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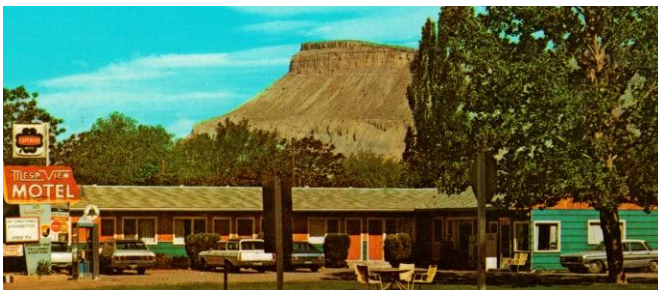
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**2,493 ISSUES OF THE
PALISADE TRIBUNE NOW ON
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Thanks to generous private donors, and support from the Colorado Historic Newspapers Collection, 231 more issues of *The Palisade Tribune* are now digitized and available on the Colorado Historic Newspaper Collection (CHNC) website! This makes 2,493 issues of *The Palisade Tribune* in the CHNC's 1,400,000 page database! From the first issue, June 6, 1903 to December 30, 1966, you can browse or search for specific names or information. The latest additions include many interesting articles from the 1930s Depression and World War II.

THEN AND NOW MESA VIEW MOTEL IS NOW SPOKE AND VINE



1970s photo postcard of the Mesa View Motel when Bill and Adda Lawrence were owners
(Palisade Historical Society photo)

The former Mesa View Motel—which opened in November 1955 at 424 West 8th Street—has been
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extensively remodeled and updated into the new Spoke and Vine Motel. Jeff Shook and his wife, Jody Corey, labored for six months to uplift this Palisade gem. The work included replacing the floors, rewiring, replumbing, and a new interior and exterior. Some of the old floor boards have been repurposed into wall hooks in the rooms.

Built by Bob and Vera Kittel, a *Palisade Tribune* ad from Nov. 11, 1955 reads, “Housekeeping apartments, all new and completely modern. Mesa View Motel.”



Newly remodeled Spoke and Vine

Before then, the space was part of Karl Von Ehrenkrook's orchard which extended west along the frontage road to the Bunte property near Elberta and north to what became the high school's football field.

Jody and Jeff have lived in Steamboat Springs, for almost 20 years, though both originally are from back east. Jeff spent seven years in the restaurant business, as well as property management. Jody recently sold her property management business and now works in real estate in Steamboat.

Jody's interest in the motel was originally sparked when she spent the night there in 2017. When she learned from a friend it was for sale, she and Jeff investigated and purchased the business in 2018 from long time owners Terry and Cami Hammer.

During the remodel Jeff found a toy 1950's era car in what was once the back yard of the living quarters. When Bob and Vera's son, John Kittel visited, he recognized the toy car from his childhood. Jeff also found a May 1, 1961 *Denver*
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Post newspaper wrapped around a water pipe. 58 years later, the new Spoke and Vine Motel opened on May 1, 2019.

Jeff is managing 17 units which are completely booked for Lavenderfest. Jeff and Cory are pleased with their business in their first two months. Their clientele represents all ages, people looking for a place “with personality.” Along with elder dogs, Scout and Kona, and two black cats, Domino and Chowder, Spoke and Vine has personality to spare.

EXIT 46 IS NOW EXIT 45 FOR CAMEO SHOOTING RANGE AND KOKOPELLI FARM MARKET



The Colorado Department of Transportation replaced the worn exit signs for Cameo and changed the number to Exit 45 to call attention, if subtly, to the Cameo Shooting Range now operating where Cameo, the former coal mining town and later, Public Service Company’s coal-fired power plant, were located. Kokopelli Farm Market is still at the exit and reprinted its advertising and box labels, as well as changed the location on its website and other materials to reflect the new Exit Number for its same location.

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NANA’S FRUIT AND JAM–DOWNTOWN AND THE WILD FLOWER OPEN IN FORMER BANCROFT GROCERY LOCATION

Downtown Palisade has a new retail store with a wonderful variety of products at 237 South Main Street. The space (#2 on our Historic Walking Tour brochure) in the 1905 Purcell Building has been a variety of retail businesses over the years. For the longest time, it was a grocery store—initially B&R Store (Rowland Bancroft and Paul Rice) starting in 1923, then Bancroft Grocery and Market, and later, Bill’s AG Market until 1962. The Palisade Department Store and then a succession of restaurants operated in the location over the years. Rapid Creek Cycles purchased the space in 2011 and is now consolidated in the corner space of the Purcell Building.

