

Orchard Hoopie Attracts Crowds at the Peach Fest Parade and the Farmers' Market after Winefest

Don't miss the orchard hoopie's next official outing in front of the History Center on South Main Street for the Town's "Trick or Treat Street" on October 23rd from 4 to 6 p.m.



Palisade Historical Society's Dave Cecuga and Charlene Weidner with the Orchard Hoopie showing off its new banners.



For the Peach Fest parade, the hoopie was driven by Ralph Branch, and flanked by Syble Seckinger and Doris Butler. Bruce Walker, Gary Hines, Nancy Morrison, and Dave Cecuga walked along side, handing out fresh Palisade peaches from Herman Produce and Kokopelli Farm Market.



Colorado Author Jodi Buchan, right, with her aunt, Kat Riseman, at Winefest Farmer's Market. Jodi signed copies of her new book from The History Press Western Colorado Fruit & Wine: A Bountiful History.



Another Historical Society parade entry was Priscilla Walker's 1930 Model A Ford with a waving Maggy Reese-Fellman in the passenger seat to create interest in the Historic Guided Walking Tours offered later that Saturday. (Photo courtesy Gary Hines.)

Historical Society Volunteers Help Install Mural in Town's Renovated Public Restrooms

Gayle Madden won the Town of Palisade's juried contest to create a mural to make the entryway of the newly renovated public restrooms located on Main Street reflect the town's past.

She painted it on canvas with the assistance of her husband, Dr. Hugo Madden, who projected her drawing on the canvas. The Town temporarily removed the drinking fountains on September 30, and "mural support" Historical Society volunteers assembled to help paste the canvas to the wall.



Before.

Kevin Burgess, Palisade's Facilities Manager, has completed much of the restoration to create a facade reminiscent of the town's original Livery. The interior wall is prepped and waiting for the mural.

(Photos courtesy Hugo Madden)



As the first step, the canvas was unrolled and fitted to the wall. The top was stapled in place.



Then, Brenda Friar, wallpaper expert and owner of Wallpaper and Decorations by Brenda took charge. She spread special glue and then the canvas was lowered and everyone used trowels and squeegees to flatten the canvas.



After letting the canvas dry a day, the drinking fountains were reinstalled and Gayle returned to paint the sides and top to fit to the uneven wall edges. She used eleven different colors to give it an old-fashioned sepia tone.

The result is a truly unique mural. It features a steam engine which is historically significant to Palisade because the railroad made commercial fruit growing and coal mining possible here.

Historical Society Serves Palisade Peaches and Ice Cream at Mesa County Historical Society Potluck



Left to right, Palisade Historical Society's Gary Hines, Kim Henderson, Charlene Weidner, Susie Galloway, Lorin Merriam, and Dave Cecuga as well as Priscilla Walker and Bill Beckwith served the popular dessert at the August 25th MCHS annual potluck supper at the Redlands Community Center. Peaches were provided by Kokopelli Farm Market and Charlene Weidner.

Historical Society Honors 100th Anniversary of the Nov. 1915 Jordan's Inn Fire

Check out the new window display at the History Center, 311 South Main Street, featuring photos and information about the Jordan's Inn, a two-story brick hotel and office building built on the corner of Third and Main street in 1907 which burned to the ground 100 years ago.

The front page article from the November 19, 1915 The Palisade Tribune included the following details: "The Jordan Inn building and contents were entirely destroyed by fire at an early hour yesterday morning, entailing a loss of about \$27,000. The total insurance will amount to only \$5,700, the balance being a complete loss. The fire originated in the boiler room in the basement at the west end of the hotel building. Miss Grace

Neal, who was sleeping in that end was awakened about 3:45 yesterday morning by the smell of dense smoke in her room and she hastily notified Mr. Jordan, who partly dressed and ran to the basement and turned on a hose, although the fire at that time did not appear dangerous. Then he sent in the alarm and was soon joined by marshal Frank Mars. Pending the arrival of the fire department, they worked valiantly to stop the fire... it was soon evident the work of the fire department was not making headway against the flames, which were burning fiercely although the boys — assisted by every available man in town — were doing their best."



Jordan's Inn on 3rd and Main Streets before the November 1915 fire. (Photo courtesy Palisade Historical Society)



The Jordan's Inn burned to the ground in November 1915. The lot remained empty until it was later a parking lot for Bill's Market and Food Town Market. A few years ago, a Town Plaza was created at Third and Main Streets. (Photo courtesy Bill Beckwith)