

# PALISADE

## Historical Society

[www.historicpalisade.org](http://www.historicpalisade.org)

### MOVING DAY WENT WELL!

The Palisade Historical Society's collection is now located in the new Palisade History Museum! Volunteers prepared for the move, especially Ralph Branch, Priscilla Walker, and Charlene Weidner, who enthusiastically moved fragile and other items to make the big July 1 moving day go smoothly. Gay and Mike Hetland's Total Move crew were more than up to the task and incredibly fast and careful!



Gay and Mike Hetland with Total Move crew Dave and John celebrate a successful move.



Carpetime's Jacob and Boyd installed flooring in the Museum just a few days before the move.

## July 2020

Our volunteers are now organizing files and items, and planning displays suitable for the new, larger space at the History Museum. We have so much Palisade history to tell! It will be a while before we are ready for a "Grand Opening." Future newsletters will feature details about hours and days when we will be open to the public.

The Historical Society is also eternally grateful to Ralph and Nancy Eighmy who graciously donated climate-controlled space to store our collection. Without their generosity, the Palisade Historical Society would not have been able to preserve the archival copies of *The Palisade Tribune* which we acquired in November 2014. They also let us safely keep many other historical artifacts in our collection for more than three years after the January 2017 closing of our History Center space in the Palisades National Bank building.

Following the July 1 move, Rick Fox donated his time and materials to upgrade and change the locks on the History Museum.

### LIONS CLUB HAS A LONG HISTORY OF SERVING PALISADE

It would be impossible to overstate the impact the Palisade Lions Club has had on Palisade. It was organized July 26, 1930, making this incredible volunteer organization 90 years old this month!

Our Lions Club has been responsible for many of Palisade's most successful endeavors. Its focus is on helping children and schools, as well as undertaking projects which no other group-



volunteer or government-could complete. At their 1930 beginning, their stated intent was to "make Palisade a better place to live, work, and play by virtue of its Lions Club." Their motto continues to be: "We Serve."

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For a more detailed summary of the 90 years of work by Lions Club volunteers to make Palisade better, click on this link to our website: <http://www.historicpalisade.org/index.php/newsletters-2/> The Palisade Lions Club is still quite active and welcomes new members who will continue this incredible work to benefit our community. Contact Donnie Bishop at (970) 948-7049 for more information. Currently, the Club is planning a Pancake Breakfast if Peach Fest is held in August.

## **PAUL H. BARDELL, JR. PASSED AWAY IN NY AT AGE 85**

We just received word from his family in New York that Paul H. Bardell, Jr. passed away April 13. Paul was born in Casper, WY on Feb 2, 1935 and moved with his family to Palisade in 1948. Paul was an outstanding student, graduating as valedictorian from Palisade High School in 1952. He was one of the earliest Boettcher Scholars, receiving full tuition and fees, the cost of textbooks, and \$500 for expenses going to a Colorado school. He received a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from the University of



Colorado in 1956, where he was selected as Outstanding Senior Engineer in his class.

Paul Bardell, 1952  
Palisade High School  
graduate

Paul also received a Ph.D. from Stanford University. He was employed by IBM

for 38 years and retired in 1993 as an IBM Fellow. He held 12 U.S. Patents and presented numerous papers on the testing of electronic components and co-authored a book "Built-in Test for VLSL."

For Palisade history, Paul wrote the book "Peaches and Politics in Palisade, Colorado A Town shaped by its Canals, Roads and Bridges" in 2009. Since the Historical Society began in 2010, he actively encouraged our efforts, and shared additional research on early land patents, Orchard Mesa Heights, and the list of Postmasters since 1891 among other topics. We were pleased to incorporate his painstaking details about early irrigation projects, including the Alta Land and Water Company and Smith & Struthers Ditch into our collection.

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Paul sent boxes of his *Peaches and Politics* books as a fundraiser for the Historical Society. He not only digitized the second volume of the 1963 *History of Palisade* which we updated in 2012, but also proofread the entire publication! He provided photos and edited our own booklet on the *History of Irrigation in Palisade and East Orchard Mesa, Colorado*.

Paul Bardell retired from IBM in 1993 as a distinguished IBM Fellow



The Palisade Historical Society is forever indebted to Paul H. Bardell, Jr.'s tireless research, photos, and encouragement. We are glad he included Palisade history as part of his amazing legacy.

## **YOUR PURCHASES AT CITY MARKET BENEFIT THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

The Palisade Historical Society is now participating in the City Market Community Rewards Program. If you have a City Market loyalty card and have used the City Market's website, just log into: <http://www.citymarket.com> and search for the Palisade Historical Society. Select it as your designated community non-profit. It is another painless way to support the Historical Society.