In addition to Nana’s popular jams and jellies – which will be available year round – there will be local fruit in season. Enstrom’s Candy and Ice Cream products are also available at the store. The Wild Flower Floral Shop specializes in an exceptional variety of fresh flowers for all occasions and delivers valley-wide.



Becky Davis of Nana’s Fruit & Jam – Downtown, and Charlotte Meiner of The Wild Flower Floral on opening day in front of their new space at 237 South Main Street in downtown Palisade.

GAY HETLAND APPOINTED TO HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD

Gay Hetland was appointed to the Palisade Historical Society board in May. She was born and raised in the Grand Valley, and is proud to call herself a native. Gay is the sixth generation of the Osborn family and third generation of both the Haller and Winters families to come to Western Colorado.

Beginning her banking career at the Palisades National Bank, Gay knew she had found her calling and has continued that path for the past 33 years. Most recently, she served as the Market President for Colorado National Bank in Palisade. Gay is the current Treasurer for the Palisade Chamber of Commerce. In her spare time, she enjoys researching her families' history.

COAL MINING HISTORY CLASS FOR DISTRICT 51 TEACHERS

On June 5th Historical Society Vice Chairman Charlene Weidner held a coal mining history class for a group of District 51 teachers as part of the Colorado Parks and Wildlife TENS Program (Teaching Environmental Science Naturally). The group met at the Base Camp RV Park which is centrally located near many of Palisade's historic—but still visible—coal mines on the palisades, the Vineland, Cameo, and Rapid Creek.



Charlene (standing) and the class of D51 teachers learning about Palisade's coal mining history.

TILMAN "TILLIE" BISHOP PASSED AWAY JUNE 16

Tillie Bishop passed away at age 86 in Grand Junction. Earlier this year, he was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. Tillie was an effective leader, serving in the Colorado legislature for 28 years, as a Mesa County Commissioner, and a member of the Board of Trustees for what has become Colorado Mesa University.

Tillie was supportive of the Palisade Historical Society from the beginning. He also donated a number of items belonging to U.S. Congressman Wayne N. Aspinall for our collection. One is an historically interesting, framed display of letters from Presidents Kennedy and Johnson supporting Aspinall's landmark water conservation bill and the pen LBJ used to sign the bill. Tillie saved this when the Colorado Water Congress in Denver no longer wanted to display it. Our condolences to Tillie's wife, Pat.

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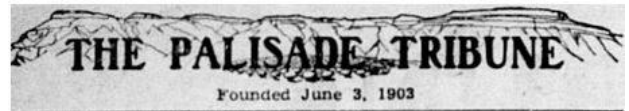
BROWSE PALISADE HISTORY TIMELINE ON MUSEUM'S WEBSITE

The Museums of Western Colorado has our detailed timeline and photos of Palisade history as part of the Grand Valley's history on its Website: <https://museumofwesternco.com/learn/history-of-grand-valley/palisade-history/>

Sign Up or Renew Your Membership Today!

We are an all-volunteer, non-profit organization. Everyone is invited to belong to the Palisade Historical Society—through volunteer time with committees and projects—and by membership.

Annual memberships in the Palisade Historical Society start at just \$25 for Individuals, \$50 for Families, \$100 for Businesses, and \$500 for Patrons. There are also 10-year memberships for \$200 and Lifetime memberships for \$400. If you haven't signed up—or it's time to renew your membership—please do so today! Mail your tax-deductible checks to the **Palisade Historical Society, P.O. Box 631, Palisade, CO 81526.**



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JULY 6, 2019**

GRANDE RIVER VINEYARDS
I-70, Exit 42

Gates open at 6:30 pm
Salsa Dance Lesson at 7:00 pm
Provided by GJ DanceSport
Concert 7:30 pm

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Colorado's Hottest Salsa Band

Tickets \$18 in advance at:
Grande River Vineyards
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**JULY 6
7:30 pm**

Child and Migrant Services Benefit Concert
Presented by Alpine Bank