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Spotlight of the Month: Eleodoro Mendez

This month's Employee Spotlight shines on **Eleodoro Mendez**, who has been a valued member of the Valco team since March 2023. Eleodoro works in several different areas of the company, with most of his time spent in the machining department.

Eleodoro was born and raised in Xalapa, Veracruz, Mexico. When he had the opportunity to come to the United States and reunite with several members of his family, he chose to pursue that path.

Before moving to the U.S., Eleodoro was working toward a bachelor's degree in Languages. Unfortunately, during his fourth year, he was unable to continue after his funds for tuition and room and board ran out. Although he was never able to complete his degree, he remained committed to building a successful future. He later worked for Dole Foods in Springfield for 17 years before deciding it was time to pursue a new opportunity. Fortunately for us, that opportunity led him to Valco.

Eleodoro's mother lives in Tuxtla Gutiérrez, Chiapas, Mexico. He is one of ten siblings, with one brother living and working in Springfield. He has been happily married for 20 years and is the proud father of three children: Harumi, Ruth, and Samuel.

When asked about his personal goals, Eleodoro said his greatest desire is to help his children achieve their dream of earning college degrees. Spiritually, he hopes to fulfill the purpose for which he believes he was chosen. He also enjoys serving Springfield's Hispanic community whenever the opportunity arises.

Eleodoro says one of the things he appreciates most about Valco is the culture of working together to achieve best practices, allowing everyone to grow while supporting one another. When asked about his favorite part of the job, he said he enjoys coming to work each day with the mindset that he will learn something new and contribute to the company's goals.

During his three years at Valco, Eleodoro has enjoyed being part of the company's continued growth and has been pleasantly surprised by its capacity for expansion and improvement. When asked what Valco's mission means to him, he said it represents more than simply earning a paycheck—it means having opportunities for growth, learning, and personal development for everyone striving to build a better future.

We are very fortunate to have Eleodoro as part of the Valco team. We sincerely appreciate everything he has done, continues to do, and the positive attitude and energy he brings with him each and every day.



Welcome TO THE TEAM!

Harin Roblero started June 1 and works in production support on first shift.



Kevin Rangel started June 1 and works in production support on second shift.



John Diaz, started June 16 and is part of our brake press department.



Save the Date – Valco Family Picnic!



Mark your calendars! Valco's Annual Family Picnic will be held on Friday, October 2, at Young's Jersey Dairy from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

All Valco associates and their immediate family members will receive wristbands that provide access to Young's many attractions and activities throughout the evening until 8:00 p.m.

Dinner will be served, and gift giveaways will take place from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Additional information and signup sheets will be available soon. For now, we simply wanted everyone to save the date for what is always one of our favorite company events—a fun evening of great food, family, and time together outside of work.

We look forward to seeing everyone there!



Jessica Caudill July 6th
Steve Queen. July 8th
Maguel Garcia. July 28th

Wishing Jessica, Steve, and Maguel a very happy birthday. We sure hope their big day is a great one and that their new year is a healthy one with lots of good times, lots of laughs, lots of parts to fabricate and much continued success. Here's hoping for many more birthday celebrations in the years ahead and the good health to know what you are actually celebrating. Enjoy!

Years of Service

Renea Bailey July 5 . . . 9 Years!
Dan Henderson . . July 7. . . . 1 Year
Taylor Gift. July 14 . . . 1 Year
Dan Penwell July 16 . . .8 Years!
Bryant Wells July 21 . . .12 Years!
Don Briggs July 22 . .27 YEARS!!
Jose Rivera Pagan . July 24. .8 Years!
Craig Bishop. July 25 . . .4 Years!

We thank each of you for being part of the Valco Team, especially those associates who have been with us for many years. We appreciate all you have done throughout the years and that you continue to do for Valco and our many customers every day. Together we have come a very long way. We look forward to working with each of you in the months and years ahead. Let's Keep On Keeping On in 2026 and beyond!

Independence Day Holiday Schedule



Since this year's Independence Day falls on a Saturday, we will be closed on Friday, July 3, in observance of the holiday and in celebration of our nation's independence.

Normal production schedules and business hours will resume on Monday, July 6.

We hope everyone enjoys the long holiday weekend and that the weather cooperates, making outdoor activities even more enjoyable. As you celebrate, take a few moments to reflect on how fortunate we are to live in a country where we can celebrate our independence.

Have a safe, enjoyable, and happy Fourth of July. Please be smart, stay safe, and we'll see you back on Monday!

Labor Day Holiday Schedule



Labor Day 2026 will be observed on Monday, September 7. This will be a paid holiday for all Valco associates who have been with the company for at least 90 days. We will resume our normal production schedules and business hours on Tuesday, September 8.

Labor Day is an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the hard work and contributions of working men and women across our country. While it also marks the unofficial end of summer, we hope everyone takes the opportunity to relax, spend time with family and friends, and enjoy the long holiday weekend.

Have a safe and enjoyable Labor Day, and we'll see everyone back at work on Tuesday!

Enjoy the Springfield Summer Arts Festival!



The 60th Annual Springfield Summer Arts Festival continues through July 11, with longtime audience favorite Phil Dirt and the Dozers serving as the festival's closing act.

All you need to enjoy an evening of great entertainment is a lawn chair or blanket. It's a wonderful opportunity to spend time with family and friends while enjoying live music and performances in a beautiful outdoor setting.

For more information and a complete schedule of the remaining performances, visit: <https://www.springfieldartscouncil.org/fest25/> If you're looking for a fun and affordable way to spend a summer evening, be sure to check it out before the

Great Quotes

"Success belongs to those who dare to try, not those who criticize from the sidelines." Teddy Roosevelt

"The future depends on what you do today." Mahatma Gandhi

"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are."

Theodore Roosevelt

"The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing."

Walt Disney

"Action is the foundational key to all success." Pablo Picasso