

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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Save the date:

- Clay Shoot, end of July
- Hengesbach Memorial Golf Outing—August 15, 2009
- Fall Golf Outing—September 16, 2009



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ABC CENTRAL MICHIGAN WELCOMES ITS NEWEST MEMBERS



At-A-Moments-Notice was established in 1999 by Jay Horsfall. From construction and maintenance projects to helping contractors run their own successful businesses, At A Moments Notice handles every job. Commercial or residential, large or small, At-A-Moments-Notice is your “one-stop shop” for all your maintenance and renovations needs. Our skilled, professional and experienced staff will take your project from dream to reality. We also support the growth and success of fellow contractors, providing in-house leadership training. For more information, check out their website by visiting: <http://atamomentsnotice.net>

R & S Builders

R & S Builders is a Greater Lansing Area based construction company specializing in both commercial and residential new construction as well as remodeling. We will take on any project from framing and rough carpentry to finish carpentry and everything in between! For more information contact Ben Stewart at 517-525-3051 or send him an email: bstewarts5@aol.com

CMC partners with SEMI to extend apprenticeship opportunities.

Beginning June 1, 2009, the ABC Central Michigan Chapter (CMC), the Construction Education Trust (CET), which is the training affiliate of the Southeastern Michigan Chapter of ABC (SEMI), will provide their accredited Apprenticeship and Craft training program to the CMC chapter. The CET trains students in four construction trades: electrical, carpentry, plumbing and HVAC and have recently expanded training to include Welding Training, 60-Hour Builder's Pre-Licensing, Builder's Continuing Education, Labors Apprenticeship Training, and NCCER Green Training. Complimenting our trade specific curriculum are required safety training programs administered by MIOSHA. Students will have the option of attending our training facility in Madison Heights or a location provided by the CMC. We are extremely proud of the fact that many of our graduates have gone on to become successful owners of their own construction companies. For more information contact the CMC office at 517-394-4481 or email: office@abccmc.org

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

2009 Webinar Series

- July 15: Banking and Bonding
- Aug 19: Leadership Dev.
- Sept 16: Safety Essentials On the Job Site

For more information and to register visit our website.

Irwin Union Bank is giving away a Free HD TV or HD Camcorder when you open a new personal or business Checking Account, Money Market Investment Account or 4 Month CD. For more details: call: 866-614-7946 or visit: irwinunion.com

For registration details visit: <http://www.abccmc.org>

For more information on our conferences go to: <http://www.abc.org>

Upcoming 2009
ABC Central Michigan
Meetings:

- Board of Directors
June 30, 3:30pm
- Board of Directors
July 28, 11:30am
- Board of Directors
August 25, 3:30pm
- Board of Directors
September 29,
11:30am
- Board of Directors
October 27, 3:30pm
- Board of Directors
November 24,
11:30am
- Board of Directors
December 29,
3:30pm

General Motors intends to honor its agreements, including the discount program for ABC members. This could mean a savings of \$500 to \$2,000. For more information on ABC's GM discount program, visit: www.abc.org/gm

Get Involved

ABC is against Ingham County PLA's. Let your voice be heard. Go to protectinghamjobs.org and sign the petition.

If your company is involved in a unique or cutting edge project and you would like to showcase your success in the next newsletter, please send your article to office@abccmc.org

From the desk of Chris Fisher

President ABC of Michigan

Hire Michigan First

After months of debate, the senate passed the controversial Hire Michigan First package of bills, but without inclusions that would debar contractors from future work. ABC worked to gather support among other business groups to eliminate key components of Hire Michigan First involving prevailing wage and union hiring preferences. This included the elimination of a provision that would have debarred any contractor if they had more than one violation of the state prevailing wage act, even if it was a minor technical violation that was immediately corrected. The other amended provision was eliminating a mandate that contractors employ a 100% Michigan based workforce unless their company is signatory to a collective bargaining agreement. Organized labor and their legislative allies attempted to restore the prevailing wage and union hiring bias on the Senate floor, but were unsuccessful.

