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September 17

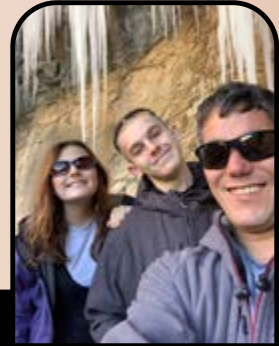
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De Beque has been a little left out over the past couple of years. We have been wanting to cover the Little Bookcliffs Wild Horse Range for sometime, but will have to continue our search. We did have the opportunity to start the journey; however, cooler temperatures such as in the Fall and Spring, might provide a better opportunity.

Instead, we would like to introduce you all to the Wild Horse Days. It's a good way to meet wonderful people who are trying to give the community a unique twist to the festival theme, with the very thing they are known for. Watch out for next year's Wild Horse Days in August. The 3 day event has plenty scheduled to keep you and your family entertained.

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This issue of Mesa County Connection is dedicated to De Beque. They had a number of events throughout August, and should definitely be recognized for their 50 mile loop, where you might be able to see the Wild Mustangs that roam in the Bookcliffs. They have the only access for motorized vehicles, so it's well worth checking out.

We are starting this magazine off with a foam party. De Beque is getting bigger, and as they do, it will be wonderful to see the different ways they come together to entertain the community. De Beque Fire was there to spray everyone down, as the park filled with foam higher than some kids' heads.

Though we didn't find any wild horses for this edition, we did encounter a festival devoted to wild horses and their preservation on the Western Slope. Wild Horse Days is a 3 day festival with a large line up of events.

Starting with a BBQ contest and mud run the first day, they also featured live music throughout the event starting with Cimmarron. Day two featured a dessert, chili and salsa cook off (leftovers donated to community consumption), live music from Stone Kitchen and Gerry Good-

man. There was also a Burn Out Competition, Beard & Mustache contest, and Bale Bucking competition. Thank you especially to Marge Mackey who directs Wild Horse Days and the wonderful ladies at town hall!



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Town of De Beque

As the summer comes to an end, it's time to say good bye in the best way you can - with a party! A hot day, clear blue sky and water from firemen are the perfect ingredients for a Foam Party.

The town of De Beque seems to be growing. As they do, it's necessary to find more creative things to keep citizens entertained; especially the young ones. Thanks to efforts from De Beque Community Recreation and the local fire fighters, they were able to collaborate this end of summer party.

Let's be real. There were no adults getting foamy. This event was more for the kids, it was very entertaining to watch though! That's why if you were around De Beque this late summer day, you were watching this excitement, which was painted on every child's face, and their accompanying adult.

De Beque has things to do, and as you will see on the next page, the progression makes it look more and more desirable. The wonderful people making up the community also make you want to come back. Thanks to Marge Mackey, Kelly Mosher, Dept. Jeff Meyer and Marshall Bob Daley for posing!

De Beque

WILD HORSE DAYS



In one small corner of our county, is a town most folks drive right by. We see the signs, and the thought of checking out wild horses passes as quickly as the town.

De Beque only has one exit, and at first glance, it's

only a gas station and green crosses. If we look a little deeper though, we can see a growing community striving to stand out and bring attention to their unique area.

Wild Horse Days, held in August every year, offers everyone a chance to become familiar with De Beque. This quaint, beautiful town, is the entrance to the Little Bookcliffs Wild Horse Range, which is where Wild Horse Days was derived from. In the town center, where the festival is held, you can find town hall, and get maps and information about viewing the wild horses on your own time.

According to the Town of De Beque's website, "The first Wild Horse Days started in 1999. A group of De Beque residents formed a Non-profit organization/Council which consisted of a President, Secretary and board. This Council was started to aid and help the Wild Horses in the Little Bookcliffs Wild Horse Area. It was a yearly summer event. The Wild Horse Council purchased a mus-



tang yearly from BLM for WHD. The horse was then entered into a drawing for ownership. They brought in vendors, live music, food, kids games, as well as events for adults. In 2013 the Wild Horse Committee dissolved. At that time, the Town of De Beque Recreation Department decided to start De Beque Days and follow a similar schedule of events. Initially, there was a great deal of discussion about going back to the title, Wild Horse Days. A meeting was held to receive public input on what the event name should be. The name De Beque Wild Horse Days was once again chosen. Wild Horse Days is currently run by the Town of De Beque, Recreation Department".

