



Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce Newsletter July 2021

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Did You Know?

The Ski-Hi Stampede, Colorado's oldest pro rodeo, has roots as deep as the San Luis Valley itself. It began in 1919, but two years were deducted because of World War II, when no events were held. The first rodeo was held August 11-13, 1919, and was called the Ski-Hi Stampede. Old newspapers reported that more than 10,000 people assembled to watch the local competition. It has continued for nine decades as an annual event and is an important piece of western history that still can be lived.

Rodeo is a competitive sport that is performed in many countries around the world. Most people think that it originated in the Western US, but it arose out of the working practices of cattle herding in Spain, Mexico, and later the United States, Canada, South America, and Australia. Rodeo events continue to be held in many of these countries. It is a presentation of cowboy skills on a competitive level. The early "rodeo" was extremely informal. Beginning in the 1820s, cowboys and vaqueros of the Western United States and Mexico would compete against one another to test their working skills. After the Civil War, rodeo began to mature, and the individual events began to take shape and became more of what we know rodeo to be now.

Ski Hi Stampede always has been, and always will be an event inclusive to everyone. In this start of returning to normal, we want everyone to know that whether you are vaccinated or not – you will be welcome to enjoy our festivities. We are excited for the return of Stampede for the 99th celebration and hope everyone else is as well.



[Ski Hi Stampede Website](#)

Images of all 58 cranes can be found on our website at [vote for your favorite crane](#). Be sure to tour Monte Vista to see them in person! Then select and vote for your favorite by following the link below, scanning the code at the right, or scanning the code on the back of the actual crane. Voting will be open through

August. Votes will be tallied and the artists of the top three cranes will be rewarded with \$100 for their work.

Swoop of the Cranes



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Business of the Month

Alcon Construction, Inc.

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CO



Alcon Construction, Inc. was originally founded in 1974. The company has grown and expanded over the past 46 years but we are still proud to be family owned and operated. Our project experience spans throughout the Western States with a focus in the San Luis Valley in Colorado. We provide commercial and industrial services in healthcare, education, agriculture, government, and more. We are authorized dealers for Behlen Manufacturing Co. and Raynor Garage Doors.

Here at Alcon Construction, Inc. we have some of the most reliable and trusted professionals in the industry. Several of our employees have been here over 30 years! They uphold the original core beliefs that started the company – honest hard work, turning out a complete well-built product, and building relationships. We pride ourselves in our reputation of quality, working hard to meet deadlines, and customer satisfaction.

We look forward to working with you to meet your construction needs!

Our services include:

- General Contracting
- Pre-Construction Services
- Design/Build Project Services
- Construction Management
- Concrete Work
- Metal Building Sales and Erection
- Structural Steel Fabrication and Erection
- Garage Doors
- Crane Services

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Chamber Sponsored Podcasts!

Each month the Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce sponsors business spotlight podcasts on SLVoices for the Business of the

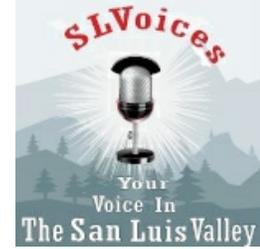
Month and two Featured Businesses.

This month will highlight the following:

Business of the Month - Alcon Construction, Inc.

Featured Business - Ski Hi Stampede Committee

Featured Business - Spencer Architecture Studio, LLC



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podcasts

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!

New Members:

- **Monte Vista Chiropractic and Wellness Center, LLC**

Renewing Members:

- **Absolute Shine Auto Body & Paint Inc.**
- **Royal Electric Services**
- **WLB Septic & Excavation and San Luis Valley Precast**

[Check out membership benefits here!](#)