



Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce Newsletter August 2023



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Supporting Our Local Youth!

The Bomb Squad traveling baseball team was started in 2017 by Jake Mellott in an effort to provide young baseball players that have aged out of the local recreation program with a way to continue playing and improving their skills. He saw the need for more opportunity between recreation and high school baseball so he worked alongside Kim Vialpando to create the Monte Vista Traveling Sports fund. Through the help of donations from the community they were able to start a 14 and under (14U) traveling baseball team. Over the course of a couple years the team was consistently playing a handful of double headers and a tournament or two each summer. The recreation director at the time, Jaime Hurtado, stepped in to manage the scheduling and coaching. In 2022, the group of involved parents and coaches decided to expand the program by adding a 12 and under (12U) team. Bomb Squad is run completely by a group of volunteer coaches and parents! Our current coaches, Michael Ross, Gabe Futrell, Jacob Jiron, and Justin Romero are truly a cut above as they dedicate a great deal of time and energy to making this program a success. We also have a lot of really incredible parents that step up and help organize everything and ensure that all our players are taken care of throughout the season.

For the past two years, Bomb Squad has included around 24 players from around the San

Luis Valley (Monte Vista, Alamosa, Sargent, La Jara, Sangre, Del Norte, Center). They've been given opportunities to continue improving their baseball skills, build teamwork and collaboration skills, create lasting friendships and memories! Players and families travel around to different areas of the state to experience different levels of competition. Our teams traveled to Gunnison, Buena Vista, Pueblo, and Montrose and played teams from all over Colorado! Our 14U team was very successful this year taking 1st place in three different tournaments! Our 12U is composed of players from 9-12 years old and really came along with their skills and baseball understanding; they will be a force to be reckoned with next year! We have been able to see the benefit from this program in our local high school team. Our Monte Vista High School team was very young last year and the players that had played on the Bomb Squad team were very competitive and their experience helped them earn starting positions on the varsity team as freshmen!

This summer, Bomb Squad was able to partner with the City of Monte Vista Recreation Department's director, Dervin Taylor, to host the first annual 'Summer Showdown' tournament. The recreation department hosted the 12U portion of the tournament at Ski Hi Fields and Bomb Squad hosted the 14U portion at the Monte Vista High School field. Our collaborative efforts to make this tournament a reality brought in teams from Gunnison, Sargent, Center, North Fork, and Aurora! This was a great fundraiser for both the Bomb Squad team and the Recreation Department but it was also a benefit to the town of Monte Vista as these teams stayed in our hotels, filled their vehicles with gas, and ate in our local restaurants! We look forward to continuing this partnership and hosting this tournament again next year!

Sponsorships and donations from our valley community are critical to maintaining the Bomb Squad program. Our players and their families seek out sponsors each year to help us cover the cost of tournaments, uniforms, and equipment. We were very fortunate this year to have raised enough funds to take both teams to five different tournaments! In addition, the Bomb Squad teams partnered with the Monte Vista Middle School baseball program and received a grant from the LOR Foundation that allowed us to purchase a brand new batting cage, pitching machine, and L-screen for the middle school field where both programs hold practice! The pitching machine has already been put to good use and the batting cage will be installed and ready for next season! A big thank you to all of our sponsors for this season:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/630334528254881/permalink/919141439374187/>

If anyone is interested in learning more or sponsoring our team, please contact Kellyn Ross at kellynross@gmail.com. We want to continue growing this program and providing opportunities for young players to play ball! Go Bomb Squad!





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Sponsors! We appreciate you!!

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Business of the Month:



Phone: (719) 992-8288

Address: 38 Washington St - Monte Vista, CO

We offer photography, videography, drone, and studio services specializing in capturing weddings, engagements, couples, seniors, events, and families.

Our services also extend to commercial businesses likes boutiques, consultants, real estate, schools, and more.

As proud natives of the San Luis Valley, our local community holds a special place in our hearts, and we actively seek ways to serve and give back to those who have supported us throughout our journey.

Thank you for choosing us as business of the month! We look forward to continuing to preserve memories and celebrating life's most significant moments with our clients.

