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Happy 40th Birthday NWCCOG

This year, NWCCOG celebrates its 40th year. The NWCCOG, established in January 1973, is a voluntary association of county and municipal governments that believes in the benefits of working together on a regional basis. NWCCOG serves 27 member jurisdictions in a 5-county region of northwest Colorado. During the last four decades, NWCCOG has assessed needs by planning for and providing support and services in the region through its broad range of efforts under the council of government's umbrella. This regional organization is the perfect vehicle to allow neighboring counties and municipalities to work together on issues that affect them all and provides a means for information sharing and networking. The foundational philosophy of this regional organization remains the same: that there are some things we can do better together. Happy Birthday NWCCOG!



Welcome Anita Cameron, New Business Loan Officer for the Northwest Loan Fund

NWCCOG is pleased to welcome Anita Cameron to the team as the new Business Loan Officer for the Northwest Loan fund. Anita was raised in Nazareth, Texas, population of 100 at the time, in West Texas. Her passion for helping small business came from watching her dad run his own business. "My interest in a banking career came from seeing my dad's challenges" says Anita.

Her love of skiing brought her to Colorado. She has spent 30 years in the banking industry doing commercial lending. Clients have ranged from mom-and-pop to Fortune 500 companies. Her career included Business Loan Officer and Credit Department Manager for United Bank of Skyline, Sr. V.P. and Small Business Division



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Manager for Denver National Bank, President of Bank VII in Lafayette and Commercial Relationship Manager with Citywide Banks. Anita's undergraduate work was in Accounting and her Advanced Degree is from Colorado Graduate School of Banking. She taught analyzing financial statements and loan officer development for the Institute of Banking.

Anita has a fondness for this region. She spends a great deal of time in our region's communities skiing, hiking, hot springs soaking and boating. She also enjoys ballroom dancing and writing.

Anita can be contacted at nlf@nwccog.org or 970-468-0295x119. Welcome Anita!

NWCCOG's Northwest Loan Fund Offers Small Business Loans

The Northwest Loan Fund provides business assistance loans to businesses that will create and retain jobs, and diversify services in the economy for the nine-county service area that includes NWCCOG's 5-counties (Eagle, Grand, Jackson, Pitkin, and Summit) plus Garfield, Rio Blanco, Routt, and Moffat counties.

Success Story: Liberty Skis



Congratulations to Liberty Skis based in Avon, Colorado, who was a recipient of a loan from the Northwest Loan Fund. It was just announced that Liberty Skis is the recipient of the **2013 Governor's Award for Excellence in Exporting** (they are just one of 2 companies in the entire State to receive this honor). This award has been given since 1970 and honors Colorado companies that demonstrate a commitment to international trade. Liberty Skis makes high performance skis rooted in

functional innovation and respect for the environment. Every material they use and design is done with the ultimate goal of elevating customers' experience on skis in Colorado and around the globe. A great example of functional innovation is their exclusive use of bamboo laminate cores in their skis. Liberty Skis was the first and remains the only ski company to use bamboo in all its skis. For more information about the Northwest Loan Fund, please contact [Anita Cameron](#), Business Loan Officer, 970.468.0295 x119.

Photo above - left to right: Dan Chalfant, CEO & President, Liberty Skis; Jim Satloff, Chairman & Co-Founder, Liberty Skis; Ken Lund, Executive Director, Office of Economic Development & International Trade.

Older Americans Month and Senior Awards Ceremony



Every year since 1963, May has been a month to appreciate and celebrate the vitality and aspirations of older adults and their contributions to our communities. The Regional Advisory Council's 25th Annual Senior Awards Ceremony was held on May 8th in conjunction with Older Americans Month. The theme for Older Americans Month 2013 is ***Unleash the Power of Age*** and it has never been more fitting. Older Americans are productive, active, and influential members of society, sharing essential talents, wisdom, and life experience with their families, friends, and neighbors. This year's list of awardees included:

Senior Citizen of the Year Recipients:

- Bev & Elmer Christiansan (Eagle County)
- Betty & Trent Corbin (Grand County)
- Mildred Alsdorf (Garfield County)
- Fran Bourbeau (Jackson County)
- Neal Batson (Pitkin County)
- Larry Niedergerke (Summit County)
- Sunny Dunn-Linn & Hilda Aykes (Region 12)

Friend of the Senior Recipients:

- Vi & Byron Brown (Eagle County)
- Dave Freeman with Sagebrush BBQ & Grill (Grand County)
- Kaaren Peck with Grand River Meals on Wheels of Western Garfield County (Garfield County)
- Wendy Petefish (Jackson County)

- John Kennedy (Pitkin County)
- Kirstie Taylor (Summit County)

This annual event would not be possible without the hardworking volunteers who helped make it possible: Lori Schneider (Music Director at Father Dyer Methodist Church), the staff of the Summit County Community & Senior Center, and Senior Awards Planning Committee members (John Bade, Sandy Bainbridge, Anne Crane, Peggy Randall-Buckau, Bert Roy).

