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PRESSing NEWS

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Spotlight of the Month: Tim Denny

Our spotlight of the month shines on Tim Denney, who joined the Valco Team on July 6 of this year and is a member of our first shift welding department. Tim has lived in Springfield his entire life and graduated from South High School (Go Cats!) in 2004. He was a four year member of the ROTC program and had hoped to join the Marines after graduation. Unfortunately, he found out that he was color blind, so his dream of becoming a Marine never came to fruition.



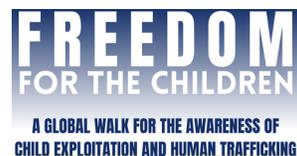
After high school graduation he took his first job with Basic Plastics where he operated a Borghi brush machine making plastic broom heads. He worked there for several years until the company was sold and moved out of state. Tim then enrolled in the adult night welding program at what was then the Joint Vocation School (CTC now) and after completing the program was hired at Valco Industries as a welder. After seven years with Valco, Tim took a job with Sweet Manufacturing in Springfield. During his three years with Sweet Tim was a brake press operator, fabricator/welder and group leader.

Luckily for us Tim chose to return to Valco as part of the welding department in July and is now able to work with his father Dave, who is in charge of our shipping/receiving department. He is married to Abbey who works part-time and is the proud father of Dominic (5) and his stepdaughter, Jenna (17). During his non-working time, Tim has started to get into Forging which is the manufacturing process involving the shaping of metal using localized compressive forces. The blows are delivered with a hammer (often a power hammer) or a die. Tim feels this is a natural progression with all his years of welding, fabrication, and working with all types and shapes of different metals. He is also excited about starting to learn new skills and talents. He also enjoys spending time with family when not working.

We are thrilled to have Tim back at Valco where he can put to good use his many years of welding, fabrication, and leadership skills. We look forward to working with Tim in the months and years ahead.

Product of the Month

This month's featured product is produced for a long time Valco customer that builds fire trucks in several locations. Valco makes three different window trim parts for them. The part starts as a flat, angle aluminum extrusion that is then cut to the specified length. Once the parts are cut to length, holes are drilled and countersunk so that the assemblers can fasten the finished window trim to the fire truck door. The parts are then sent to a special tube bending operation to be formed to fit the profile of the window of a specific door on the fire truck. The formed parts are finally powder coated and then packaged and delivered to our customer. We are very happy to have been producing these window trim parts, as well as many other parts, since 2013. Valco is proud to play an important part in manufacturing and supplying our first responders with high quality American made component parts.



We want to recognize and thank Megan Watson for her leadership role in helping to organize the recent community rally and walk for Freedom for the Children that took place at the City Plaza on August 22nd.

The mission of the Freedom for the Children organization is "to expand global awareness of child exploitation and human trafficking by way of annual international multi-city rallies and walks." Megan says once she learned more about the Freedom of the Children organization and the critical life-saving work they do she knew she wanted to be involved in helping to raise awareness in our community. She believes when people are made aware and become empowered and unified great changes are possible and a world without human trafficking can become a reality. Well done Megan and thanks for working to improve our community and world. Valco is proud to have helped sponsor the August 22nd rally and walk.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

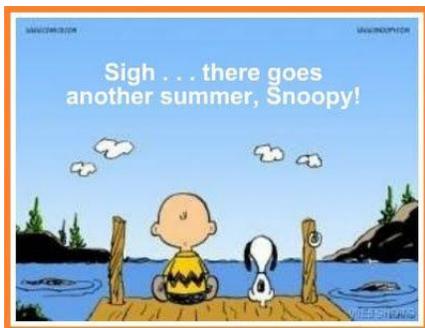
Bradley CastleSeptember 2
Bob WilkersonSeptember 10
Josh PolcynSeptember 17
Dave Montgomery . . .September 27
Larry HuxleySeptember 30

We hope each of you have a great day on your special day and an even better year. Wishing you a year of good health, lots of laughs, and much personal and professional success. Here is hoping each of you have a lot more birthday celebrations in the years ahead.

Years of Service

Chris Strodes Sept. 3 1 year
Ed Ledent Sept. 18 . . . 3 years
Dave Jenkins. . . Sept. 13 . . .10 years!
Angie Judy Sept. 24 . . .13 years!
Bob Wilkerson . . Sept. 24 . . 8 years

We thank each of you for being such an important part of the Valco Team and for doing all you do to help us grow, improve, and succeed. Your many contributions are greatly appreciated and we look forward to working with you in the months and years ahead.



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A last reminder that Labor Day 2020 will be taking place on Monday, September 7th. This will be a paid holiday for all of the Valco folks who have been with us for at least 90 days. The good news is that Labor Day is another paid day away from work, but the bad news is that it is usually considered the last summer holiday of the year. What a strange and stressful summer it has been. Hopefully the weather will cooperate to help make it an enjoyable holiday weekend. Be safe and stay healthy out there.

1920 - 2020

For all you History Buffs this will boggle your mind! What a difference a century makes! Here are some statistics for the Year 1920:

- The average life expectancy for men was 47 years.
- Fuel for cars was sold in drug stores only.
- **Only 14 percent of the homes had a bathtub.**
- **Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone.**
- The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.
- **The average US wage in 1920 was 22 cents per hour.**
- The average US worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.
- **More than 95 percent of all births took place at home.**
- Ninety percent of all Doctors had NO COLLEGE EDUCATION.
- **The American flag had 45 stars.**
- The population of Las Vegas , Nevada was only 30.
- **Only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated from high school.**
- Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over the counter at local corner drugstores.
- **There were about 230 reported murders in the ENTIRE U.S.A.**

Great Quotes

“If you don’t like the road you’re walking, start paving another one.” *Dolly Parton*

“What a wonderful thought it is that some of the best days of our lives haven’t happened yet.” *Anne Frank*

“The hardest thing to learn in life is which bridge to cross and which to burn.” *David Russell*

“I not only use all the brains I have, but all I can borrow.”
Woodrow Wilson

“If you think nobody cares about you, try missing a couple of payments.” *Stephen Wright*