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MONTE VISTA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

ANNUAL MEETING

August 22, 12:00- 1:30
Ski Hi Complex
Monte Vista, Colorado

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: ELIZABETH GARNER
COLORADO STATE DEMOGRAPHER

\$25 PER PERSON / \$200 PER TABLE
HOT LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

The poster is for the Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting. It features a black background with gold and white text. The title 'ANNUAL MEETING' is in large, bold, yellow letters. The date and time are 'August 22, 12:00- 1:30' and the location is 'Ski Hi Complex, Monte Vista, Colorado'. The keynote speaker is 'ELIZABETH GARNER, COLORADO STATE DEMOGRAPHER'. The cost is '\$25 PER PERSON / \$200 PER TABLE' and it notes 'HOT LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED'. There is a logo for the Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce on the right, which includes a mountain and the text 'MONTE VISTA Chamber of Commerce The Heart of the Valley'. Below the logo is a portrait of Elizabeth Garner, a woman with blonde hair wearing a blue blazer.



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The State Demography Office is the primary state agency for population and demographic information. Its data are used by state agencies to forecast demand for facilities and services. These data are also used by local governments and non-profit organizations in the state to anticipate growth or decline and to plan and develop programs and community resources. The office's location in the Department of Local Affairs insures that its data and information is developed in ways that account for local input and needs. The office makes the data publicly available on their website, answers requests for economic and demographic data and provides training workshops on accessing and using the data.

<https://gis.dola.colorado.gov/contact/>

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REGISTRATION: 9-11	PRE-ENTRY: \$25	CONTACT
SHOW & SHINE: 11-4	GATE-ENTRY: \$30	RICHARD GARCIA
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The OptiMystics CAN! and The Poor Boy Car Club are co-hosting our third annual festival on Saturday, August 19th, at Chapman Park, in Monte Vista, Colorado, from 10:00AM until 8:00PM. This year, we've rebranded the festival as "SoCo Suds & Sounds", featuring the Poor Boy Car Show. And also new this year will be demonstrations by local organizations and live music, featuring Ruben Dominguez, Absolution and Ol' Scratch.

Visit Optimystics website for more
information



OptiMystics CAN

CONNECTING PEOPLE. CREATING COMMUNITY!

presents

Monte Vista's Third Annual



SOCO SUDS & SOUNDS



**Saturday August 19th 10AM until 8PM
Chapman Park, Monte Vista**

featuring



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**RUBEN DOMINGUEZ,
ABSOLUTION, &
OL' SCRATCH**



Come join in the Fun!!



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Monte Vista Police Department - Monte Vista Public Works - OptiMystics CAN
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3rd Friday Art Walk

**Downtown Monte Vista
4-8PM**



**May 19th
June 16th
July 21st
August 18th
September 15th**

**Live
Entertainment**

Local Artists and Vendors

Hands on Art Activities

Music

Door Prizes

and more...

**Art
Demonstrations**



**Hosted by
The Mystic Valley Art Council
mysticvalleyartcouncil@hotmail.com**



Please join us in downtown Monte Vista, Colorado every 3rd Friday for our community Art Walks.

Artists, entertainment, art demonstrations and art activities will be set up on the first block of Adams Street and in local businesses throughout town. Local businesses will be offering some amazing art walk specials and will be participating in a community scavenger hunt each month. This is a wonderful opportunity to get out and enjoy an evening of art, entertainment, local shopping and local dining in Monte Vista.



To become a vendor, or learn more, contact Melinda Meyers at scseeddevelopment@gmail.com

A poster for the 'San Luis Valley Intertribal Powwow'. The background is a gradient of red and orange. At the top is a logo with two stylized mountains and the text 'San Luis Valley Intertribal Powwow'. The main title is in large, bold, black letters. Below it is the date 'September 22-24th, 2023'. The MC is 'Whitney Rencountre'. The event includes 'Competition Pow Wow', 'All Dancers and All Drum Groups Invited', 'Indigenous Arts and Crafts', and a 'Community Feed Saturday evening'. The times are listed for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The location is 'Outcalt Event Center at the Ski Hi Complex, Monte Vista, Colorado'. A QR code is in the bottom right corner. An illustration of a person in traditional Native American regalia is on the right side.

San Luis Valley
Intertribal Powwow
September 22-24th, 2023

MC
Whitney Rencountre

Competition Pow Wow
All Dancers and All Drum Groups
Invited

Indigenous Arts and Crafts

Friday 2-8PM
Saturday 10AM-8PM
Sunday 9AM-Noon
Community Feed Saturday evening

Outcalt Event Center at the
Ski Hi Complex
Monte Vista, Colorado



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The next Monte Vista Chamber board meeting Thursday, August 31st at 7 AM.

Member Updates



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!

**CHECK OUT
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New Members:

- Gosar Natural Foods

Renewing Members:

- Gigi Dennis-Lounsbury
- Realtors of Central Colorado
- Colorado Seed Co. LLC
- Sunflour Bakery
- Monte Vista Rotary Club

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](#)