# Workforce Development Monthly

## February 2022

**Introducing our new Director of Utility Line Clearance Program - Walt “Wally” Wiltse.**

A 20+ year veteran of the tree trimming industry, Wally is leading the creation of an exciting new certificate program at ACC.

The 10-week Utility Line Clearance Arborist Certificate program, which will include courses in EHAP, chainsaw and hand tool safety, OSHA 10, tree species, entomology, first aid/CPR, as well as prepare individuals to take the CDL licensing test, may be free to qualified candidates.

When he’s not busy sharing his love of the tree trimming industry, Wally enjoys spending time with his family, fishing, deer hunting with air rifles, rustic camping in remote locations, and woodworking.

We’re thrilled to have him on our team at ACC!

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**For more information on this new certificate program, contact:**

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**MIOSHA Training Institute Presents:**

**Silica Awareness Pilot Course**

March 29, 2022
9:00am-12:30pm

IN PERSON

$47 (pilot course price)

Email stonedawn@alpenacc.edu to register or call 989.358.7293 for more information.

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ALPENA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ACC HOSTS COFFEE WITH MIOSHA  
March 8 • 8:00am-9:30am • WCCT, Room 106

Area employers and employees are invited to share a cup of coffee and learn about the importance of workplace safety and health of Michigan workers on Tuesday, March 8, 2022. There is no cost to attend.

The Coffee with MIOSHA events provide an informal opportunity for employers and employees to meet with MIOSHA representatives (Consultative, Enforcement, and Construction) to ask questions, obtain information on program services and resources, learn about MIOSHA Training Institute (MTI) opportunities, and establish rapport.

Representatives from MIOSHA include:

- Bart Pickelman, MIOSHA Director
- Mark Ginter, MIOSHA CET, Construction Safety Consultant CET Training Division
- James Kassuba, MIOSHA General Industry Safety Officer
- Lynn Totsky, MIOSHA CET Onsite Health Program, Senior Industrial Hygienist

Enjoy complimentary coffee and fresh donuts from Cops & Doughnuts provided by Galley Sweet Shop of downtown Alpena.

To register contact Dawn Stone at stonedawn@alpenacc.edu or 989.358.7293.

UTILITY LINE CLEARANCE SAFETY TRAINING CAMP  
March 14-18 • 8:00am-5:00pm • WCCT, Room 106

Designed for the tree worker who needs to safely prune or clear vegetation in proximity to electrical equipment and structures in the course of utility line clearing operations, this 5-day safety camp will include an overview of aerial rescue, EHAP (Electrical Hazards Awareness Program), chainsaw safety, entomology, tree identification, and first aid/CPR/trauma training.

This safety program provides a robust refresher of safety practices for those currently in the industry.

$50 (scholarships available); Lunch included daily.

To register, call 989.358.7293 or email stonedawn@alpenacc.edu or blumentl@alpenacc.edu

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OSHA 10 GENERAL INDUSTRY  
March 25 (3:00pm-7:00pm) & March 26 (8:00am-3:00pm) • Alpena campus  
May 12 (12:00pm-4:00pm) & May 13 (8:00am-3:00pm) • Oscoda campus

Instructor: Tim Ratz, Alpena Community College Welding and Safety Instructor

Seating is limited. To reserve your spot, email stonedawn@alpenacc.edu or call 989.358.7293.

Please bring a check or cash in the amount of $8 to cover the cost of your card.

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