Penrose Chamber Communicator

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The Apple Day committees are already at work. The Apple Dumpling committee has already had a couple of fund-raisers. The Apple Dumpling contest will be held June 25 from 2-4 pm at the Penrose Elementary School.
Vendor & Parade database is being updated for current addresses. The applications will be mailed out the middle of June.

Penrose Chamber of Commerce business members:
Please check the Wells Fargo Bank lobby. We're extremely low on business cards. We may be out of yours. Drop some off at the Chamber office or drop them in the mail to us at P.O. Box 379 Penrose, CO 81240

You may purchase a business card size spot on our newsletter for $30 for individual issue or $100 for 1 year.

LOOKING FOR SOME PLACE TO HAVE A SMALL GET TOGETHER???
The Penrose Senior Citizens Club located at 405 Broadway in downtown Penrose is just what you've been looking for.
BIRTHDAYS! POT LUCKS! WEDDINGS! BAKE SALES! FLEA MARKET! MEETINGS!
Will hold approx. 200 people. Call Anne at 372-6417 or 671-9319. You can also call Janet at 429-3216.

OFFICE MANAGER REPORT
March/April 2011
Visitors: 58
Welcome Packets mailed: 3
Business Referrals: 8
Incoming Calls: 81
Outgoing Calls: 141

The Penrose Chamber of Commerce will be kicking off a new season of their flea market. Get your garage & storage buildings empty & make money at the same time. Once again they will be at the Gooseberry Patch Restaurant's parking lot located on Highway 115, 7 am-4 pm.. See ya there!

May 7, 2011
June 4, 2011
July 2, 2011
August 6, 2011
September 3, 2011

Monthly Breakfast
7:00 AM
May 19
Coyote's Coffee Den

June 16
Coyote's Coffee Den

Everyone is invited!
Bring a Guest!!

New Members:
Royal Gorge Lodge #2866
Orchard of Hope

The Colorado Country Music Assoc. is getting all geared up for the 12th Annual State-Wide Talent Competition. It will be June 10th, 11th, & 12th. If you sing or know someone who does, call me at 372-6464 or 372-3994. We will feature gospel, bluegrass, & country music. There will also be a songwriting class & a stage presence class held on Sunday, June 12th at 10 am. See ya there!
Misty Dawn

IMPORTANT!

The Penrose Chamber of Commerce is making changes concerning the newsletter. Like everyone else, we're trying to find ways to cut down our costs. Between the envelopes, postage, & ink to print them, the costs have gotten extremely high. We will be e-mailing the newsletter beginning with the July/August edition. If you prefer a hard copy, call the office or drop an e-mail to the chamber. This will be the last newsletter mailed out, unless you let us know you need a copy mailed. There will be copies in the bank lobby. If we don't have your e-mail address, please get it to us right away! You can also download the newsletter from the Penrose Chamber website at www.penrosechamber.com. We will also be selling ads in our newsletter. For more information, call Misty at 372-3994.
We need to update e-mail addresses & websites before June 20, 2011. Our next newsletter will be e-mailed. Please send us new information on your business!

Submitted by Ione McGuire

The Penrose Chamber of Commerce met for breakfast on April 21, 2011 at the Crossroads Event Center. Thanks to Jim & Kathy for letting us have our breakfast there. There were 20 members & guests present.

Elvira Patterson, PCOC's President asked everyone to introduce themselves & talk about their business. She welcomed everyone there.

Janet Vansyoc filled in for Ann Sterling for the Senior Center. The seniors will hold a garage sale on April 30th. Their Easter bonnet parade will be April 21st. They will have a spaghetti dinner in May sometime. The date hasn't been set yet. The cost will be $5 per person. To rent the senior center out, call 372-3872.

Joe Sieberlich came from Estes-Cox Model Rocket Industries. He said he sure enjoyed the breakfast here & enjoys keeping up with the activities in Penrose.

Pat Lindley spoke about Amsoil Products. He sells their products. If anyone has questions about the products, call Pat at 372-6114.

It was good to see Ina Finch at the breakfast representing Indian Springs Campground. She invited everyone out to see the new changes that have taken place there. If you're looking for a place to camp, swim, etc, give Ina a call at 372-3907.

Shane Allen represented Holcim Cement Plant & gave a report about the tire drive they have had for several years. Shane reported around 4, 000 tires were collected. Shane gave the whole process on what happens to the tires they collect. He also reported they were running at 50% of their normal output, but as the economy improves, they pick up in their business.

