

## Music Video honors Roller Dam's 100th Birthday celebration

Maggy Fellman and her team have created a music video to celebrate the 100th Birthday of the Roller Dam. Follow the water as it flows from the 100 year old Grand Valley Diversion Dam into the valley and waters our orchards, farms, and vineyards. Fellman wrote the music and lyrics, and it features local musician Carroll Quarles as lead vocal and acoustic guitar.



**ThatDAMWater Keeps US Green**

*by Maggy Fellman*

**Livin' in the desert high and dry  
That DAM water keeps us green  
You better love it 'til you die  
Cuz there ain't no in-between**

**Rolling water, rolling water  
That dam water keeps us green**

**Into the valley water flows  
That DAM water keeps us green  
Waters our orchards row by row  
Makes this desert a livin' dream.**

**Rolling water, rolling water,  
That DAM water keeps us green,  
Gives us life,  
Keeps us green.**

*Maggy Fellman records Carroll Quarles with guitar at the Roller Dam.*

Fellman is a filmmaker who spends summers in Palisade and winters in Southwest France. As a member of the Palisade Historical Society, she was intrigued by the 100th birthday celebration and thought it would make a great music video.

The elegant, 100-year old structure and the water flowing from the dam to the orchards and fields are perfect for filming. Her film company, littlemargie-productions, is in Helsinki, Finland, and she used her international connections to make the video. Egon Plaedazmski provided guitar and drum accompaniment, with backup vocals and guitar from Baptiste Daleman. The music was arranged by Sharon Riggen, Carroll Quarles, Eki Halkka, and Baptiste Daleman. It was recorded at Aspen Leaf Recording and Production Studio in Grand Junction as well as internationally, at Spacewhale, in Helsinki, Finland, and K studio, San Jean de Luz, France.

You can see this fun music video using a broadband Internet connection at:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B6HmOX6Jh-Xsa2s3aE-JPeW5PSjA&authuser=0>

**ThatDAMWater** Keeps us Green is owned by littlemargieproductions. DVD copies will be available for a donation to the Palisade Historical Society.



## Chamber Banquet - February 21 CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF THE ROLLER DAM WITH GARY HINES

The Palisade Historical Society is presenting the featured program at the Palisade Chamber of Commerce's Annual Banquet which is Saturday, February 21st at Palisade's Wine Country Inn.



This informative presentation focuses on the rich and interesting history of irrigation in the Grand Valley. It has newly acquired photos and information about how our arid desert became one of the most productive agricultural areas in the Intermountain West, thanks to the Grand River Diversion Dam. Known locally as the "Roller Dam," the Palisade Historical Society is celebrating its 100th birthday on June 27 this year.

Chamber Banquet featured speaker, Gary Hines, grew up on East Orchard Mesa and joined the Palisade Historical Society board of directors in November 2014. Because his grandfather, Earl Carver, was the caretaker at the "Roller Dam" for 33 of its 100 years, Gary brings a unique perspective to this historically interesting story of how important irrigation is to life in the Grand Valley.

The new, 32-page booklet, History of Irrigation in Palisade and East Orchard Mesa, Colorado should be hot off the press and available at the banquet. Also, you can see our "mobile museum" with photos of the dam's construction and operation. The music video, **ThatDAMWater Keeps us Green**, will be available for viewing at the banquet as well.

If you haven't made reservations, please call the Palisade Chamber of Commerce (970) 464-7458.

## Historic Palisade Coloring Books Presented to Caprock Academy 4th graders

Members of the Palisade Sunrise Rotary Club and four Interact students from Palisade High School attended the presentation of the Historic Palisade Coloring Book at Caprock Academy in January.

Caprock Academy fourth graders in 2014-2015 and their teachers, Zema Chambers, Natalie Lyons, and Ruth Avena, asked questions of long-time Palisade residents and Historical Society board members Bill Beckwith, Doris Butler, and Priscilla Walker.

The students learned about Palisade's interesting history as part of their local history curriculum. This is the fourth year Caprock Academy fourth graders received copies of the Coloring Book, thanks to the generosity of the Palisade Sunrise Rotary Club. For the third printing of the Coloring Book, the Sunrise Chapter also enlisted financial support from the Grand Junction Rotary Club and Rotary International District 5470. This support allows the Coloring Books to be provided at no cost to schools.



