

# PALISADE

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## 1707 issues of *The Palisade Tribune* are on the Colorado Historic Newspaper Website!

Thanks to generous donors, two more reels of issues from *The Palisade Tribune* are now available on the Colorado Historic Newspaper Collection website!



There are now 1707 digitized issues available—more than 30% ever published—and 50% of all the issues published between June 6, 1903 and December 30, 1966. You can browse, or search for specific names or information. The latest additions include issues from 1924-1925, 1954, 1956 and 1966.

The Colorado Historic Newspaper Collection (CHNC) website address is: <https://www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org>.

Select Palisade Tribune to bring up the collection. The CHNC database now has more than a million pages from Colorado newspapers!

The Historical Society received matching grants from the Colorado Historic Records Advisory Board (CHRAB) for boxes to store archival issues, and to digitize the first 615 issues from microfilm reels stored at History Colorado. CHRAB funding is from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC), and National Archives Records Administration. Since then, we have benefitted from support by generous individual donors.

We also appreciate the Museums of Western Colorado Marie Tipping Archives for sharing the most recent microfilm reels.

## September 2017

### Historical Society Offers Three Classes for New Dimensions

The Palisade Historical Society was again asked to offer classes for the upcoming semester of New Dimensions Lifelong Learning Institute for Grand Valley adults 50 and over. After September 10, you can click on the classes tab and see the fall 2017 term course offerings at [www.newdimensionsgj.org](http://www.newdimensionsgj.org), or call 970-314-9911 to be added to the email list. Look for the Palisade Historical Society's two guided walking tours and an indoor class on The History of Fruit and Wine in Palisade scheduled for October.



New Dimensions offers a variety of classes in the fall term in addition to ours. Participants can enroll in any number of classes on a space available basis with a membership fee of just \$50 for each term in which you register.

### THE PALISADE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AT PEACH FEST

The Palisade Historical Society was very visible in this year's Peach Fest! Our two popular parade entries included the 1951 Chevrolet Hoopie accompanied by volunteers who handed out peaches from local growers to enthusiastic parade viewers along the route. *(continued)*



Volunteers waiting for the parade to start so they can walk beside the Orchard Hoopie and hand out Palisade peaches.

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Peach Fest parade volunteers included Gayle Madden, Ralph Branch, Charlene Weidner, Priscilla Walker, Amber Ellis, Dee Dee Kowalski, Ryan Woodmansee, Ashley Roten, Dave Cecuga, Frank Nemanich, Bruce Walker, Barb Hampton, Jaime Cox, Kyle Cox, and Tom Cox.

Ripe, delicious Palisade peaches were provided for the parade and peach packing demonstration by Kokopelli Farm Market, Talbott's Mountain Gold, Clark Family Orchards, C&R Farms, Cole Orchards, Palisade Produce, Cunningham Orchards, Watson Orchards, and McLean Farms.



The 1930 Model A, driven by Priscilla Walker, with passenger Barb Hampton and the Cox family in the rumble seat.



Tom-Tom, Jaime, and Kyle Cox

**Look for us on two Facebook pages:**

**The Grand River Diversion Dam  
Celebrates 100 years 1915-2015  
and  
Palisade Historical Society**

## **CONNIE BUNTE DEMONSTRATES WRAP- PACKING PEACHES AT PEACH FEST**



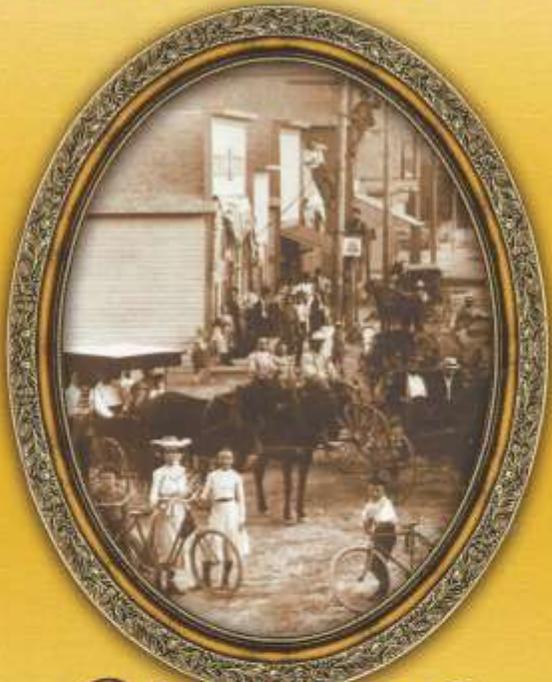
Following the parade, we went to Riverbend Park to show how peaches were packed, using an historic packing stand and wooden boxes from Cross Orchards. Experienced Peach Packer Connie Bunte demonstrated how peaches were packed 60 years ago. She individually wrapped each peach in paper and placed them in alternating rows in the box. Interested audience members were invited to try their hand at the job, and were paid a nickel – which is what most peach packers were paid for filling the whole box in the 1950s and 1960s!

