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# PRESSing NEWS

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## Spotlight of the Month: Adam Hensley

Our Associate Spotlight this month shines on Adam Hensley, who has been a member of the Valco Team since May of this year and works in our welding department. He was born and raised in Springfield and graduated from Springfield South (Go Wildcats) and JVS (now CTC). While attending CTC he spent his junior year in their Tech Prep program which gave him a chance to spend six weeks each in different course/trade classes to see what he might want to pursue as a career. He chose to spend his senior year in their welding program.



During his high school years, he worked at Burger King and Ponderosa while attending school. After high school graduation he spent four years working for Quality Manufacturing Design (QMD) doing rack repair and fabrication work. He then took a job with Muffler Brothers doing a variety of different auto repair work such as muffler replacement, brakes, suspension, etc. He also worked part time with Dependable Roofing. After about 10 years with Muffler Brothers, he moved to Johnson Welded Products in Urbana to work on welding of air tanks and doing other specialty welding work. He then took a welding position with Rittal and was there until Covid impacted his working. He secured a position at OS Kelly in Springfield working on repairing, grinding and doing cosmetic repair work of piano plates. Then fortunately in May Adam accepted a welding position with Valco.

He is the proud father of one son, Adam, who is 13 and attends Schaffer Middle School in the Springfield City School district. During his spare time, he enjoys working on cars, especially installing specialty stereo systems. He says he has really enjoyed working at Valco as he likes the wide variety of different welding opportunities he has been given and enjoys working with the folks who make up our welding department. It is great having Adam as part of our Team and we look forward to working with him in the months and years ahead.



Valco celebrated and thanked Jerry Reed, who retired after 25 years of service, on May 18th. Jerry had been an outstanding member of our team and rarely, if ever, missed work during his 25 years of service. He was a key member of our laser department for many years, and we will certainly miss his positive "Can Do" attitude. We celebrated Jerry's retirement with an all-staff food truck lunch, retirement cake, and a Valco jacket with a 25 Year Service emblem. We wish Jerry many years of good health so he can really enjoy his well-deserved retirement. Thanks for all you did Jerry!



## 1st Annual Family Day at Valco!

A reminder about the upcoming first annual Valco/A&E Family Fun Day that will be taking place on Saturday, August 26 from 11:00am till 3:00pm. If you haven't received your invitation in the mail, please be on the lookout. The day will be filled with food, games, fishing, a bouncy house and most importantly a chance to spend time with your family and fellow employees/shareholders away from work. If you fail to receive your invitation, please stop in the office to get one or RSVP using the QR Code shown. We hope to see everyone for a day of family fun!





Steve Queen. . . . . July 8th

We sure hope Steve has a great day on his special day. Here's hoping his new year is a healthy one, with lots of laughs, lots of new adventures, lots of new projects to manufacture and fabricate, and much continued success. We wish Steve many more birthday celebrations in the years ahead. Enjoy your special time of year.

### Years of Service

- Renea Bailey. . . . . July 5 . . . 6 Years!
- Tim Denney . . . . . July 6 . . . 3 Years
- Dan Penwell . . . . . July 16 . . . 5 Years!
- Bryant Wells. . . . . July 21 . . . 9 Years!
- Don Briggs . . . . . July 22 . . . 24 Years!!
- Jose Rivera Pagan . July 24. .5 Years!
- Craig Bishop. . . . . July 25 . . . 1 Year

Wow what a great month June was for hiring some great people who have been part of the Valco Team for many years. We thank each of you for being part of our Team. We appreciate all you have done throughout the years and that you continue to do for Valco and our many customers on a daily basis. We look forward to continuing to work with each of you in the years ahead. Let's Keep On Keeping On!

### Welcome TO THE TEAM!

Victor Castellanos, started on June 8th and is working in our maintenance dept. It is great to have Victor as part of our Team!



We will be celebrating July 4, also known as Independence Day, on Tuesday this year. We plan on being closed on Monday, July 3 and Tuesday, the 4th. The 28th Clark County Annual Buck Creek Boom will take place on Monday, July 3rd from Ferncliff at the banks of Buck Creek.

Rain day will be July 7th if needed. Valco is proud to be one of the sponsors of this community wide event. We hope everyone enjoys Independence Day, as well as, the long holiday weekend. Enjoy the holiday but be safe and smart out there. Return safely to us on Wednesday, July 5th.

### COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Check out these summer events in Springfield!



The 57th season of the Summer Arts Festival is now taking place at Veterans Park most Wednesdays through Sunday. 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 annual Rotary Gourmet Food Truck will be taking place on Saturday, August 19th at Veterans Park starting around 11:00 a.m. This is always a popular and well attended community event with some 30 different food trucks, live entertainment, and a great time. All proceeds go towards the many different community projects the Springfield Rotary Club sponsors each year.



This Year's Annual Clark County Fair will be taking place from July 21-28 at the Clark County Fairgrounds. You can get additional information about the upcoming Fair, such as the hours of operation, nightly entertainment, livestock displays, etc. by going to their web site at <https://clarkcoag.com/clark-county-fair/>

### Great Quotes

- "An investment in knowledge pays the best interest."  
*Benjamin Franklin*
- "One's philosophy is not best expressed in words; it is expressed in the choices one makes." *Eleanor Roosevelt*
- "The most difficult thing is the decision to act; the rest is merely tenacity." *Amelia Earhart*
- "To the world you may be one person, but to one person you may be the world." *Dr. Seuss*
- "I want to try the impossible to show everyone it can be done."  
*Terry Fox (marathon runner)*

**There is going to be an August special election held on August 8th. Even though there is only one issue on the ballot it is a very important one and it will impact how our state constitution is changed and will impact how your voices are heard. Please vote and have your voice heard! New voter registration is in progress, and you must register no later than July 10 to vote in the August election. VOTE!!!**

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