

Billy Bob Thornton at TLCA



Above: On May 9, Billy Bob Thornton and the Boxmasters rocked their sold-out concert at the Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA). Thornton, an Oscar and Golden Globe award-winning actor, holds singing, songwriting, and drumming as his first passion. Even though this was the Boxmasters' final performance of 31 concerts in 37 days, the energy emanating from the stage was palpable and enthralling. Thornton forewarned the audience that we "are not a country-western band" and will "call audibles depending on the venue," as they have played casinos, outdoor venues, and rock 'n' roll clubs in this tour. During the nearly two-hour set, Thornton engaged the audience through conversation and with the background inspiration on the band's original songs, from life experiences growing up in his native Arkansas, living in Glendale, Calif., to socio-political statements. Influenced by "Memphis blues, Southern California surf and British Invasion '60s music," the band played songs from their new album, *Tea Surfing*, and previous releases. Information on upcoming events at the TLCA is at www.trilakesarts.org. *Photo by David Futey.*

WMMI Picnic 'N' Planes



Above: The Western Museum of Mining & Industry's hilltop provided a 360-degree view of the flight acrobatics of the Air Force Thunderbirds. Information on WMMI is at www.wmmi.org. *Photo by David Futey.* See additional photo on page 1.

Memorial Day in Monument



Above: World War II veteran Wayne Bowe. *Photo by Jim Kendrick.*



Wreath Presentation Ceremony: Representative Terri Carver, House District 20; Colonel, USAF (retired); and representatives of VFW Post 7829 Auxiliary and Tri-Lakes Leo Club. *Photo by Jim Kendrick.* See additional photo on page 1.