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# PRESSing NEWS

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## Spotlight of the Month: Amanda Wilson

Our Associate spotlight this month shines on **Amanda Wilson** who has been part of the Valco Team since 2019 and leads our HR department. Amanda along with her twin sister, Angela, were born in Louisville, Kentucky. At an early age her family moved to Dallas, Texas so her father could pursue a career change. Soon after relocating to Dallas her parents had another set of twins, Nathan and Michael, so her family now had two sets of fraternal twins plus an older brother Matt. Her parents decided to move to Springboro, Ohio to be closer to family for additional support in raising five youngsters. Her father, an engineer, took an engineering position with Ohio Gravure Technologies.



Amanda attended and graduated from Dayton Christian High School where she actively participated in basketball, volleyball, and tennis. She then attended Wheaton College, a liberal arts faith-based college in Wheaton, Illinois. Amanda graduated with a business and economics degree. She then earned her Certified Public Accounting (CPA) certification and took a job with the Flagel Accounting Firm in Dayton. After seven years with Flagel she moved to Columbus and took a job with a recruiting and HR firm. After three years she decided to open her own HR firm, Brightwork Advisors in 2017. Brightwork gets its name from the historical “bright work” which refers to varnished wood or metal on a boat. It takes a great deal of hard work and loving care to get the finish one would call brightwork and Amanda feels it takes the same type of hard work and loving care to build the type of relationships she has developed with her clients.

Amanda and her husband, Tim, originally met in high school. He is with Thrivent Financial and works in the mergers and acquisitions field. They are the proud parents of three children, Charlie(10), Kate (7) and Cora (5). Needless to say, Amanda has a very full and active schedule. She is a former marathon runner and has coached tennis. She has recently turned her athletic passion to golf.

We are very happy to have Amanda as a very important part of our leadership team and leading such an important part of our organization. In the five years we have worked with Amanda she has made a very positive impact on our organization and with the people who make Valco what it is and has become. We look forward in working together in the years ahead and continuing our growth and success.



We are happy to report that we recently completed our annual ISO surveillance audit. We passed with only a couple of minor findings, which are very common in job shop settings, making correction and control man-

ageable. Our auditor spoke very highly of our employee owners and their knowledge of not only their work centers and job duties, but our Quality Management System as well.

To those of you that took time to talk with the auditor, I would like to thank you for your professionalism during the interviews. You represented Valco and yourselves very well. Our auditor also frequently commented about how much cleaner and more organized our production floor looks since last year. So, a well-deserved shout out to the members of the 5S teams that put in a great effort towards that goal. Job Well-Done! I look forward to continuing our success with our audit cycle as next year will be our tri-annual recertification audit. Thanks again to everyone on the floor for their support and professionalism during these audits.

*Dave Jenkins, Quality Manager*

### Financial Literacy at Valco!

Valco will be offering free Financial Literacy classes in partnership with Fifth Third Bank starting on Wednesday, August 7 at 3:00 p.m. Classes will take place each Wednesday during the month of August and will be from 3:00 till 4:00 p.m. A different subject relating to your finances will be presented and discussed each week. This is a great and easy way to become more financially literate and better be able to plan for you and your family's future.

If you have not signed up and interested in attending, please check with Eddie so we can have enough subject materials for everyone attending.





# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Matt Johnson..... August 6  
Dave Denney..... August 8  
Jeff Cox..... August 21  
Uriel Sanchez ..... August 22  
Bradley Castle..... August 30

We wish each of you a great day on your very special day as well as a year of good health, lots of laughs, lots of parts to fabricate, and much continued success. Here's hoping each of you have many more birthday celebrations in the years ahead and the good health to know what you are actually celebrating. Have a great day and a great year!

## Years of Service

Steve Queen. . . . Aug. 10. . . 15 Years!!  
Charlotte Brickles . Aug. 26. . 22 Yrs!!  
Dan Scott. . . . . Aug. 28. . . . 1 Year

Thanks to each of you for being such an important part of the Valco Team and for doing all you do for our customers and for Valco. We appreciate all you have done and continue to do and look forward to working with each of you in the years ahead. Let's Keep On Keeping On!

## Welcome TO THE TEAM!



Welcome to Bailin McGhee who joined the Valco Team on June 24 as part of our production support group. It is great to have Bailin as part of our Team and we look forward to working with him in the months and years ahead.

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### SPRINGFIELD ROTARY CLUB FOOD TRUCK HAPPENING

Saturday, August 17 from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm

Over 30 food trucks and thousands of foodies will gather for the Springfield Rotary Club's Annual Gourmet Food Truck Competition at Springfield's Veterans Park.

There will be everything you can imagine, from American comfort food and standards such as BBQ, burgers, pizza, seafood and wings, to cuisine from around the world, including African and Asian. Be sure to bring lawn chairs and blankets to stay and enjoy live entertainment from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Proceeds from the event will benefit Springfield Rotary's numerous charitable causes including services to people with disabilities, Polio Plus (the worldwide eradication of Polio) and the International Project in Lesotho.



Labor Day 2024 will be taking place on Monday, September 2nd. 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, September 3. 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.



A reminder that Valco's annual Family Picnic will take place on Friday, September 6th at Young's Jersey Dairy from 4:00 p.m. till 8:00 p.m. All Valco associates and immediate family members will receive wrist bands that will allow you to use all of Young's many facilities and activities. Dinner and gift giveaways will take place from 5:00-6:00. Sign-up sheets and more information to follow. We just wanted to be sure you saved the date for what should be a great evening and company-wide get together.

## Great Quotes

"Stay away from negative people. They have a problem for every solution." *Albert Einstein*

"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest."  
*Benjamin Franklin*

"I want to try the impossible to show it can be done."  
*Terry Fox, Marathon Runner*

"Some people look for a beautiful place, others make a place beautiful." *Hazrat Inayat Khan*

"No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of others." *Charles Dickens*