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Tim began his Bridgestone career in Decatur, Ill., where he stayed for 10 years before relocating to the plant in LaVergne. When the plant in Warren County began production in early 1990, Tim was here to see the first tires roll off the line.

"The tires and technology have changed so much from when I started," said Tim. "It used to be tires would last 5,000 to 10,000 miles. My dad used to buy new tires before we went on vacation. Now you have passenger tires that get 60,000 to 80,000 miles. And the truck tires we build usually get a quarter of a million miles on them then we'll retread them and they will go another good distance."

Tim is proud of his work at Bridgestone and the company's ability to manufacture more than 9,000 tires a day. "We do things to make the machines dance," said Tim. "Right now we're trying to make every tire we can."

Tim says one piece of machinery, a fabric cutter, has followed him from his first job in Decatur to



From left, David Jackson, Tim Mahar and Keith Hamilton joke around during a 50-year reception for Tim held Tuesday at Bridgestone. He is the first Warren County Bridgestone employee to reach 50 years.

Warren County. He says the machine still works well today.

A skier, Tim was showered with several gifts, including a U.S. Olympic Team ski jacket. He also received a Dilbert doll.

WARD BACK WITH TATTOO STUDIO

Cory Ward got his start as a tattoo artist in Warren

County nearly 20 years ago. He opened his first shop here in 1999.

After moving to Manchester for years, Cory has returned to McMinnville and opened Anchored In Tradition Tattoo at the shopping center in Mt. Leo. Business hours are Wednesday thru Saturday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

"I want to get the word

out that I'm back in my hometown," said Cory. "Some of my clients have been driving down to Manchester to see me so I want them to know I'm back."

Cory says his years of experience make him versed in all styles of tattoo. His says the tribal tattoos were popular for quite some time, but that trend has finally started to fade.



Korner Market is under new ownership. Terry and Patty Boyd had owned the convenience store since 1996, but their last day was Tuesday. Vimal Patel and his family are the new owners.

He says a trend that's emerging is mothers and daughters are coming to get tattoos together when the daughter turns 18. It's common for the mother and daughter to get the same or a similar tattoo so they can share a bond.

Cory says memorial tattoos are a mainstay of the business, along with the names of children in tattoos. I'd say getting the name of a girlfriend is probably not advisable. That's a guess.

When it comes to parts of the body, Cory says he has experience putting a tattoo just about anywhere. I didn't ask for more information.

If you've been thinking about getting a tattoo, or adding to your collection, stop by and talk to Cory. He can do a tattoo of incredible detail and color,

or he can do something less complicated. Cory has more than 40 tattoos on his own body, but admits he's at a good stopping point and doesn't foresee any more designs in the future.

It's also fitting to say Cory is a proud father of two girls, ages 7 and 1, with another child on the way. He says he wants to keep his work schedule at four days a week so he can devote the rest of his time to his family.

Anchored In Tradition Tattoo can be reached at (931) 434-1246.

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