*Mrs. Chambers and her Caprock Academy 4th Grade students with Historical Society Board Members Doris Butler and Bill Beckwith.*



*Mrs. Lyons and her Caprock Academy 4th Grade class with members of the Sunrise Rotary Club Brian Moffett, Scott Holzchuh, and Juliann Adams, Palisade High School Interact Students Cheyenne Stice, Hunter Rathbone, Josh May, and Cally Gilson, and Historical Society Board Members Doris Butler and Bill Beckwith*



## Coloring Books continued



*Mrs. Averna and her Caprock Academy 4th Grade class with members of the Sunrise Rotary Club Brian Moffett, Scott Holzchuh, and Juliann Adams, Palisade High School Interact Students Cheyenne Stice, Hunter Rathbone, Josh May, and Cally Gilson, and Historical Society Board Members Doris Butler and Bill Beckwith.*

## Gray Gourmet Senior Meal and Program - Tues. March 3 – 11:30 p.m. PALISADE COMMUNITY CENTER - LOWER LEVEL

Help Gray Gourmet and the Town of Palisade re-introduce this wonderful lunch program for Palisade area senior citizens. The Palisade Historical Society will show historic videos and present information about the 100th birthday of the Roller Dam on March 3, the first of three monthly programs. Suggested donation for meals of \$3.50 for ages 60+ and under 60 meal price is \$7.75. Reservations for this special Gray Gourmet lunch and program are required. Call (970)243-9844 x1.

## RENEW YOUR PALISADE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

Our success is made possible only through the work of volunteers and donations. Everyone is invited to join the Palisade Historical Society – through volunteer time with committees and projects – and by membership. Annual Membership in the Palisade Historical Society is just \$25.00 for Individuals, \$50 for Families, \$100 for Businesses, \$200 for a 10 year membership, \$400 for a Lifetime membership and \$500 annually for Patrons. If you haven't signed up or renewed your membership, please do so today.

**Mail your tax-deductible checks to the Palisade Historical Society, P.O. Box 631, Palisade, CO 81526.**

## ABOUT THE PALISADE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

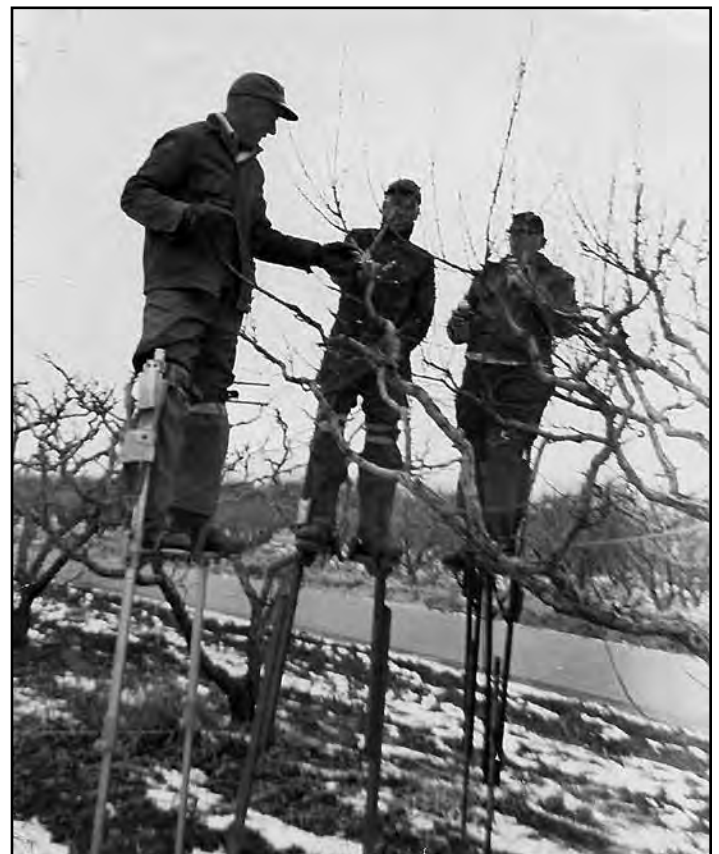
The mission of the Palisade Historical Society is to collect, preserve, and communicate the unique history of Palisade, Colorado, and to foster, encourage, stimulate, and develop public appreciation of this history.

## HISTORIC PHOTO OF THE MONTH

### Pruning on Stilts

This photo of Elmer Rice, Clarence Baird, center and Alvin Naeve on the left, was taken in the late 1950s or early 1960s. They are pruning the Baird orchard using wooden stilts to more easily reach the highest tree branches and prune more quickly than they could with ladders. The tall, wooden stilts were strapped to their legs and required great skill to keep from falling in uneven, snow covered orchard ground.

Pruning, or cutting away parts of the limbs of a fruit tree, corrects or maintains tree structure so fruit quality is higher and the trees stay strong to bear more fruit.



(Courtesy of Karen Baird Sutton)

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If you have photos you are willing to contribute for publication in a history book about Palisade, please contact the Palisade Historical Society at (970) 464-2177 or P.O. Box 631, Palisade, CO 81526. Photos will be scanned and originals returned to donors.