly every aspect of our operations including production work, technology implementation, customer service, data management and reporting, invoicing, human resources, department management and eventually operations management.



The list of people who have worked closely with Virginia during her tenure, is as long as any employee who ever contributed to this business. The respect for her leadership and style extends well outside the group of fellow employees, and managers in North Manchester, Indiana, to include a long list of customers and vendors.

While she will soon complete 50 years of service, Virginia is not done having an impact on our company and as we move into 2024 and beyond, HF Group is all the better for that fact.



The Lund Family

For old times' sake... a Lund & Ole classic!

Once, Ole accidentally dropped 50 cents out of his pocket into the outhouse. He immediately threw in his watch and billfold too. When Lena asked "Ole, vy did yu yust do that?" Ole looked at Lena disapprovingly and said, "Well, ya know Lena, I'm nat goin down der yust for fiffity cents!"



Virginia and Ron Cripe