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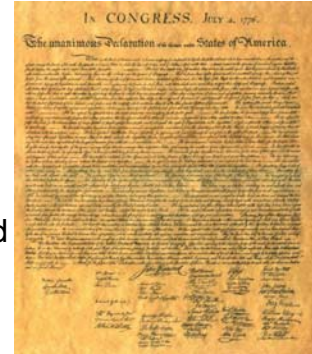
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# July 2, 2010

Montana Contractors' Association News

## American History 101

Drafted by Thomas Jefferson between June 11 and June 28, 1776, the Declaration of Independence is the foundational document upon which our country is based. Jefferson was able to express the convictions of the hearts and minds of the American colonists, while striving to attain the ideals proposed by John Locke and the Continental philosophers. What Jefferson did, and what the Continental Congress confirmed upon setting their signatures to the document, was to summarize this American philosophy in "self-evident truths" and set forth a list of grievances against the King in order to justify before the world the breaking of ties between the colonies and the mother country.



As we celebrate the 236th anniversary of the founding of our country, take a moment to review the [simple document](#) that both separated us from England and put into words the freedoms that Americans still seek to possess today.

**Happy Birthday and God Bless, America! Long may your proud flag wave!**

## Good Help ISN'T Hard to Find

Meet Emilie Moore, the MCA's summer intern. Emilie's primary duties are assisting Maryann in preparation for the summer outing, and acting as the backup for Edie in the plans room.

Originally from Helena, Emilie is attending Baylor University in Texas, majoring in International Studies. So far, she thinks her MCA work experience is helping her learn business skills which will help her in any endeavor later on. She enjoys reading and running, and completed a half-marathon while at Baylor.



If you stop by or call the MCA, make sure you say hello to Emilie!

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## Attention: Summer Outing Shooters



The Blue Creek Sport Shooting Complex has offered to open the 5-Stand Friday morning, Aug. 12, at 8 a.m. Anyone shooting in Friday's tournament is welcome to come early and practice for no additional cost.

If you haven't had the opportunity to visit the Blue Creek Sport Shooting Complex yet, be ready for a treat! This is one of the nicest facilities around and only minutes from downtown Billings.

If you would like to participate in the shooting events at the MCA Memorial Summer Outing (Aug. 12 & 13) and you haven't registered, go to: [www.mtagc.org](http://www.mtagc.org) and click on the 2010 Summer Outing icon.

## MCA Offers Online LEED Classes

The MCA, in coordination with the Colorado AGC chapter, is offering two LEED classes this summer. LEED GA (Green Associate) is designed to be taken over the internet in four, two-hour blocks on July 7, 14, 21 and 28. This course is suitable for GCs, PMs, superintendents, specialty contractors, developers, designers, and suppliers, and is the first step towards LEED accreditation. The course will be repeated in August.

LEED AP+BD&C replaces the LEED Accredited Professional track, and incorporates Building Design & Construction in the training. This BD & C specialty provides a standard for professionals participating in the design and construction phases of high-performance, healthful, durable, affordable, and environmentally sound commercial, institutional, and high-rise residential buildings. The AP+ BD&C is now designated a Tier 2 Accreditation. This class will run on July 8, 15, 22 and 29. This course will also be repeated in August.

For more information or to register [click here](#) or go the MCA website and click on the training tab.

## REMINDER! PAC Raffle Tickets Now on Sale!



ROI. **Return On Investment.** PAC Raffle tickets are an investment in the future of the construction industry in Montana. Money raised through the sale of raffle tickets will be used to help elect pro-business/pro-construction legislators to Montana's 62nd Legislature.

On the flip side, during the MCA's Memorial Summer Outing in August, your raffle ticket investment could net you a \$3000 gift card for first place; a \$1500 gift card for second place, and a \$500 gift card for third place!

Invest in your future by contributing to the MCA Contractors' PAC. Get involved and join the elite PAC Builders' Club and help us make a positive difference. A personal contribution of \$300 will get you a book of 20 tickets and make you an "Apprentice" member of the PAC Builders' Club. A \$1000 contribution makes you a "Journeyman" member. For a \$2500

## Stay Informed of New EPA Rules

Recent upgrades to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) new "[Rulemaking Gateway](#)" offers small businesses "an easy way" to track most rulemakings, according to the Agency. This website provides an overview of EPA's priority rulemakings that are currently under development.

MCA urges members to stay informed of potential rule changes, in order to plan, train, and bid accordingly.

## UPDATE - The MPW Book is Shipping

The new Sixth Edition MPW Books are now shipping! Those of you receiving the books will notice that the CD sleeve is empty. The CD will be mailed by the end of June and it will be worth the wait!

If you haven't placed your order yet, click [here](#) to download an [order form](#).

contribution, you become a prestigious "Master Builder" member and for a \$5000 contribution you become a "Distinguished Master" member.

**Call the MCA today to purchase your tickets!**

## Senator Tester Hosts Small Biz Workshop

Senator Tester will host a Small Business Opportunity Workshop in Kalispell in early July. The event will focus on entrepreneurship, access to capital (such as loans, grants, and tax credits), and marketing opportunities.

The Workshop will be on Friday, July 9th from 8:00 am-1:00 pm at the Flathead Valley Community College.

Expected participants in the workshop include:

- Montana Community Development Corporation
- Montana Department of Commerce
- Montana Economic Development Association
- U.S. Department of Agriculture
- U.S. Small Business Administration

Please [RSVP](#) if you plan to attend.