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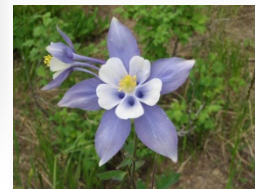
May is Older American's Month

Here is a link to the Administration on Aging's website for 2013: [Unleash the Power of Age!](#)

Steering Committee Meets on April 11th for a Planning Seminar to Kick-Off Regional Broadband Effort

The Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) has awarded a grant through the Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance Fund (EIAF) to NWCCOG for the development of an eight-county strategic plan to improve broadband capacity across the region. Through a competitive selection process, NWCCOG has selected Mid-State Consultants, Inc. as the technical consultant to prepare the plan and otherwise assist NWCCOG to fulfill the intent of its grant. The participating jurisdictions include Eagle, Grand, Jackson, Moffat, Pitkin, Rio Blanco, Routt and Summit counties plus the City of Glenwood Springs and the Town of Carbondale.

A steering committee made up of one representative from each of the eight participating counties will be guiding this strategic planning process. Steering committee members include IT directors, county commissioners, and a chamber of commerce executive director. The steering committee met on April 11th in Glenwood Springs for a planning seminar with Mid-State Consultants to kick off this project. During the planning seminar,



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deliverable in detail to assure that all of the participants are in agreement that the expectations are clear and reasonable. The end result will be a regional plan and will specifically include recommended actions steps for the NWCCOG Council to consider as next steps in improving the broadband capacity for the region. Surveys and workshops during the summer months will be part of the data collection and education components of the project. Mid-State Consultants are now working to collect information for a regional asset map through existing data and interviews with vendors in the region. The goal is to present a draft strategic plan to the NWCCOG Council at the September 26th strategic planning session in Glenwood Springs. For more information, visit [NWCCOG's website](#).

NWCCOG EDD Working Group Meeting on April 24th in Eagle

The NWCCOG Economic Development District (EDD) Working Group met on April 24th at the Eagle County Courthouse. This group serves as the guiding force behind the NWCCOG EDD Scope of Work. It is made up of NWCCOG member jurisdictions' staff, elected officials, representatives from chambers of commerce, business groups, Colorado Mountain College, Colorado Workforce Center, as well as our partners at the state including the Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT) and the Department of Local Affairs. Agenda items included ([Click HERE for PowerPoint from the meeting](#)) updates on the broadband project, re-establishment of the Northwest Loan Fund, NWCCOG's application to be a hub for the Colorado Health Benefit Exchange, update on Colorado InSite, the new tool developed by OEDIT for showcasing vacant commercial property in the region, and discussion on the development of a regional sector partnership in the health and wellness industry. Presentations were given by Janet Rowland from Colorado Mesa

Government" and Monisha Merchant, Senior Adviser on Business Affairs for Senator Michael Bennet. More information on the [NWCCOG EDD Website](#).

Smart Growth America to Offer Free Technical Assistance Workshop: Planning for Economic and Fiscal Health on August 8th and 9th (note date change) 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.

Network of Care Website Coming Soon!

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

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 will be presented at the May 23rd NWCCOG council meeting at Minturn Town Hall. Watch for more updates about this exciting tool!

Deadline for 2013 Region 12 Mini-Grant Program is May 3, 2013

The Alpine Area Agency on Aging's mini-grant program is again being offered in 2013. The amount of funding available is approximately \$6,676. The identified priority projects include Advocacy, Coordination, Emergency Service Delivery Situation, Equipment, Program Development, and Training & Professional Development. The mini-grant program is administered through the Regional Advisory Council, and is to support applicants or implementation located within Region 12 that includes Eagle, Grand, Jackson, Pitkin and Summit counties. Deadline to submit an application is May 31, 2013; awarded projects must be fully completed by June 30, 2013. Funding for the mini-grant program is provided through State Funds for Senior Services. Information and application is available on the [NWCCOG website](#).

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

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