

Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce Newsletter May 2024

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Business of the Month:



<u>Chavez Designs</u> <u>Phone: (719) 248-8767 : Visit Facebook</u> <u>Address: 321 Stallo St. - Monte Vista, CO</u>

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!

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. Riggenbach 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 Riggenbach 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.

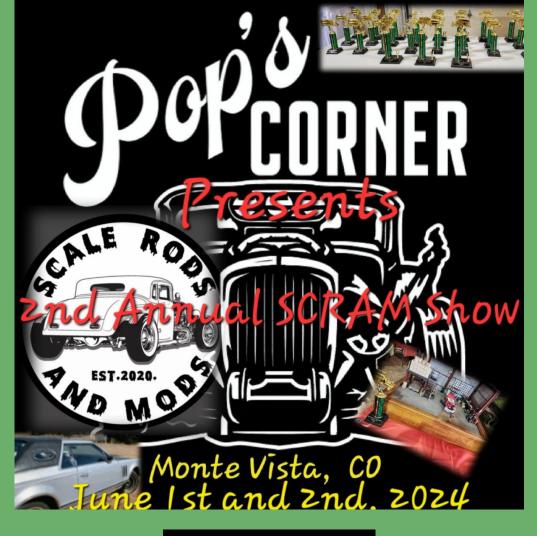
The post office was moved again and was placed on First Avenue where the Monte Vista Bank was later located. It was at that location for many years, until in 1912 when a fire broke out in the building. The post office was then moved to a red brick building on Jefferson Street.

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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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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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!

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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:



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

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