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# PRESSing NEWS

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## Spotlight of the Month: Jeff Cox

Our Associate Spotlight this month shines on **Jeff Cox**, who has been a member of the Valco Team since November 2021. Jeff works on first-shift and is part of our production support staff. Jeff was born and raised in Springfield, attended Springfield High School (Go Cats!) and was a four-year member of their ROTC program.



After high school Jeff worked for his grandmother, who owned a furniture store at Southern Village. He wore a number of different hats during his 6 years working there, including shipping, receiving, delivering, and even learning to build furniture. From there he took a job with A & E Powder Coating for the next several years until moving to EB Brown to become an order picker.

After two years picking orders, Jeff took a position with BDL (Buckeye Logistics) in South Charleston where he did repair and maintenance work on their trailers. After four years with BDL Jeff fortunately decided to drive a lot less and joined Valco where his father Dan Penwell was already working.

Jeff is married and has two children, Jeffrey who is 11 and Ariella who is 10, both of whom attend Lincoln Elementary School in the Springfield City Schools. During his non-working hours Jeff enjoys spending time with his wife and children doing family activities.

Jeff says he is enjoying working at Valco and hopes this will be the last place he has on his resume. He is also hoping to learn how to operator our lasers and become a laser operator in the future. We are glad to have Jeff as part of our Team and look forward to working with him in the months and years ahead.

### PRODUCT OF THE MONTH

Valco makes many different large assemblies, but we also make many small products and assemblies. This is a stainless-steel strainer that is used in butcher shops and deli's in the corner of a sink to keep trimmings from going down the drain and clogging things up. It is simple, practical, inexpensive, and lasts forever. If you have an idea for something innovative that can be commercialized, give us a call and we will work with you from the design phase to taking it to market!



We are glad to report that we will soon be having shareholder meetings with everyone at Valco to present each person with their new certificate that will have Valco's new share price as well as each person's account balance as of December 31, 2021. Our annual valuation was completed by Prairie Capital, reviewed, and accepted by our independent trustee, Steve James, and finally forwarded to RMS to calculate each person's new account balance. We look forward to sharing this exciting and what we hope is life changing information with everyone. Valco is certainly proud to be an Employee Stock Owned Company where each person is a shareholder and owner.



## DOG DAYS OF SUMMER

Well, the "dog days of summer" have certainly arrived with a vengeance. To take a well-deserved break from the heat, all of us at Valco were able to enjoy some soft-serve ice cream from our favorite local vendor, Lee Ann's. It certainly was enjoyable and much appreciated.

You may be wondering what does the "dog days" of summer actually mean: Hot, Sultry summer weather; also, a period of stagnation (not at Valco though). The Old Farmer's Almanac lists the traditional timing of the Dog Days: the 40 days beginning July 3 and ending August 11, coinciding with the heliacal (at sunrise) rising of the Dog Star, Sirius.





## Happy Birthday

Storm Shoemaker . . . . . July 7th  
Steve Queen . . . . . July 8th

We hope Storm and Steve each have a great day on their special day and an even better year. Here's hoping their new year is a healthy virus free one, with lots of laughs, new experiences, and much continued success. We wish both of you many more birthday celebrations in the years ahead. Enjoy your special time of year!

## Years of Service

Renea Bailey . . . . . July 5 . . . 5 Years!  
Tim Denney . . . . . July 6 . . . 2 Years  
Darren Perez Jr. . . . July 8 . . 2 Years  
Dan Penwell . . . . . July 16 . . . 4 Years  
Bryant Wells . . . . . July 21 . . . 8 Years  
Don Briggs . . . . . July 22 . . . 23 Years!!  
Cody Evans . . . . . July 24 . . . . 5 Years!  
Jose Rivera Pagan . July 24 . 4 Years

Wow! What a great month July was for hiring some great people. We thank each of you for being part of the Valco Team. We appreciate all you have done and that you continue to do for Valco and our many customers. We look forward to working with you in the months and years ahead. Let's Keep On Keeping On in 2022 and beyond!

## Welcome TO THE TEAM!

Allen (AJ) Cook, who started on June 13, 2022. He is part of our production support team.



It's great to have AJ as part of the Valco Team and we look forward to working with him in the months and years ahead.



We will be celebrating July 4, Independence Day, on Monday this year. This of course is a paid holiday for all Valco folks who have been with us for at least 90 days. We hope each of you will have a safe, healthy, and very enjoyable holiday and long holiday weekend. Hopefully, we will all take some time to remember that Independence Day is a federal holiday commemorating the Declaration of Independence of the United States, on July 4, 1776. The Continental Congress declared that the thirteen American colonies were no longer subject (and subordinate) to the monarch of Britain, King George III, and were now united, free, and independent states. The Congress then voted to declare independence two days earlier, on July 2, but it was not declared until July 4.



The Springfield Arts Council seven week 56th Annual Summer Arts Festival continues at Veterans Park Amphitheater. This year's seven-week festival will be ending on Saturday July 23 with long time favorite Phil Dirt and The Dozers performance. All of the shows and

events are FREE and available to everyone in our community and surrounding area. Each week's entertainment normally starts on Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m. Bring a blanket or chair and enjoy the final weeks of a wide variety of music, shows, and entertainment. For more information and updates on the Summer Arts Festival, go online to [www.springfieldartscouncil.org](http://www.springfieldartscouncil.org).

Don't Just  
Don't just learn, experience.  
Don't just read, absorb.  
Don't just change, transform.  
Don't just relate, advocate.  
Don't just promise, prove.  
Don't just criticize, encourage.  
Don't just think, ponder.  
Don't just take, give.  
Don't just see, feel.  
Don't just dream, do.  
Don't just hear, listen.  
Don't just talk, act.  
Don't just tell, show.  
Don't just exist, live."

Roy T. Bennett, The Light in the Heart



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