There are "traditional festival" aspects of the event, such as a parade and car show; however, there are some parts that will leave you breathless. When the pies come out, and the rubber starts flying, it's time to take a deep breath and hold it. A face pie throwing auction was held, where public officials such as the Marshall were volunteered to be recipients of cream pies to the face. That, and the Burnout Competition was a first for Mesa County Connection. We were all excited to see the billowing clouds of burnt rubber smoke, unless you were unfortunate enough to open your mouth as it came by!

The Town of De Beque and community are very warm and welcoming. They invite you to checkout next years event, or come down anytime during the week from 9am - 5pm for information about Little Bookcliffs Wild Horse Range.





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September 5, 12, 19, 26

Sacred Connections Online

9 - 10am

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September 6

CHARLES WESLEY GODWIN

8pm

Mesa Theater

538 Main St, Grand Junction

"This album will give people a really good look into what it's like culturally in Appalachia.

\$20 - \$30

September 7, 9

LOCAL JAM '23

5pm

Warehouse25sixty-five Kitchen + Bar
2565 American Way, Grand Junction

Support your local venue at Warehouse 2565

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RAINBOW PARTY!

Mesa Theater

538 Main St, Grand Junction

Join us for our signature event party of the year: The. Rainbow Party!!

\$15 - \$20

September 10

Three Dog Night

7 - 9:30pm

Avalon Theatre

645 Main Street Grand Junction

Now in its fifth decade, Three Dog Night claims some of the most astonishing statistics in popular music.

\$106 - \$290

September 11, 18, 25

Sacred Connections Coffee

9 - 10am

Main St. Bagels - Backroom

559 Main St, Grand Junction

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Grand Junction

September 11

Faculty Recital: Jeffrey McCray, bassoon

3pm

Moss Performing Arts Center

1221 N 12th St, Grand Junction

Praised for his “superb” and “very expressive playing,” Jeffrey McCray is instructor of bassoon at CMU. He is also principal bassoon of the Lincoln Symphony Orchestra.

September 11

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles

7:30 - 9pm

Avalon Theatre

645 Main Street Grand Junction

Films from The Avalon’s first 100 years, introduced by local filmmakers, film programmers and film instructors with background into each film’s moment in Avalon history.

Tickets: \$7 adults/ \$5 children 12 and under

September 12

MAX & IGGOR CAVALERA

7pm

Mesa Theater

538 Main St. Grand Junction

Max and Iggor Cavalera reunite to perform a classic SEPULTURA album, With Special Guests Exhumed and Incite.

\$29.50 - \$34.50

September 13

SUMMONER’S CIRCLE

7pm

Mesa Theater

538 Main St. Grand Junction

Summoner’s Circle is a six-piece theatrical metal band that blends elements of doom, death, black and progressive metal into what they refer to as simply Epic Metal.

\$14 - \$16

September 14

**JOSH ABBOTT BAND **

7 - 11pm

Warehouse25sixty-five Kitchen + Bar

2565 American Way, Grand Junction

A TEXAS SIZED PARTY at the Warehouse with the JOSH ABBOTT BAND with special guests JOSH WARD with his full band and CLAYTEN MULLEN kicking things off!

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September 16

Downtown Car Show

7pm

Downtown Grand Junction

3rd St & Main, Grand Junction

In September, Main Street rumbles with the sound of motors as participants pour into Downtown for the 22nd annual ColorAuto Detailing Downtown Car Show.

September 16

Downtown Car Show

9 - 11pm

Warehouse25sixty-five Kitchen + Bar

2565 American Way, Grand Junction

Brett Hendrix is a Singer/Songwriter whose style is derived from his Blues and Southern Rock roots.

FREE SHOW**

Events CONNECTION

September 20

Community Concerts of the Grand Valley presents Folk Legacy Trio

7:30 - 9:30pm

Avalon Theatre

645 Main Street Grand Junction

The Folk Legacy Trio has been hailed as “the living library” of music of the great folk era delivering songs from the 50s-70s with their signature dynamic vocals and instrumental arrangements.

\$80 - \$90

September 21

AGENT ORANGE

8pm

Mesa Theater

538 Main St. Grand Junction

Punk Rock Legends Agent Orange return to Mesa Theater September, 21st w/ Spice Pistols, the Tankerays & Hillbilly Riot!

