

PALISADE

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Thank you for a great year!

We sincerely appreciate the generous support and encouragement of our donors and everyone who is interested in our efforts to preserve and communicate Palisade's unique history! It's been an interesting and busy year for the Palisade Historical Society as we look for a permanent home!

Happy Holidays and best wishes for 2018 from the Palisade Historical Society!



Information Kiosk on Kluge Ave. in downtown Palisade decorated for Christmas

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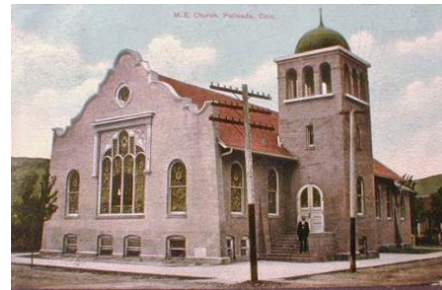
December 2017

Olde Fashioned Christmas

For Olde Fashioned Christmas, the Historical Society's Friday night parade entry was a 1930 Model A Ford. On Saturday Dec. 2nd we had historic photos and displays at the Palisade Library.



Charlene Weidner, right, hands out candy canes to hundreds of enthusiastic parade viewers. Others in the parade were Priscilla Walker, Model A driver, and Ralph Branch, passenger. Dave Cecuga and Frank Nemanich also walked and handed out candy.



An Olde Fashioned Christmas highlight this year was the United Methodist Church's 120th

Anniversary of when it began services in 1897. The current church building—shown here in 1909—was built in 1907 as the Methodist Episcopal Church. It cost a little over \$14,000, and was the first property in town to have concrete sidewalks, iron hitching posts and was lighted by electricity. Colorado Governor Henry A Buchtel delivered the dedication sermon. The current pastor, Rev. Pat Lewis, delivered the re-dedication ceremony at noon on December 2.



Dave Cecuga at the Palisade Historical Society display at the Palisade Library. In addition to our publications, we also displayed PHS class photos and offered signed copies of Curtis Martin's *Ephemeral Bounty* for donation.

Jack Webb passed away Nov. 15



One of our very special Lifetime Members, Jack Webb, passed away peacefully last month at his home in Grand Junction at age 91. Jack was a coal miner in Cameo and shared his stories and memorabilia which we displayed at the Heritage Rendezvous exhibit at the Museums of Western Colorado as well as in the Cameo display case until the History Center closed. Jack assisted with information for our *Coal Mining in Palisade, Colorado* booklet and underwrote the cost of the publication which is dedicated to his father, Roy, also a Cameo coal miner. The booklet is used as a textbook at Palisade High School. Jack also explained maps of area coal mines, including mines near Garmesa at the Garfield County line north of Loma. The Webb family lived there before moving to Cameo and grade-school aged Jack went into the mine with his father. We were blessed to get to know Jack and preserve some of his memories in our oral and video history program.

A younger Jack Webb carrying his miner's lunch bucket in his right hand. The bucket was displayed at the History Center and in our Heritage Rendezvous exhibit in 2015. The metal bucket had three compartments – the largest one at the bottom for water, the middle one was for a sandwich, and the top compartment for pie.



(Courtesy of Jack Webb)

June Kissell passed away Nov. 20

Another loss for the Historical Society and the Webb family was Jack's oldest sister, June Kissell. She passed away just five days after her brother on November 20, at age 98. She was an enthusiastic member of the Palisade Historical Society and very supportive of our efforts to capture and

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communicate Palisade and Cameo's unique histories. June also shared memories and photos from her albums, including this iconic photo of Cameo when it was a mining town. We will also miss her wonderful smile, positive comments, and historical perspective.

Cameo as a coal-mining town in 1928



Jeanie Thomas passed away Nov. 10

A third Palisade Historical Society supporter who passed away last month was Jeanie Thomas. Jeanie and her late husband, Chuck, were talented musicians who, for decades, entertained at events and venues throughout the Grand Valley. For us, a memorable performance was as the keyboard artist at our 100th birthday party for the Grand River Diversion Dam in June 2015. She made the morning more festive by playing between less-entertaining talks and presentations.

She also artfully accompanied the 300+ audience who sang "Happy Birthday" just before official cake-cutting ceremonies.



Jeanie Thomas at the keyboard for the "Roller Dam" 100th birthday celebration.

Has anyone seen this rock ad about 1-2 miles east of the Cameo truck stop?



Thanks Curt Strain and Rick Fox for calling our attention to this rock ad etching. The Star Clothing and Shoe House was located in the Palisades National Bank Building. From the online Tribune newspapers, we can see its weekly advertising began in April 1910.

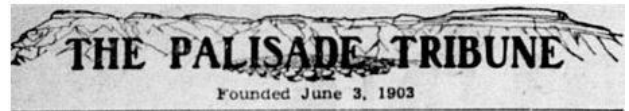
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