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# PRESSing NEWS

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## Spotlight of the Month: AJ Cook

Our Associate of the Month Spotlight shines on Allan (AJ) Cook, who has been part of the Valco Team since June 13 of this year. AJ is currently working as part of our first-shift production support group and as such works in several different areas and departments. AJ was born and raised in Springfield and graduated from Northeastern High School (Go Jets!) in 2012. While in high school he was a four-year member of the FFA Club (Future Farmers of America).



After high school graduation, he started his working career by putting to good use his four years of FFA membership by going to work on his grandparent's farm, Rittenhouse Farm. The farm is located on Willow Road and raises cattle, pigs, and a variety of different crops. He still helps his grandparents by working there on a part-time basis as time allows. After working full-time on the farm for several years, AJ then took a job with Stanley Electric in London where he assembled taillights. After about 8 months he joined Midwest Express which was a company that worked inside the Marysville Honda plant delivering a wide variety of parts to the different assembly lines. From there he joined Robinson Insulation in Springfield and worked as part of their drywall division delivering loads of drywall to different work sites and project locations. After six years at Robinson, luckily for us, he chose to work at Valco.

He is the proud father of twin boys, Colt and Camden who are three. He is expecting a girl some time in September. His wife Samantha is a medical assistant with the Community Mercy Hospital System. In his free time, he enjoys fishing, riding four wheelers and spending time with his young sons. It has been great having him with us and we are certainly glad AJ decided to become part of the Valco Team. We look forward to working with him in the upcoming months and years ahead.

Valco Safety Director, Larry Huxley, coordinated the development of the **Valco Safety Committee** in January 2022. They have been identifying and addressing various plant safety issues and concerns including the need for increased usage of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) by Valco associates. They have also developed a plant wide safety suggestion program where employees whose suggestions are accepted and implemented receive a gift card.

The committee is pursuing two major safety initiatives:

**Valco Emergency Response Coordinators** to aid in evacuating the building if an emergency event should occur. Members include Jerry Shingler, Jett VanCulin, Josh Dennin, Ed Ledent, Tim Denney, Kurt Gallmeyer, Micah Hanks, Jon Young, and Dave Denney.

**First Responders** to assist in the case of a medical emergency within the plant. They will be trained in blood borne pathogen, CPR and first aid. Members include Josh Dennin, Joe Guinn, Tim Denney, Megan Watson, Trevor Barlowe, Thomas Kane, Micah Hanks, Jordan Shingler and Cohl McClung.

We greatly appreciate the many Valco Associates who have volunteered to be part of these committees. We also know that safety is everyone's job and something we all should be working on each and every day.

## Blueprint Training at Valco!

Valco recently completed its first in-house blueprint training course. The initial course had 4 attendees, all from the welding department. The basic blueprint training course covered the fundamentals of blueprint reading with the goal of each participant being able to proficiently interpret basic blueprints by the end of the course. The course included about an hour of classroom training, covering the various elements of a blueprint, such as the title block, revision table, and bill of materials, as well as the different angle projections of the 2D drawing of the part. At the end of the class, the attendees were able to take a sample bracket and create a drawing for it, including a side view, top view, and bottom view, all in the correct orientation.

Each participant took a pre and post-test as well as completing an evaluation form of the class to help evaluate the effectiveness of the class and to help improve the next upcoming blueprint reading classes that will be taking place.

Special thanks go to David Jenkins, Valco's quality manager, for both designing, as well as, teaching the class. We appreciate him taking the leadership role on the blueprint courses and classes we are having.





# Happy Birthday



- Matt Johnson..... August 7
- Nick Hayes..... August 7
- Dave Denney..... August 12
- Jeff Cox..... August 21
- Uriel Sanchez ..... August 22
- Bradley Castle..... August 30

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

## Years of Service

- Thomas Kane . . . . Aug. 2 . . . 1 Year
- Chris McClung . . . Aug. 5 . . 3 Years
- Steve Queen. . . . Aug. 10. . 13 Years!!
- Paul Blevins . . . . Aug. 18. . 12 Years!!
- Jordan Shingler . . Aug. 19 . . 3 Years
- Storm Shoemaker . Aug. 21. . 5 Yrs!
- Charlotte Brickles . Aug.26. 20 Yrs!!!

Wow! What a great month August has been for the hiring of some great people. We thank each of you for being such an important part of the Valco Team. We appreciate all you have done and continue to do for Valco and more importantly for 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!



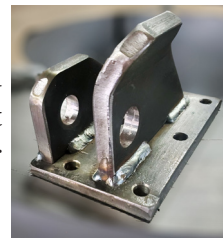
A reminder that Labor Day 2022 will be taking place on Monday, September 5th. This will be a paid holiday for all Valco associates who have been with us for at least 90 days. We will be returning to regular production hours and schedules on Tuesday, Sept. 6. Labor Day of course is a paid day and unfortunately is this year's last summer holiday. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate to help make it an enjoyable holiday weekend. Be safe, smart and stay healthy out there.

## PRODUCT OF THE MONTH

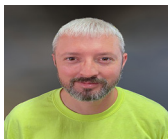
The part shown here is a bracket we produce for a large tractor manufacturer. The bracket bolts to the frame of the trailer to help incorporate a large implement onto the back of the tractor.



The bracket is laser cut out of 1/2 steel and weighs over 8 pounds. After it is lasered, it is sent to the brake press department for forming and then shipped to the customer.



Uriel Sanchez who started on June 27 and is part of our first shift grinding department



Daniel Jones who started on July 5 and is part of our first shift production support group.



It is great to have Uriel and Daniel as part of our Team and we look forward to working with them in the months and years ahead. We wish each of them the best in their new positions.

“You cannot push anyone up a ladder unless he/she is willing to climb a little themselves.” *Andrew Carnegie*

“Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.” *Mother Teresa*

“Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony.” *Mahatma Gandhi*

“Behind every success is effort. Behind every effort is passion. Behind every passion is someone with the courage to try.” *Anonymous*

“Mistakes are a fact of life. It is the response to the error that counts.” *Mikki Giovanni*



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