\$18 - \$22

September 23

Moose Lodge Car Show

3 - 9pm

Moose Lodge

567 25 1/2 Rd, Grand Junction, CO

Free Event!

September 24

CHALI 2NA

Cut Chemist

3 - 9pm

Mesa Theater

538 Main St. Grand Junction

Get ready to witness an epic collaboration of CHALI 2NA x CUT CHEMIST, bringing you an electrifying in-person event that will blow your mind.,

\$30

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September 9

Live Music- Clayton Yeazle
5 - 7pm
Colorado Vintners
3674 G Rd, Palisade
We are excited to host Clayton Yeazle performing an awesome acoustic show. Our patio is open at 2 pm and the concert starts at 5 pm.

September 14

Dine In The Vines
6 - 8pm
Carboy Winery at Mt. Garfield Estate
3572 G Rd, Palisade
Carboy Winery invites you to dine in a picturesque setting amongst our estate Colorado vineyards with Mount Garfield as the backdrop.

\$125

September 11 - 17

Colorado Wine Week
All Day
Palisade
Complete your Colorado Winefest experience with Colorado Wine Week! Taking place September 11th through September 17th, Colorado Wine Week offers a myriad of Colorado-wine focused events statewide, many of which are free to attend. Expect to see Food & Wine Pairings, Wine Tours, Feast in the Fields, Live Music, Markets, and more!
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\$75

September 17

Hugh Phillips
12pm
Avant Vineyards
3480 E Rd, Palisade
Colorado Country is not what you think! The Hugh Phillips Band is Colorado Country at its best! This four-piece band is becoming well known with every show they perform.

September 23

The Barlow
1pm
Restoration Vineyards
3594 E 1/2 Rd, Palisade
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September 23

Blooms & Bubbles
10 - 11:30am
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Fruita

September 2

Teerlinck West @ Fruita's Farmer's Market
8:30am - 12pm
Fruita Farmers Market
250 S Elm St, Fruita
Teerlinck West at Fruita Farmer's Market, presenting all original music by singer/songwriter, Paul Teerlinck

September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Fruita's Farmer's Market
8:30am - 12pm
Fruita Farmers Market
250 S Elm St, Fruita
Come down and check out all the fresh, local produce at Fruita's Farmers Market Saturdays through October..

September 9

Harbor & Home (Solo Acoustic)
5pm
Copper Club Brewing Company
153 N Mulberry St, Fruita
Free Show! Harbor & Home is based in Minneapolis, Minnesota Kaleb Williams is the lead singer and the heart and soul of this band. His sound is a true blend of roots, Americana, and classic rock

September 15

Family Fun Night!
5:30pm
Living Water Baptist Church
1822 J 3/10 Rd, Fruita
Mel's programs are fun-filled displays of magical illusion, expert juggling and ventriloquism that are sure to delight both young and old.

September 22, 23

108th Annual Fruita Fall Festival
Friday - 7pm through Saturday 8:30pm
Downtown Fruita.
Get ready to experience a vibrant celebration of community and creativity at the 2023 Alpine Bank Fruita Fall Festival hosted by the Fruita Area Chamber of Commerce! This year's festival promises

to be new and exciting, with a "Paint the Town" theme that will fill the streets with color and excitement. As the leaves begin to change and the air turns crisp, downtown Fruita will come alive at the 108th annual Fruita Fall Festival with a range of colorful activities and events.

September 23

Fruita History Fair
11 - 3pm
Fruita Fall Fest
432 E Aspen Ave, Fruita
Join Fruita's Historic Preservation Board for the Fruita History Fair at Fruita Fall Festival! Check out historic artifacts, photographs and descriptions of our town and learn something new!

September 23

7th Annual Grand Valley Beard Rally
4pm
Fruita Fall Fest
432 E Aspen Ave, Fruita
Are you or is someone you know the proud owner of a fantastic beard? Well, this is their time to shine! Participate in 6 different categories, full beard, partial beard, business beard, mustache, fantasy fuzz, or styled!

September 23

Brian Mellon Poker Run
4pm
Strayhorn Grill
456 Kokopelli Dr, Fruita
come help support this is a great cause for veterans , short ride through town fun times with amazing people.

September 29

Fruita Monument vs. Heritage
5:30pm
Fruita Monument High School
1102 Wildcat Ave, Fruita
Live : <https://ncs.onemediaSPORT.com/hs-football.php> Wildcats @ Eagles The Heritage (Littleton, CO) varsity

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