



Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce Newsletter April 2021

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Did You Know?

The women of Colorado were among the first given the right to vote in the United State, in 1893 to be precise. The women (and men) who lived in what later would become the Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve proved the power of "every vote counts". With just a few families living in the area at the time, women made up nearly half of the voting population.



The Herard family homesteaded and raised cattle on the dunes and in the Medano Canyon. Pictured here from the Herard family are Julia, Mary, along with family friend Ruth. The image was taken in 1907 (14 years after Colorado women began voting, but 13 years before the women of the entire nation could cast their ballots, too).

The newly formed state of Colorado held a **popular referendum** on women's suffrage in 1876, but it was narrowly defeated due to voters' concerns that women would vote for a ban on alcohol sales. For more than a decade, suffragists continued to fight for women's voting rights by forming organizations such as the Colorado Non-Partisan Equal Suffrage Association, sending pro-suffrage speakers across the state, and writing articles in local newspapers. Their tireless campaign managed to change a lot of minds. In 1893, Colorado became the first state to pass women's suffrage by referendum. Like the suffragists before them, these **inspiring women are changing the lives of women across the world today.**

Announcement:

The Chamber will be hosting the **Home, Garden & Outdoor Living Expo - April 30 & May 1, 2021** at the McMullen Building at Ski Hi Park.
9 am to 4:30 pm for Both Days

Business of the Month

San Luis Valley Rural

Electric Cooperative / Ciello

3625 US Hwy 160 W
P.O. Box 3625
Monte Vista, CO 81144



We are proud to be the second oldest electric cooperative in Colorado. We serve the counties of Rio Grande, Costilla, Saguache, Alamosa, Conejos, Mineral and Hinsdale. More than 7,500 member owners work with our team for power in their homes, schools, farms and other small businesses.

The San Luis Valley is original Colorado surrounded by majestic mountain ranges cradling the state's most fertile valley at the headwaters of the historic Rio Grande — a spiritual center of indigenous American populations enhanced by a rich Hispano legacy; that today embraces a natural diversity of the essence of Colorado. The uniqueness of this high altitude 8,000 square mile region is an expansive sense of place that has abundant sunshine, open blue skies and vivid starlit nights. With our distinctive communities and supportive business environment, the valley is a journey with a destination for everyone. This big city alternative promises to be a place that awakens your potential & sustains opportunity.

We are proud to be your cooperative!

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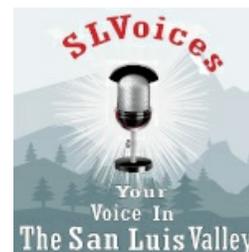
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Visit Ciello website

Chamber Sponsored Podcasts!

Each month the Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce sponsors business spotlight podcasts on SLVoices for the Business of the Month and two Featured Businesses.

This month will highlight the following:
Business of the Month - San Luis Valley REC/Ciello
Featured Business - Ecodynamics
Featured Business - Colorado 4x4 Jeep Rescue League South



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Member Updates

New Members:

- None this month



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

Renewing Members:

- Eugene Farish
- Jacks Market Pharmacy
- Shon Davis
- SLV Rural Electric / Ciello
- Sunflower Bank
- The Polished Edge
- US Tractor

[Check out membership benefits here!](#)