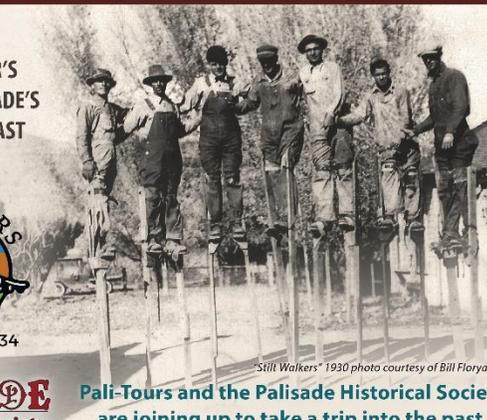


New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and a loyalty card number. You can get a loyalty card at any King Soopers or City Market store's customer service desk. You must swipe your registered loyalty card or use the phone number attached to the card for your purchase to benefit the Palisade Historical Society.

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY JOINS WITH PALI-TOURS TO OFFER GROUP HISTORY TOURS

**PALISADE HISTORICAL TOURS**

GET AN INSIDER'S VIEW OF PALISADE'S FASCINATING PAST



**PALI-TOURS**  
(970) 697-8134

**PALISADE Historical Society**  
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**Pali-Tours and the Palisade Historical Society are joining up to take a trip into the past. Call to arrange your tour today!**

\*Still Walkers\* 1930 photo courtesy of Bill Floryancic

Dave Smith, operator of Pali-Tours, has partnered with the Historical Society to add new tours featuring Palisade's unique history. The 2½ hour tours for groups of four to ten people will be in "Pinzy," a 1975 Pinzgauer 6X6 made in Austria for the Swiss Military. Historical Society volunteers narrate the tours with information and historic photos about Palisade's interesting agriculture and coal mining past. Dave drives an adventuresome route around historic Palisade sites.

Groups of four or more should contact Pali-Tours at (970) 697-8134 for more information. The tours will be offered weekday mornings, depending on demand.

## Volunteers Welcome!

Please contact us if you want to meet interesting people, learn more about Palisade history and/or work on committees, projects, and fundraising for the new Palisade Historical Museum at the Bunte Shop. Send a message with your contact information to Gary at [historicpalisade@outlook.com](mailto:historicpalisade@outlook.com) to learn how you can help. Right now, we are especially interested in volunteers to assist tour guides and hosts when the History Museum is open.

## AMAZON SMILE PURCHASES BENEFIT THE PALISADE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

For your on-line shopping, please go to:  
<https://smile.amazon.com>

On your first visit, you can use the same email and password as you set up for Amazon. Then, select Palisade Historical Society from the Charity Lists. If you bookmark Amazon Smile, you will automatically be taken there instead of the regular Amazon site when you shop. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible Amazon Smile purchases.



## 2020-2021 Directors of the Palisade Historical Society

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## PALISADE TIMELINE ON THE MUSEUM'S WEBSITE

Stephanie Lukowski, Curator of Education at the Museums of Western Colorado, updated educational materials on the Museum's Website, including a more graphic look for our Palisade historic timeline. The new link to Palisade's history – from 1881 to the 2000s is:

<https://museumofwesternco.com/palisade-history/>

## Look for us on Facebook and Instagram:

**Palisade Historical Society**



## Become a part of History - Donate to the Palisade Historical Society.

The Palisade Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) organization. Donations are tax-deductible.

The Historical Society relies on donations to facilitate projects that enhance our community by documenting local history and promoting our heritage. You can join us with your support in a targeted way that interests you most. Make a donation for any or all of the following categories:

- Become a member and enjoy notification of events and news
- Contribute to the **Palisade Tribune** Digitization Fund that will save invaluable Palisade history
- Donate to complete renovations for the Palisade History Museum at the Bunte Shop. It will feature displays and educational media to engage locals and visitors year-round.

### MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

#### Annual Memberships (check one)

Individual \$25     Family \$50     Business \$100     Patron \$500

#### Extended Memberships

10-year (Family or Individual) \$200     Lifetime (Family or Individual) \$400

### PALISADE TRIBUNE DIGITIZATION FUND

We have raised funds to digitize 2,650 issues of *The Palisade Tribune* for Colorado Historic Newspaper Newspaper database website. Please help us get more issues online for browsing and searching from anywhere!

\$1,000     \$100     Other  \$\_\_\_\_\_

### PALISADE HISTORY MUSEUM AT THE BUNTE SHOP

We are on our way to opening in the summer of 2020. Help us with any level.

\$1,000     \$500     \$100     Other  \$\_\_\_\_\_

\$2,500 (receive a "Proud Supporter" sign)

\$5,000 (advertise in the Museum for your business)

The names of donors contributing \$500 or more will be included on a permanent legacy donor recognition sign displayed on the Museum. ( 'In memory of' or 'In honor of' may be noted )

For credit card payments, call (970) 464-2177.

For checks or money orders payable to Palisade Historical Society, mail them with your confidential contact information to: **Palisade Historical Society, PO Box 631, Palisade, CO 81526.**

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