NWCCOG to Sponsor Mountain Connect: 2013 Rural Broadband Development Conference

NWCCOG will be a sponsor of this year's Mountain Connect Rural Broadband Development Conference to be held June 16 and 17 in Breckenridge. Come join others who are actively involved in promoting our broadband future. This will mark the third year of the Mountain Connect Conference, the only such conference of its kind in Colorado that assembles community activists, service providers, state and local governments, school districts, power and utility companies, and economic development organizations. The 2013 conference will be held June 16-17, at Hyatt Main Street Station in Breckenridge. This year's conference theme is "Regional Collaboration". For more information and to register, visit www.mountainconnect.org.

Weatherization Program

In April the Weatherization staff attended a training on sealing air leaks in a home. This training was unique in that instead of our staff traveling to Denver to be trained in a classroom or on mock work sites in a training facility, the trainer came to us where the team was able to work on actual houses already being weatherized in our region.

In July 2012 the Department of Energy (DOE) began requiring the inclusion of a ventilation strategy for every home being weatherized. This requirement nearly always results in the installation of a ventilation (exhaust) fan to ensure adequate fresh air to the occupants. DOE has presented this ventilation strategy as being necessary for the Health and Safety of the occupants, but admits that there will be an energy penalty for both the electricity to run the fan, and also to heat incoming 'fresh' air that replaces the 'stale' air exhausted outside. NWCCOG's response was to attempt to nullify this energy penalty by further reducing the draftiness of a

home, thereby increasing the amount of energy saved at each home. NWCCOG installers have received technical information and training in-house since last summer on where and how to better air-seal the homes on which we're working. In 2012 NWCCOG had instituted a contest where the crew from each location (Silverthorne and New Castle) that achieves the best air leakage reduction in each calendar quarter receives recognition at a monthly staff meeting for their accomplishment. Our Weatherization team members were enthusiastic about receiving this training because it will help them achieve additional energy savings for our clients.

Network of Care Website Demonstration at NWCCOG Council Meeting on May 23rd

The Alpine Area Agency on Aging is pleased to announce the development of the regional Network of Care website. The Alpine AAA's Network of Care site is designed to educate, inform, and provide access to the most relevant information available for seniors and people with disabilities. In addition to the comprehensive database that enables consumers to quickly locate local programs and services and make informed choices about their needs, the site will also provide a library with more than 30,000 high-quality articles, a nationwide news section that posts the top aging and disability articles every morning from more than 3,000 periodicals around the world, and a personal health record (PHR) that stores valuable medical and legal information and documents.

The Network of Care beta site was presented at the May 23rd NWCCOG council meeting at Minturn Town Hall. Launch of the live site is planned for June. Watch for more updates about this exciting tool!

Smart Growth America to Offer Free Technical Assistance Workshop: Planning for Economic and Fiscal Health on August 8th and 9th in Eagle

NWCCOG is one of 22 communities across the U.S. to receive a free technical assistance workshop in 2013. Each year, Smart Growth America is committed to providing the tools and training to help community leaders keep their cities and towns livable, sustainable, and economically prosperous places. This program is

funded through a grant from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Sustainable Communities under its Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities Program. The topic of focus for this workshop will be **Planning for Economic and Fiscal Health**, and will focus on how our communities can save money now, reduce our liabilities for the future, and use targeted investment to spur economic development. Visit the [NWCCOG EDD website](#) for more information.

Save the Date for the 5th Annual Caregiver Conference – Thursday, June 13th

The 5th Annual Caregiver conference will be held Thursday, June 13, from 8:30 am-1:00 pm at the Glenwood Springs High School. There will be session presentations along with a resource fair , caregiver pampering, and breakfast. Email jumartin@garfield-county.com to get on the mailing list.



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