

The Hillman Area Chamber of Commerce



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept. 17 – Chamber Meeting (9 am at Patchwood Plaza)
- October 5 - Applefest & Craft Show and Apple Dumplings - Brush Creek Mill
- October 16 - Annual Banquet - Hillman Area Chamber of Commerce - at Patchwood Plaza

Music at the Band Shell

Hillman has had a very successful band shell performance in the past few months with various bands performing at the new band shell. Watch for the banner on the fence next to the bridge for upcoming performances.

VJ DAY THANK YOU !

We would like to thank everyone who helped out for the VJ Day celebration, including the people who worked on the various different floats which were all beautiful.

VJ Day – National Anthem

We want to apologize for the National Anthem not being played when colors were posted at the VJ Day parade. We were informed by Dave Post that there were technical difficulties with the equipment that day in which America the Beautiful was played instead.

VJ Day Photos



VJ Day Shirts & Pins FOR SALE

Pins - \$5 each

T-Shirts - \$10 each

We still have some VJ Day Pins and T-Shirts available for purchase at the chamber office. Stop in M-F 9 am to 3:30 pm to pick yours up.

CHAMBER BANQUET TICKETS

The annual chamber banquet will take place on October 16th at Patchwood Plaza.

5:30 p.m. – Hors d'oeuvres & Light Refreshments
6:00 p.m. – Dinner

Tickets are \$20.00 per person

Come and celebrate our "Outstanding Business of the Year" and "Outstanding Citizen of the Year!"

Please RSVP via phone, email, or mail as soon as you can so we can get an accurate head count.

The deadline for money to be received is Oct 8th.

Get your tickets before they run out! We are limited to 100 seats this year.



Going PRO Talent Fund 2016-2019 Impact Northeast Michigan

Formerly known as the Skilled Trades Training Fund



71 AWARDS

38 awards to individual companies, 33 awards as part of Industry Led Collaborative trainings

973 TRAINED

Trainees per company ranged from 1 to 193

\$1.1M AWARDED

Awards per company ranged from \$550 to \$293,145



Training Impacts in Northeast Michigan

Past trainings have included:

5S Lean Training
E2 MFG System & Shop Systems
Accounting Law
Aggregate Certification
Allen Bradley
ASE Certification
Bearing/Maintenance
Blueprint Reading
CAD Inventor 3D
Conveyor Training
CNC Grinder/Machining/Programming
Crane Certification / Fork Lift Operator Certification
Electrical
Ethernet/IP Fundamentals & Troubleshooting
Fall Protection Competent Person Training
FANUC Robotics Programming
First Aid & CPR/AED, Medical First Responder
GAF Membrane and DH2 Insulation Installer
Hydraulics
Insurance Licensing
Kinex 6500 Troubleshooting
Leadership & Management Enrichment
Lean Manufacturing
Lumber Grading / Sawyer Certification
MIOSHA / OSHA General Industry
Nonprofit: Strategic Planning and Grant Writing
Nonprofit: Approaching Sponsors and Donors
PowerFlex 523/525 Drives
Predictive Analytics, Modeling & Data Mining
ProFlex 750 Maintenance & Troubleshooting
QuickBooks
Rigging/Signalperson
Root Cause Analysis
Sharepoint
Six Sigma Green Belt / Six Sigma Black Belt
Sprinkler System Inspection
Studio 5000 Logix Designer
Technical Math
Unmanned Aerial Systems Drone Pilot
Welding

SIMILAR NEEDS? THINK ILC.

Think there are other local organizations that could benefit from the same training as you? Ask your Michigan Works! Business Solutions Professional if an Industry Led Collaborative (ILC) is right for you.

“[The GPTF] allows us to hire employees with virtually no manufacturing experience and train them with the necessary skills on how to read blueprints, part prints, and to effectively operate CNC-based machine tools, along with other types of manual equipment. Exposing our employees to these types of trainings is imperative in order for H.B. Carbide to be successful in implementing our core strategy for future longevity.” - *Jeff Kleven, Plant Manager, H.B. Carbide*

“We can now better analyze and understand data that is being entered and report out for inventory, invoicing and our scheduling. Thank you Michigan Works! and the Going PRO Talent Fund, for helping us have the ability to do this training, it's going to be a big benefit to our business and our employees that were able to get the training.” - *Kyle Yoder, Controller, Metallfab*

“The Six Sigma Green Belt concepts were taught in a way that was clear and easy to understand. The small group class setting was better than taking it online, because we were able to discuss and apply our real situations from northern Michigan businesses.” - *Nicole O'Reilly, Quality Engineer, H.B. Carbide*

“The many little changes I've made in how I operate my business has led to a noticeable difference in my bottom line. As I'm bidding out new contracts, I now have a better understanding of operating a leaner business and can position myself to comfortably expand services to a larger customer base.” - *Garrett Godfrey, Owner, Shine Cleaning Services*

“The two employees receiving the training were newer supervisors; it gave them much needed knowledge to help implement efficient practices in their areas and around the facility. The training was beneficial to their subordinates as well, and helped develop our supervisor's ability to train others.” - *John Metts, HR Manager, Springs Window Fashions*

“With this grant for training in CNC and Lean Manufacturing there was a flow of opportunity in advancement for the current employees. Now our employees are cross-trained, which is strengthening the company.” - *Jeff Verysen, GM, LINK Industries*

“Our organization is always striving for continuous improvement and as a result of this training our staff is now better equipped to employ problem-solving tools to enhance our internal processes. Thanks again Michigan Works! for helping make this collaboration happen!” - *Jessica Mika, HR Manager, Weyerhaeuser*

“There is an increased demand for employees who have not only a certain level of skillset, but also applicable work experience, a good work ethic, and motivation. With the shortages in the labor market and high demand for skilled trades, recruiting based on skillset has become increasingly difficult. With having funding and programs in place like GPTF to be able to train employees to our specific line of work, we're able to focus our recruiting more-so on drive and motivation, and less on skillset. This approach allows us to be able to secure employees like Isaac, who is proof that with the right attitude and willingness to learn, he can become be a versatile, top-notch employee if given the right opportunities.” - *Erika Comerford, HR Generalist, Carmeuse Lime & Stone*

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