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Montana Contractors' Association Newsletter

September 2, 2011



Thanks, Garfield! The MCA Staff wish you and yours a safe and enjoyable Labor Day weekend!



Billings All-Star Team has MCA Connection

The Little League World Series run by the Billings All-Star team could have been scripted in Hollywood. The MCA found out that Tom Zimmer from Tri-State Truck & Equipment was the pitching coach, and Tom's son, Patrick, was one of the pitchers for the team.

Congratulations to the Billings All-Stars for representing Montana, baseball, and sportsmanship to the rest of the country in such an excellent fashion!



MT Supreme Court Rules in Favor of Gravel Pits

MCA members are well aware of the protracted battles over gravel pits, especially in Gallatin County. The Gallatin Opencut Mining Action Group sued Gallatin County over the constitutionality of gravel pit zoning. Knife River and TMC were key players in this group.

The Montana Supreme Court unanimously upheld the decision of a local judge in the case. Click to read the Court's [decision](#), and here for an article from the [Bozeman Daily Chronicle](#).

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Quote of the Week

"Whether you think you can, or think you can't, you're right."



- Henry Ford

TRIP Releases Highway Report

TRIP, a national transportation research group, has released a new report entitled [Rural Connections: Challenges and Opportunities in America's Heartland](#). This report discusses rural roadways and provides recommendations to make them safer and more efficient.

Click here for the [Montana](#) portion of the report.



Poll Results "Inconclusive"

We polled our members in last week's e-brief about whether they prefer one or two bid-lettings per month. The results were fairly even between the two options. Thanks to those who took the time to provide a response, if you have questions of our members, please submit them to the MCA for future surveys!



Board Votes to Oppose Eminent Domain Ballot Initiative

The MCA board voted last month to join Montanans for Common Sense Property Rights Laws, a group formed to oppose a ballot initiative that would repeal a law passed by the 2011 Legislature clarifying the right of private utilities to acquire private land for construction of power lines. It is unclear at this time if proponents of the initiative will secure enough signatures to get the measure on the ballot, but a major effort is forming to fight the initiative in the event it is approved for the November, 2012 election. Watch for more details as they evolve.



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