Nick Carochi, Principal of Penrose Elementary school, gave a report on some of the cuts they will be having at the school in 2011-2012 school year. There are 2 positions that will be strongly affected, counseling & music. They will be cut 1/2 time at Penrose school. Enrollment falls every year so it is challenging to keep some positions going but Penrose school keeps all of the basic classes. They follow the Federal guidelines to keep children at good learning levels & are always aware of any safety issues. He also spoke

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about the Florence High School & all the repairs they need to do there. They are in litigation to have the repairs done.

Mark Haler, Development Director for Orchard of Hope Foundations, came out to our breakfast. They are the newest member of the Chamber. He wants to get more people involve in the Orchard of Hope organization from Penrose. For more information, call Mark at 275-0089. They have a lot of fund raisers throughout the summer.

Kay Widger represented Habitat for Humanity at the breakfast. They are running ads now for their Anniversary . They can always use volunteers. For more information, call Habitat for Humanity Restore at 275-1787 or Habitat for Humanity Fremont County at 275-7781.

Paul Maye of the East Fremont County Alliance has been attending several meetings for the Fremont County Development. He is observing what their goals & strategies are & the top 5 priorities they want to being before the Governor in behalf of the Penrose area. He said possibilities could be push for the areas of energy that work with sunshine, wind, & the hydroelectric plant, which will employ people from Penrose & other people from Fremont Co.

John Warnok, from the Colorado Workforce, spoke about the effort the Workforce is putting out at the present time for the youth to be employed for the summer. If you are an Employer or know of a youth looking for work, call the Colorado Workforce at 275-7408.

Jim Pickart wanted everyone to know about their summer activities coming here at the Crossroads Event Center. They will be having Friday night dinners in their dining room. Check their schedules & watch for announcements in the local newspapers. Be sure to check the Crossroads website & the Penrose Chamber of Commerce website for updates.

PCOC Executive Director, Bill McGuire, gave a brief report for many things going on in Penrose & Fremont County, including Bonfil's Blood Drive on April 22nd. He said Apple Dumpling King & Queen will be in the Blossom Parade in May. Their competition for a new King & Queen will be June 25th from 2-4 pm at the Penrose Elementary School. The Flea market will begin the 1st Saturday of May.

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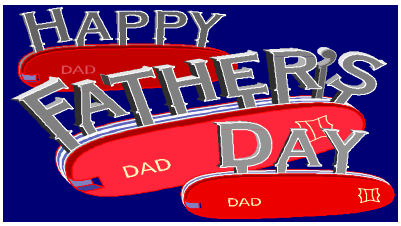
The last show of the season for the Cañon Rose Acoustic Society will be May 14th with Fireweed as the feature act. The first weekend in June is the Pueblo Bluegrass Festival. The second weekend in June is the Colorado Country Music Association's 12th Annual Statewide talent competition. This year Las Animas will be the host.

Our next PCOC breakfast will be at Coyote's Coffee Den on May 19th here in Penrose.

See you next month,
Ione McGuire

Penrose Chamber of Commerce President Elvira Patterson & Executive Director Bill McGuire presented Jim & Cathy Pickart the award for April 2011 Business of the Month at the April breakfast.

Mothers will be celebrating their special day on May 8th. Don't forget to buy your mom a present & take her out to dinner.



Don't forget to let your dad know how special he is on June 19th.

BUSINESS PROFILE

Order Sons of Italy in America,
Royal Gorge Lodge #2866

The Order Sons of Italy in America (OSIA) is the oldest & largest national organization for men & women of Italian heritage in the United States.. OSIA was founded in 1905 to support immigrants from Italy. Royal Gorge Lodge #2866 was founded in October 2010 in Fremont County, Colorado by John Carochi, John Rigirozzi, & Bill Scutti. Royal Gorge Lodge #2866 is the 6th OSIA lodge in Colorado. It has over 89 members of which 42 are charter members. Members must be Italian by birth, marriage, or adoption.

Our order is founded on the principles of Liberty, Equality, & Fraternity. We unite in one organization all those of Italian birth or decent. Our purpose is to promote & sustain our Italian heritage; to support Italian youth in educational endeavors; to protect & uphold the image & prestige of Italians in America & Canada; to organize for patriotic & humanitarian purposes & to enjoy the benefits of brotherhood.

