

# PALISADE

## Historical Society

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### WE'RE ALMOST THERE!

Several Palisade Historical Society volunteers had a workday at the History Museum at the Bunte Shop in May to clean up before the collection items can be moved to the new space.

Among the tasks which Susan Barstow, Kent Brown, Dave Cecuga, Paul Hamilton, Gary Hines, Gayle Madden, Priscilla Walker, and Charlene Weidner completed were washing windows, vacuuming, painting hand rails, trimming the rose bush, weeding, and taking items no longer needed to the landfill and recycle center.



Kent Brown, left, and Dave Cecuga, right, rehung the Coming Soon sign in front of the building.



Paul Hamilton, Gary Hines, and Charlene Weidner gather construction items no longer needed.

## June 2020

As soon as flooring is installed, we will begin moving and setting up displays at the Museum. We are planning to open later this summer.



Susan Barstow paints the handrail

### BOB SILBERNAGEL WRITES ABOUT INTERESTING EARLY PALISADE PEOPLE

Bob Silbernagel from the *Daily Sentinel* sometimes features Palisade pioneers and history in his interesting articles. In April, he profiled John D. Reeder who was important to Palisade and the Western Slope. Read the complete article at: [https://www.gjsentinel.com/news/western\\_colorado/april-an-important-month-for-local-pioneer-john-d-reeder/article\\_747aa52a-80d4-11ea-b416-db150852b69d.html](https://www.gjsentinel.com/news/western_colorado/april-an-important-month-for-local-pioneer-john-d-reeder/article_747aa52a-80d4-11ea-b416-db150852b69d.html)

Bob found a photo for the Reeder article in our on-line *Palisade Tribune* issues. We were not able to supply a photo for his most recent article—either from the *Tribunes* or our collection—of a more colorful character, James Ferguson, who lived in Palisade from 1900 to 1911. Apparently, Ferguson ran a billiard parlor, ice cream and cigar store and meat market and served briefly as Palisade Town Marshal. Bob found from other sources Ferguson was run out of town by a vigilante committee after being convicted of bootlegging. You can read Bob's entire article in the June 1 *Daily Sentinel*: [https://www.gjsentinel.com/news/western\\_colorado/wild-bunch-henchman-lived-in-palisade-until-he-was-run-out-of-town/article\\_b9e83b72-a118-11ea-b336-e756fb897e4d.html](https://www.gjsentinel.com/news/western_colorado/wild-bunch-henchman-lived-in-palisade-until-he-was-run-out-of-town/article_b9e83b72-a118-11ea-b336-e756fb897e4d.html)

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

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

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

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 will narrate the tours with information and historic photos about Palisade's interesting agriculture and coal mining past. Dave will drive 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.

## PALISADE HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ENJOY HISTORIC PARADE IN THEIR HONOR

With the Coronavirus pandemic closing schools early and prohibiting public gatherings, Palisade High School's Class of 2020 had a different graduation experience than previous classes.



Practicing social distancing, PHS graduates in white gowns stood in front of the 13° Brix Cider Bistro to wave to cars in the enthusiastic parade.

On May 25<sup>th</sup>, which was Memorial Day, graduates were encouraged to wear their gowns and line the usual downtown Palisade parade route to enjoy enthusiastic friends and family honoring them.



A group of PHS senior boys sat near the Family Food Town wall on Third Street



## JASPER DODD PASSES AWAY AT AGE 88

Jasper Dodd died peacefully on May 10, 2020 at his home in Clifton. He was born in Palisade on April 13, 1932 to Jap and Stella Akers Dodd, and graduated from Palisade High School in 1950. He married Sherrill Gardner, also a Palisade native in 1956. Sherrill died May 24, 2014, and Jasper's adopted sister, Virginia Dell Oliver Flager, passed away just a few weeks later on June 30, 2014.

Jasper, Sherrill, and Virginia were supportive of the Palisade Historical Society and shared lots of information about their families and the town when they were growing up. Among photos they shared was one of Virginia driving an orchard hoopie at the Dodd home place on G.7 Road. Other photos were workers at the Roller Dam in 1914, class photos, and a china plate which survived the devastating fire of the Jordan's Inn in November 1915.

Jasper also told a story about his father when he worked at the South Palisade Heights pumping plant during WWI.

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### Palisade Historical Society

### 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.



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### 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.

### 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/>

### PALISADE HISTORY PROGRAMS ON LINE THIS SUMMER

We are working with the Mesa County Library to turn some of our popular Palisade History programs into online programs to be available this summer. The programs will be on the Library's website and as shareable links via Facebook and YouTube.

### 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.



## 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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