



## ***Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce Newsletter May 2024***

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## ***Business of the Month:***



***Chavez Designs***

***Phone: (719) 248-8767 : Visit Facebook***

***Address: 321 Stallo St. - Monte Vista, CO***

## **SPECIALIZING IN UNIQUE FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR ANY BUDGET!**

Chavez Design is a locally owned business here in Monte Vista that opened in December of 2023. They are open Monday-Saturday from 8:30am-6pm. Chavez Design offers floral arrangements for every occasion; funerals, weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, etc. Not only do they offer floral arrangements, they have plants, pictures and gifts available as well! Stop by today!

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### **Did You Know?**



Monte Vista is the home to many beautiful and historic buildings. The post office was built in 1932-1933 during the Great Depression. The cost to build it was \$150,000.

Today the old original P.O. boxes are still used by the community of Monte Vista. It's fun to wonder about the history those boxes have held over the

years. How many love letters, or newspapers bearing headlines about historic events such as WWII passed through them?

The current post office is not Monte Vista's first post office. According to the history book by Emma M. Riggerbach entitled: "A Bridge to Yesterday," Monte Vista's first postmaster was Henry G. Henderson and he was appointed to the position when the town was still called Lariat, on Aug. 5, 1881. The book does not say where the post office was located at that time, but his successor was Lillian Loretta Taylor. Taylor was given the job on Jan. 24, 1882. She served as the postmistress throughout three name changes for the town, as it went from Lariat to Henry to finally Monte Vista.

"Her first post office was in her frame store building in an area where Fullenwider Park is located. This was in 1882, when the town was called Lariat. That year she became the wife of Charles Fassett and in 1885 moved to the frame store building on First and Adams Street. The post office was housed in the back of the store. The town of Lariat was renamed Henry. She was appointed first postmistress when Henry became Monte Vista in 1886," writes Riggerbach in her book.

In 1887 Fassett resigned from her position as the postmistress. Afterward the post office moved across the street to the north side of First Avenue to the Weiss Chapman Drug Store. John Heilman was then appointed postmaster.

The post office was moved again and was placed on First Avenue where the Monte Vista Bank was later located. It was at that location for many years, until in 1912 when a fire broke out in the building. The post office was then moved to a red brick building on Jefferson Street.

Finally, it was moved to its current location where they began construction on the building in 1932.

Years later, it still serves its community of Monte Vista.

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**SATURDAY, MAY 4 2024 | ADAMS ST.**



For more info visit the [OptiMystics CAN website](#)



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# Spring in the Valley 2024

**SATURDAYS**

**APRIL 27  
MAY 4  
MAY 11  
MAY 18**



**SKI HI PARK ARENA  
MONTE VISTA, CO  
2:00 p.m.**

**RODEO SERIES**

**EVENTS:**

- Open, Novice & Jr. Barrels (15 & under)
- Mutton Busting (6 & under)
- Calf Riding (7-8)
- Steer Riding (9-11)
- Junior Bull Riding (12-14)
- Novice Bull Riding • Cowgirls Breakaway Roping
- Open Bull Riding • Team Roping

**ENTRY INFO:**

CALL or TEXT ENTRIES, MONDAY & TUESDAY  
BEFORE EACH PERFORMANCE,  
6 PM-9 PM MST  
ENTRY # (719) 480-3189

Walk Up Entries Welcome  
Entries are Limited  
Check-In by 12:00 PM

**KIDS' EVENTS - FREE:**

- Goat Chase (6 & Under)
- Calf Scramble (7-11)

PRESENTED BY:



**TICKETS:**

Adults . . . . . \$10.00  
Youth (17-7 yrs old) . . . . . \$ 5.00  
6 & Under . . . . . FREE

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2023 SITV Champions

**THE FUN IS BACK!**

*Thank You to all our sponsors!*



**Pop's**  
**CORNER**  
*Presents*  
**2nd Annual SCRAM Show**  
EST. 2020.  
SCALE RODS  
AND MODS  
Monte Vista, CO  
June 1st and 2nd, 2024

Visit website for more info

THE CITY OF MONTE VISTA PRESENTS  
FAITH HINKLEY VETERAN'S  
MEMORIAL PARK FUNDRAISER

# CAR & BIKE SHOW



POKER  
RUN

ALL VEHICLES  
WELCOME!

## SATURDAY JULY 27TH 2024

Chapman Park Monte Vista, CO

**\$20 DONATION INCLUDES POKER HAND & CAR SHOW ENTRY**  
ADDITIONAL POKER HANDS \$20 EACH  
REGISTRATION OPENS 8 AM - POKER RUN LEAVES AT 9 AM  
CAR & BIKE SHOW AT CHAPMAN PARK 2-6:00PM

### Family Fun, Live Music, Food & Games All Day in the Park!

Honoring All Fallen Service Members  
& Veterans Across the San Luis Valley

Proceeds to benefit Faith Hinkley  
Veteran's Memorial Park

Faith Hinkley Veteran's Memorial Park Fundraiser:

Vendors wanted:

Non-Profits - Information Table - Free

General Vendors - 10' x 10' space - \$30 registration donation

Food Trucks - \$50 registration donation

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# Coffee & Business

COME NETWORK MEET LOCAL BUSINESS IN YOUR MONTE VISTA AREA!

YOU DO BUSINESS, HAVE A BUSINESS, COME TALK BUSINESS



Tuesday Mornings from 9am -10am  
Bobolicious Gourmet Coffee  
139 Adams St, Monte Vista, Co  
Come Join Us!

*Questions or seeking information? - Click the buttons on the right-hand side to view more information about Monte Vista as well as various local events in the San Luis Valley!*

*Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce Facebook*

*Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce*

The next Monte Vista Chamber board meeting Thursday, May 30th at 7 AM.

## Member Updates



*We hope you decide to move messages from the Monte Vista*

## New Members:

- Monte Vista Country Club
- The Church Project

## Renewing Members:

*Chamber to your Primary tab from the Promotions tab. By doing so, all future emails from us should be delivered to the Primary tab. Thanks!*

**CHECK OUT**  
**MEMBERSHIP**  
**BENEFITS HERE!**

- Lenco West Inc.
- Gobins Inc.
- Rocky Mountain Memorabilia
- Big R
- U.S. Tractor & Harvest
- Monte Vista School District
- RG Bank
- Shon Davis
- SLV REC
- Absolute Shine
- Scott Deacon
- Jim Clare
- MV COOP
- Pepper Equipment
- SLV Health
- Farm Credit
- MV Community Methodist Church
- SLV Federal Bank
- Linda Burnett
- Charles Tarnutzer
- Polished Edge
- San Luis Valley Antique Iron Club
- Valley-Wide Health Systems

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Do you have an event in the San Luis Valley that you would like to add to our website? Please click the button below to fill out an Event Submission Form with as much information as possible. We will add the event to the Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce website as soon as possible and will contact you if we have any further questions about the event.

Thank you!

**Event Submission Form**