Unemployment Insurance Tax Increase on Businesses

ABC of Michigan and other businesses have joined together to oppose acceptance of a one-time payment from the federal government in exchange for a massive, permanent expansion of the state's 100% employer-financed employment system and the increased payroll taxes levied on employers to pay for it. The concern relates to \$138.9 million in one-time "incentive payments" the state would receive if we were to enact permanent changes to our unemployment laws by the close of the federal fiscal year 2011. This federal mandate calls upon the legislature to approve two of the four possible provisions. Currently, the Legislature is considering legislation that will permit former part-time workers to seek part-time work and be eligible for unemployment benefits and a bill that extends benefits to unemployment recipients who have exhausted benefits, but are making "satisfactory progress" in a state-approved job training program. ABC is strongly opposed to all four proposals. They are not cost effective and they will result in a tax increase for businesses. The cost of enacting any two of the proposals would outweigh the benefits because employers would be forced to pick up the additional costs in the form of higher SUTA and FUTA payroll taxes.

Kincaid Henry Building Group

www.kincaidhenry.com

Ryan Kincaid started Kincaid Building group in 2003. In 2005, partnered with Ryan Henry. To celebrate the success of the partnership, they decided to change the name. Their success is due to their focus on urban revitalization, development services, green building, and an aggressive approach in the hard bid market. Feature Project: The old Cedar Street school, now the Old Town Medical Arts Building in Lansing's Old Town. The building team is seeking LEED and boasts the following "green" features:

- Geothermal heating and cooling
- Rainwater collection system capturing rainwater and repurposes it for non-potable water in the building.
- 95% recycled content drywall manufactured in Michigan
- Low VOC paint, stains, sealants and glues
- A 65 space concrete parking lot
- Michigan native trees, bushes and plantings requiring no artificial irrigation
- Occupancy sensors and timers in all rooms
- Low Flow toilets and sensor faucets
- Spray foam application to entire building reducing loss of heat/cooling

It is one of the most aggressive **green** projects in the region right now!

A Special Thank You to our Sponsors:

- D.L. Kesler Construction
- Regency Group
- Albin Hengesbach Carpentry & Custom Cabinets
- Westphalia Builders, LLC
- David Chapman Agency

ABC's Fall Golf

Outing will be September 16th at the Hawk Hollow Golf Course.

SAVE THE DATE

There will be Golf, Lunch, Dinner, Games, Prizes and Awards. You may purchase your Bucket Drop tickets in advance by contacting the ABC CMC Office at 517-394-4481. Sponsorship opportunities available!

Hengesbach Memorial Golf Outing—August 15, 2009 donations and sponsorships available.

Watch your email and fax for more details!

Congratulations

to our 4th year apprenticeship students:

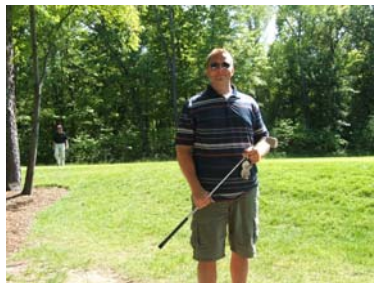
- Chris Ash**—Swanson Electric
- Joel DeHaan**—Tradesmen Int'l
- Dan Lease**—Miars Electric
- Trevor Price**—Encompass Electric
- Spencer Rennells**—J C Electric
- Josh Stevens**—Thee Electric
- Robert VanArkel**—Encompass Electric
- Nicolas Wiseman**—Pyramid

Highlights from the ABC Spring Golf Outing

AND THE WINNERS ARE.....

First Place Winners:

Central Management & Construction Corp.
(Nick Jorae Excavating, Inc.)



First Place:

- Jeff Rahrig
- Jim Raymond
- Louis Meyers
- Tony Gregory

Second Place:

- Ryan Tiemann
- Geoff Toume
- Patrick Toume
- Anthony Toume

Third Place:

- Ryan Kincaid
- Dave Pepper
- Alan McPhall
- Dave Boynton

Longest Drive:

- Jim Salkiewicz

Closest to Pin:

- Paul George
- Ryan Tiemann

Longest Putt:

- Jeff Rahrig

Are you looking for trained Heavy Equipment Operators?

AIS is now training operators in three locations: **Lansing, Traverse City, and Bridgeport.** Students are trained in the following areas:

- Introduction to Earthmoving
- Rollers
- Scrapers
- Loaders
- Forklifts
- Excavation Math
- Grades, Part 2
- Civil Blueprint Reading
- Intro. Skills for the Crew Leader
- Dozers
- Backhoes
- Excavators



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