



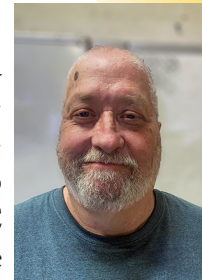
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# PRESSing NEWS

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## Spotlight of the month - Dave Cantrell

Our Associate Spotlight this month shines on **Dave Cantrell** who has been a member of the Valco Team since January 23 of this year and is leading our machining department. Dave was born and raised in Mechanicsburg, Ohio and still resides in his hometown. He graduated from Mechanicsburg High School (Go Indians) in the class of 1978. During high school Dave played baseball and basketball for the Indians.



After high school graduation, he took a job with Grimes (Honeywell) in Urbana in their machining department. After 3 years at Grimes, Dave took a job at Carmichael Machine in Springfield where he spent the next 38 years in their machining department. Dave started off by operating manual laths and then moved to CNC machining centers. He says most of what he learned about operating CNC machines was a self-taught process by reading operating manuals, back in the day when people actually read operating manuals rather than watching YouTube videos which did not exist at the time. Through trial and error and operating manuals he soon became very proficient in the programming and operating all of the equipment at Carmichael.

Dave remained at Carmichael until they closed their doors late last year and were merged into the McGregor Metal Working Companies. Dave worked for several months at McGregor's until joining Valco. On April 25 Dave will have been married to his wife, Melinda, for 43 years. They are the proud parents of two children, Jeremy who has a daughter attending Ohio University and a daughter Leslie who has a son who plays baseball at Blufton College in Ohio and a daughter who attends Mechanicsburg High School. During his spare time he enjoys playing golf and spending time with family, who fortunately all live in Mechanicsburg.

Dave is enjoying working at Valco and very much likes the work atmosphere and being allowed "to do his thing." We feel very lucky to have someone with the many years of machining experience and knowledge that Dave has as part of our team and as part of our machining department. He has already made a huge positive difference in his department. We look forward to working with Dave in the months and years ahead.



### Celebrating Year 2 of Being Employee Owned!

On March 16 we celebrated our second year anniversary of becoming an Employee Stock Ownership Company (ESOP) by having KORE 4 SOUL FOOD TRUCK provide lunch for all our company shareholders/owners. Being an ESOP is certainly worth celebrating and something we can all take a great deal of pride in. Knowing we now work at a company where we each own a "piece of the pie" and be able to financially share in our continued growth and success. There is no doubt that as a Valco shareholder Working Together We Know The Best Is Yet To Come!





# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Mike Bell. . . . . April 4  
Jamie Rollins . . . . . April 20  
Darren Perez . . . . . April 23

We wish Mike, Jamie, and Darren 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 adventures, lots of parts to fabricate and much continued success. We wish them many, many more birthday celebrations in the years ahead and the good health to know what they are actually celebrating. Enjoy your special time of year!!

## Years of Service

Dave Denney . . April 25 . . 17 Years!!

We want to thank Dave for being such an important part of the Valco Team for so many years. We appreciate all he has done throughout his 17 years with Valco and that he continues to do for our fellow Valco associates as well as for our many customers. We look forward to working with Dave in the years to come. Let's Keep on Keeping on in 2023!

## Welcome TO THE TEAM!

Edwar Granados started on March 6 on 2nd shift and is part of our production support group.



Eleodoro Medez started on March 6 on 1st shift and is part of our machining department.



It is great to have Edwar and Eleodoro as part of our Valco Team and we look forward to working with them in the months and years ahead.



On March 15 Valco offered our first, of what we hope will be many, lunch and learn programs. For our first program, we invited a local financial planner to talk about retirement planning and what everyone should be thinking about, planning for, and doing as they prepare to retire. We plan to have two or three

more of these sessions as we wanted to limit the size of the group to allow more time for questions and answers. Everyone enjoyed the program and thought there was a great deal of valuable information that provided them with a number of items to look at and work on. Hopefully everyone's shares in Valco (ESOP) will be make their retirement easier and much more enjoyable when that time arrives.



Even though summer and warm weather seems to be a way off we know it is coming as the Springfield Arts Council has announced the dates, shows, events and entertainment they will be having as they present the 57th season of the Summer Arts Festival. For a complete listing of the upcoming shows and entertainment you can go to the Arts Council web site at <https://www.springfieldartscouncil.org>.

The Springfield Arts Council's Summer Arts Festival returns to downtown Springfield on Wednesday, June 14 through Saturday, July 22, 2023, with over twenty-five evenings of admission-free entertainment under the stars! Be sure mark your calendar now and get your lawn chairs ready for the 57th season of Springfield's favorite summer tradition, The Summer Arts Festival!

## Great Quotes

*"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success."* Henry Ford

*"Opportunity does not knock; it presents itself when you beat down the door."* Kyle Chandler

*"The most difficult thing is the decision to act, the rest is merely tenacity."* Amelia Earhart

*"We become not a melting pot but a beautiful mosaic. Different people, different beliefs, different yearnings, different hopes, different dreams."* Jimmy Carter

*"Get to the point where you get allergic to average! You don't think average."* Eric Thomas, Author/Speaker



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