A wooden box filled with peaches



**CHECK OUT THE NEW SELF-GUIDED WALKING TOUR BROCHURE OF HISTORIC PHOTOS AT WINE COUNTRY INN - JUST OFF EXIT 42**

SELF-GUIDED TOUR OF HISTORICAL PALISADE



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PHOTOS ON DISPLAY AT



777 Grande River Drive, Palisade, CO 81526  
www.ColoradoWineCountryInn.com  
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We are pleased to have provided descriptive information about the wonderful historic photos displayed at the Wine Country Inn. Most are from the Marie Tipping Archives Palisade Library Collection at the Museums of Western Colorado in Grand Junction.



We have raised funds to digitize 1707 issues of *The Palisade Tribune* for the Colorado Historic Newspaper database website:

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

Please help us get more issues digitized!

Yes, I would like to help digitize historic Palisade Tribune Newspapers

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## BEFORE THE 1915 GOVERNMENT HIGH LINE CANAL...

Early Palisade pioneers constructed several canals to provide irrigation water to create fertile agricultural land around Palisade. Otherwise, they were forced to haul barrels of water from the River in horse-drawn wagons from dawn to sun down during the growing season.

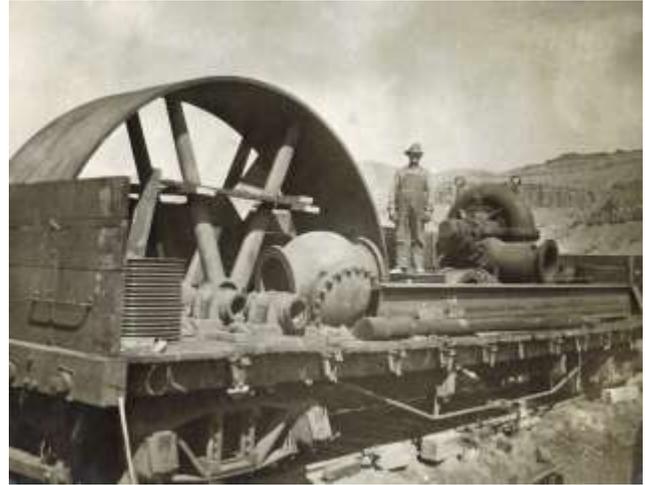
In 1903, the Highline Mutual Irrigation Company authorized the construction of the Stub Ditch which used a pump to lift water from the River. These photos show pumping machinery being installed in 1903 for the Mesa County Irrigation District which operated the Stub Ditch. The Leffell Turbines lifted 10,000 gallons per minute, each with 350 horse power. In the photo in the upper right, they are hauling the 15 ft. sheve



wheels weighing 7 1/2 tons to the pumping plant. (Photos courtesy of the Bowman Family Collection.)

### 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.



By 1917, both the Price and Stub Ditch governing boards traded their valuable, older water rights to the Grand Valley Water Users in exchange for a more reliable supply of irrigation water. The gravity-fed Government Highline Canal supplied by the Grand River Diversion Dam, or "Roller Dam" located seven miles east of Palisade in DeBeque Canyon, was the solution.

The Price and Stub pumping plants were located near the River, just upstream from the State Bridge on North River Road. Those original pumps and canals were eliminated when the new Stub Ditch pumping station was installed at its current location at the end of the Government Highline Canal Tunnel #3 in 1919. Water now flows downhill from the Stub pump to the Price Ditch.

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