

**PALISADE HISTORY
PROGRAMS AT GRAY
GOURMET/ MEALS ON WHEELS
in April and May**

The Historical Society's **April 17** program at the **Palisade Gray Gourmet Meals on Wheels** luncheon features photos and details about notable Palisade inventions. The program starts at 11:30 and is followed by lunch at the **Palisade Community Center, 120 W. 8th St.** A second opportunity to see the inventions program is **Wednesday, May 9 at 11:30 at the Grand Junction Senior Recreation Center.**



Gary Hines will present a program on the **History of Irrigation in Palisade at the Fruita Gray Gourmet Meals on Wheels** at 11:30 a.m. on **Wednesday, May 16** at the Fruita Recreation Center.

Gray Gourmet Meals on Wheels is Mesa County's Senior Nutrition Program with low cost lunches. Reservations are important, so **please call Gray Gourmet at 243-9844 x4 by Friday the week before.**

**GUIDED WALKING TOUR –
“Fire and Brimstone” May 4**

Priscilla Walker - 10 a.m. at the Kiosk

Our last spring tour for the Town of Palisade Recreation Department is Friday, **May 4th–Priscilla Walker’s “Fire and Brimstone” Tour.** It starts at 10:00 a.m. at the Kiosk across Kluge Ave. from the Post Office. Wear comfortable shoes for an hour and a half’s walk around downtown Palisade to learn about triumphs and tragedies in our unique history.

To register, call the Town at 464-5602. A \$5 donation is suggested for adults who take the guided tours. Proceeds benefit the Palisade Historical Society.

April 2018

**MORE WRAP-PACKING PEACH
DEMONSTRATIONS AT CROSS
ORCHARDS – May 5th**

 <p><i>Spring Day on the Farm</i> May 5 • 9 am–4 pm</p>	 <p>MUSEUMS of WESTERN COLORADO museumofwesternco.org 970.242.0971</p> <p>\$5/Adults; \$4/Seniors \$3.50/Kids (3-12) \$15/Family groups Free to members</p>
<p><i>Cross Orchards Historic Site</i> 3073 F Road, Grand Junction</p>	

Following our success at Cross Orchards’ event last fall and last week’s Day in the Orchard, the Palisade Historical Society will participate in “Spring Day on the Farm” on May 5th. Our featured activities include wrap-packing demonstrations where we show how fruit was packed for shipping 60 years ago and other packing shed operations.

As Palisade’s fresh peach season will not have begun, experienced packers will make do by individually wrapping peach-shaped squeeze balls in paper and placing them in alternating rows in authentic wooden boxes. Everyone interested in trying their hand at packing will receive a nickel—which is what most seasonal peach packers were paid for professionally fitting 16 pounds of fruit in an entire box in the 1950s and 1960s!



(Photo Courtesy of the Washington Duncan Collection)

A DAY IN THE ORCHARD

The Palisade Historical Society was asked to co-sponsor Cross Orchard's April 7th event which included planting new apple trees. We brought "Dale" our orchard hoopie, stilts, ladders, wooden boxes and a picking sack to demonstrate orchard work needed to maintain healthy fruit trees which produce award-winning fruit.

Joe, a visitor for A Day in the Orchard, talks with Ralph Branch, left, and Priscilla Walker who showed historic photos of orchard activities describing how stilts, picking sacks, and ladders were used



The Talley Family with volunteer Dave Cecuga enjoyed "Dale" the Orchard Hoopie and looking at Coloring Book illustrations of orchard activities.



Historical Society Director Ralph Branch and "Dale," the orchard hoopie, which is a 1951 Chevrolet modified to better travel through orchards without damaging the trees and a flatbed to more easily carry baskets of freshly picked fruit and other uses.



Museums of the West Curator of Collections and Archives Erin Schmitz (left) joined Historical Society volunteers enjoying perfect weather at the Cross Orchards. Next to her is Charlene Weidner Dave Cecuga, Gary Hines (holding a stilt) Frank Nemanich, and hoopie driver Ralph Branch.

