

SEPTEMBER HISTORY TALK THURSDAY, SEPT. 25TH - 6 PM PAST AND PRESENT PIONEERING SPIRIT OF THE COLORADO WINE INDUSTRY



September is known as Wine Month in Palisade! Jenne Baldwin-Eaton, Administrator for the Institute of Viticulture and Enology at CMU, will share the History of Colorado Wine,

starting with how it all began in Palisade - the peach capital of Colorado- on Thursday, September 25th at 6 pm, at The Ordinary Fellow Winery. This program is open to the public in a relaxed and comfortable setting for people to learn about Palisade's unique history. Free admission; donations appreciated. Be sure to come early to get a seat!

LAST MONTH'S HISTORY TALK

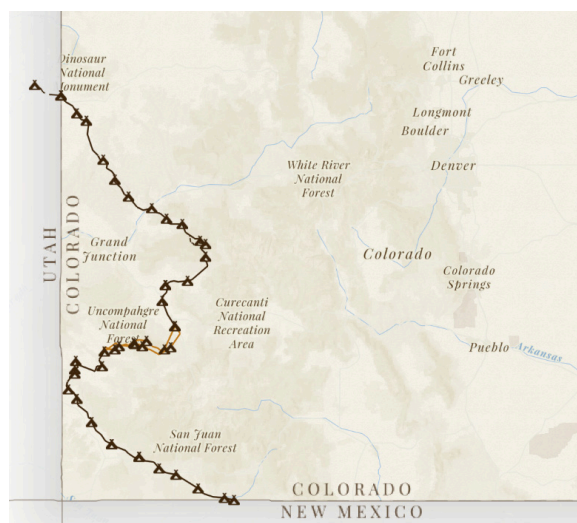
Jeff Pieper (right) shared the history of Land Grant Colleges and CSU Extension Services to a great crowd of all ages at the August History Talk!



OCTOBER HISTORY TALK THURSDAY, OCT. 16TH - 6 PM DOMÍNGUEZ-ESCALANTE EXPEDITION EDUCATION PROJECT (DEEEP)

Leading up to the celebration of the United States marking the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence in 1776 next year, Carol Hunter, founder and coordinator of the Domínguez-Escalante Education Project (DEEP), will lead the October history talk.

The Domínguez-Escalante Expedition was a Spanish journey of exploration conducted in 1776 by two Franciscan priests. They entered Colorado on August 6, 1776 and explored the western slope for 39 days. She will answer questions about the Expedition in our area. Her particular focus is sharing this important story using accessibility for all ages.



This DEEEP map shows Domínguez and Escalante's trail through Colorado August 5-12, 1776.

PICTURES FROM THE PEACH DAYS PARADE!



Pictured above: Wanda Robinson, Claire Elise & JoAnn Rasmussen, Priscilla Walker, Tom Schaffer, Pete Robinson, Christopher Schaffer, Ralph Branch, and Dave Cecuga pose in front of Freddie Ford, the 1930 Model A. Bruce Walker also rode in the Model A in the parade.

The Palisade Historical Society took part in the Peach Days Parade in Palisade on Saturday, August 9!



Claire Elise Rasmussen, Ralph Branch, Wanda Robinson, and Priscilla Walker (**left**) help set up the historical items on the Hoopie! If you look at the Bookcliffs in the background, you can tell how smoky it was from the fires in the area!

Claire Elise & JoAnn

lead the group in Dolly (**right**), the golf cart, generously lended by Ralph Branch. As you can see, they added bubble machines which were a big hit! Following Dolly is Freddie, and the 1923 Star Delivery Truck. (**Photo courtesy of Dancing In My Head Photography.**)



MORE PEACHY PICTURES

Pete & Wanda wave from the rumble seat of Freddie Ford.
(photo courtesy of Layton Tobin)



After a brief & impromptu pit stop along the parade route, and with the help of some quick-acting and kind parade-goers, Ralph got Dale back on track, and they joined back into the parade lineup!



Ralph Branch drove Dale (**above**), the 1951 Chevrolet Orchard Hoopie with our collection of ladders, picking sacks, boxes and other items used in harvest, as well as a metal orchard heater and a pair of stilts used for pruning.

Tom & Christopher Schaffer (**right**) are in the 1923 Star Delivery Truck.
(Photos courtesy of Dancing In My Head Photography.)



A peachy time was had by all!

PALISADE HISTORY PRESENTATION AT BASECAMP

Palisade Historical Society volunteers JoAnn



Rasmussen and Nancy Eighmy (pictured left) spoke to a group of 40 people from the Colorado Airstream Club at their "Palisade Peaches 'n' Streams" Rally August 18th! The

group traveled from all over the United States to meet up for this rally at the Palisade Basecamp RV Resort.

FREE SEARCHABLE DATABASE



There are 4,567 issues of *The Palisade Tribune* available on the Colorado Historic Newspapers and Plains to Peaks Databases. All available issues from June 6, 1903 to December 22, 1994 are available for searching. Check out our Newspaper Tab on HistoricPalisade.org for more information!



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HAPPY 4TH BIRTHDAY TO THE PALISADE HISTORY MUSEUM!

On August 18, 2021, we held our Grand Opening for the Palisade History Museum! (Black & white photo courtesy Museum of the



West Bunte Family Collection) We are open four days a week: Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 10am to 2pm. Stop in and see us at 3740 G Road!

MUSEUM HOURS

SEPTEMBER 2025						
Palisade History Museum HOURS						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31	1	2 10am - 2pm	3	4 10am - 2pm	5 10am - 2pm	6 10am - 2pm
7	8	9 10am - 2pm	10	11 10am - 2pm	12 10am - 2pm	13 10am - 2pm
14	15	16 10am - 2pm	17	18 10am - 2pm	19 10am - 2pm	20 10am - 2pm
21	22	23 10am - 2pm	24	25 10am - 2pm	26 10am - 2pm	27 10am - 2pm
28	29	30 10am - 2pm	1	2 10am - 2pm	3 10am - 2pm	4 10am - 2pm

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Palisade Historical Society Volunteer

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HISTORIC LOOK RESTORED



Palisade's first depot before 1909 (*Museum of Western Colorado, Palisade Library Collection*)



The building was the United Fruit Growers' Association offices after 1923. (*Palisade Historical Society, Homer Griffin collection*)

The new co-owners of the Peach Street Distillers, Jesse and Desa Loughman, along with operators and co-owners, Cody Butters Lewis and Mike Lewis, are restoring the 135 year old building. Desa reached out to the Historical Society for photos of what the building previously looked like. It was originally Palisade's first depot, built in 1890. It was quickly outgrown with the large quantities of fruit being shipped via the railroad. It was moved across the railroad tracks to its current location in 1909 when the new depot was built. It was a residence for a while, and then the longtime offices of the United Fruit Growers' Association.

The building was restored to the historical white color and will also be preserved with a new roof and the metal roof cresting similar to the depot's original roof.



HISTORIC LOOK RESTORED (CONT.)



The newly painted Distillery building

OUR 2026 CALENDAR FEATURES PEACH QUILT



The popular queen-size Peach Quilt with 90 hand painted squares depicting different peach varieties was again on display through the end of August. It is this year's Palisade Historical Society Annual Calendar!

Our 2026 Calendar featuring the Peach Quilt is available at The Blue Pig and the Palisade History Museum for a suggested donation of \$20.00. (Or contact us at HistoricPalisade.org!)

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