

search warrants were served on different residences in Monument. The Fountain/Monument SWAT team served a search warrant at a residence on Crestview Court while the Colorado Springs Police Department served a search warrant at a house on James Gate Place. The warrants were served in connection with an investigation by the Monument and Colorado Springs police and El Paso County Sheriff's Office.

Many suspects were involved in criminal activity involving identity theft, use of fraudulent credit cards, and theft. This activity was occurring along the Front Range, from Denver to Pueblo. One suspect was arrested at one of the residences and numerous items of evidence were recovered. Two other suspects were still at large.

"It has been a very busy, active month," Shirk said. In

response to a question from the board about the raid noted above, he said, "All the officers on the raid were safe; it was a very large operation."

### Disbursements over \$5,000 and sales tax report

Town Treasurer Monica Harder presented the following eight disbursements over \$5,000, which were approved unanimously by the board:

- \$143,506 to Triview Metropolitan District for May sales tax (\$138,882), June motor vehicle tax (\$4, 441), and June PPRBD sales tax (\$184)
- \$16,703 to CIRSA (Colorado Intergovernmental Risk Sharing Agency) Insurance for third-quarter workers compensation insurance
- \$18,002 to CIRSA Insurance for third-quarter liability insurance
- \$7,505 to Krassa and Miller LLC for legal services
- \$9,929 to Lytle Water Solutions LLC for engineering services
- \$7,371 to Mountain View Electric Association Inc. for providing electric power for an irrigation system on Trail Park Drive
- \$168,092 to Colorado Water Conservation Board for the 2003 dam loan annual payment
- \$11,522 to Compass Tools Inc. for GPS equipment for the Water Department

Sales tax collected was 2.2 percent higher than in July 2013. Mayor Pro-Tem Kaiser thanked Harder for includ-

ing the year-to-year comparisons in her report now.

Smith was unanimously appointed the town representative to the board for Community Development Block Grants. She will attend and participate in six bi-monthly county CDBG board meetings per year for the next three years.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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The July 7 board meeting was canceled. Due to the Labor Day holiday, the next meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 5 at Town Hall, 845 Beacon Lite Road. Meetings are usually held the first and third Mondays of each month. Information: 884-8017.


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**Above:** Tri-Lakes Cares Executive Director Haley Chapin explained to the trustees July 21 about the mission and operations of this local community resource center. She encouraged Tri-Lakes residents to donate clothing of all kinds, household goods, books, kitchen items, and jewelry to Hangers Thrift Shop, whose revenue supports TLC program services. Chapin said, "Everyone is one or two catastrophes away from needing help." Photo by Lisa Hatfield.

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