Officers Serving a 2 Year Term are:
President– Bill Scutti
Immediate Past President– John Rigirozzi
Vice President– Rick Romano
Orator- Marlow Cassetti
Recording Secretary– Kathy Blair
Financial Secretary– Rosie Scutti
Treasurer– Linda Uhland
Mistress of Ceremony– Donna Kilfoyle
Master of Ceremony– Robert Busetti
Guard– Frank Gentile
Trustees:
Gerald Meloni
Richard Carochi
Cathy Rigirozzi
Jerry Paulino
Jim Carochi
Arbitrators:
James Toto
Anna Paulino
Dominic Carochi
Chaplain: Virginia Rankin

Annual dues are $60 per yr. due in January. Call Lodge President Bill Scutti at 719-269-3519 or e-mail wscutti@bresnan.net
Welcome to our Chamber!

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Hi,
Just a note to welcome everyone to our Chamber & our new website. I hope you will follow our website & also use your extra page on our website to advertise your business & update it monthly or weekly .If you make any changes please change the information on our website. If you advertise your sales it would help keep the business going forward. We have been having around 500-600 bites per month & we hope it will pick up as we add more information. We're hoping to get some news put on there to draw people to the website. We have a good weather station sponsored by Pat Lindley of E & R Enterprises. We have a weather cam sponsored by the Penrose Chamber of Commerce. It's set up at Crossroads so we can pick up Hwy. 115 & Hwy. 50 so you can see how bad or good the weather is on the highway. We have a great committee working for you to get the website up & running with up to date information. We hope to see your ads going on it.
We also have Business of the Month. If you know a local business that you feel deserves the award please call the Chamber office at 372-3994 & nominate them. You can vote on our website also. We are planning ahead for our Apple Dumplings riding in the Apple Blossom Day parade. The Apple Dumpling contest will be held at the Penrose Elementary School on June 24, 2011. The contest will go from 3-5 pm.
We wish all of you much success with your business endeavor this spring & summer. Also, remember the next newsletter will be the last one mailed. You can read them from the website or through your e-mail beginning with the July/August issue. If you don't have e-mail, call the office & speak to Misty.
Have a Great Summer!
Executive Director,
Bill McGuire

MAY 30th

Don't forget about your loved ones who are no longer with you.

BUSINESS PROFILE

Our mission is to improve the quality of life for cancer survivors & their families by providing financial & emotional support, as well as offering assistance to local agencies & organizations that support cancer survivors, programs, & education.
The vision of the Orchard of Hope Foundation is a world where cancer patients concentrate on the demanding road to recovery, rather than the financial burdens associated with treatment.
Some of the facts from the Orchard of Hope are :

1. At the end of 2009 over 500 families in Fremont County have been the recipients of funds from the Orchard of Hope Foundation.
2. More than $530,691 has been paid out to Fremont County residents in need of financial assistance.
3. We have funded 42 different types of cancer. The most common type of cancer funded is breast cancer & the rarest has been cancer of the saliva gland.
4. In 2010 we helped 42 families with expenses because of cancer. Two of the patients were teenagers.

Types of Financial Assistance provided: Gas for travel back & forth to treatments, prescription drugs, co-pays for Drs. & hospitals, wigs, breast prosthesis, artificial leg, motel rooms, Cobra Ins. Premiums, car payments, phone & utilities, mortgage payments, homeowner insurance, new porch & ramp for wheel chair accessibility, portable potties/towel bars in bathrooms, bank loans, & food.
For more information, contact the Orchard of Hope Foundation at 111 Orchard Ave. Cañon City, CO 81212. Call (719) 275-0089. Visit our website at: www.OrchardOfHope.org.
Note from Penrose Chamber Office manager:
My daughter was one of those patients they helped. We wouldn't have known what to do if not for them & their help. I'm so thankful we have a great Organization like this for our local people.

The Penrose Chamber of Commerce offers many things to its members including:

Networking Opportunities

Visitor and Tourism Leads

Conference Facility

Free membership Fax Service

Free Notary Services

Business Referrals

Representation in Florence and Canon City Chambers

Representation in FEDC

Bi-Monthly Newsletter with Chamber Events

Advertising Opportunities

Free Web Listing

Grand Openings

Recognition in Several Categories of Business

New Visitor and Resident Packets

Special Events--

*Monthly Breakfasts

*Annual Banquet

*Apple Day

*Apple Country Memories

Citizen of the Year

Business of the Year

Honored Guests of the Year

Apple Dumpling King and Queen

Senior King and Queen

You may purchase a business card size spot on our newsletter for $30 for individual issue or $100 for 1 year.

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President - Elvira Patterson
Vice Pres. - Pat Lindley
Secretary - Misty Dawn
Treasurer - Dale Johns
Exec. Dir. - Bill McGuire

Reg. monthly meetings 2nd Thurs. of the month , 7:00pm in the Wells Fargo Bank Community Room.

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