GUIDED WALKING TOURS



Rob and Jane Hybarger, Charles Smith, and Charlotte Wheeler with Dave Cecuga who led the "Hour with Colonel Bower" guided walking tour of 3rd Street in Downtown Palisade for the Town's Recreation Program. The final tour in the Spring series is Friday, May 4th

GRAND VALLEY WATER USERS' MINUTES - 1904 to 1916 NOW AVAILABLE ON LINE

Thanks to hours of work by dedicated Historical Society volunteers Gary Hines, Peggy Sharpe, Charlene Weidner, Priscilla Walker, and Jaime Cox, the transcription of 139 pages of handwritten minutes of the Grand Valley Water Users board meetings are now on line! They were carefully deciphered and typed to enhance searchability. The links to the three volumes are at the bottom of the Irrigation History tab on our website: Volume, 1, Pages 1-45 is: <http://www.historicpalisade.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/GVWU-Minutes-1904-1916-Vol-1-final.pdf>

The link to Volume 2, pages 46-91 is:
<http://www.historicpalisade.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/GVWU-Minutes-1904-1916-Vol-2-final.pdf>

And the link to Pages 92 – 139 of the minutes is:
<http://www.historicpalisade.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/GVWU-Minutes-1904-1916-Vol-3-final.pdf>

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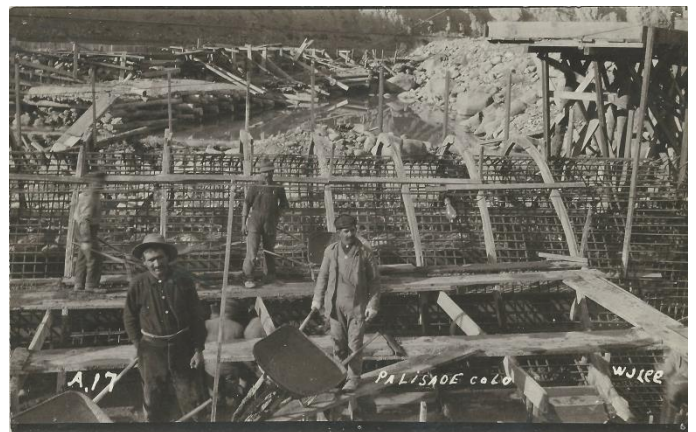
**The Grand River Diversion Dam
Celebrates 100 years 1915-2015
and
Palisade Historical Society**

CHATFIELD ELEMENTARY TEACHERS USE HISTORIC PALISADE COLORING BOOKS



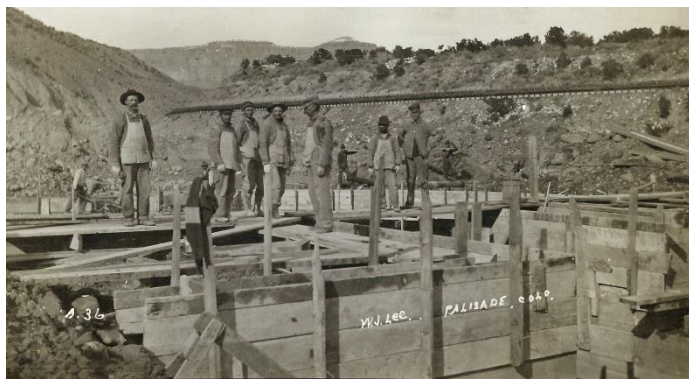
Chatfield Elementary 2nd grade teachers Matt Rossman, left, Robyn Carmine, second from right, and Jenny Woytek, far right, with Juliann Adams of the Palisade Rotary Club, and Priscilla Walker and Debbie Tsakalos (holding the coloring book and stilts) of the Palisade Historical Society. Chatfield's Shirley Voorhees, center, grew up in Palisade and demonstrated how the picking sack made it easier to pick peaches without bruising. The volunteers answered students' questions and also used stilts and a piece of coal to illustrate interesting features of Palisade's unique history.

CONSTRUCTING THE PRICE DAM IN 1910



The Marie Tipping Archives at the Museum of Western Colorado recently shared photos of the construction of the Price Dam. It was built in 1910 at the mouth of DeBeque Canyon across from Rapid Creek and is still visible as you look at the River near I-70 exit 44. The dam diverted water for the Price and Stub ditch pumping plants until 1917.

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Visible on Rapid Creek Hill beyond the Price Dam workers is the original wood-enclosed Orchard Mesa Power Canal which was also constructed in 1910.

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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Lithic Bookstore in Fruita Now Offers Historical Society Publications

We're pleased to announce the Lithic Bookstore & Gallery at 138 South Park Square #202 in downtown Fruita, now stocks our Coloring Book, History of Irrigation and History of Coal Mining in Palisade booklets. Lithic Bookstore & Gallery is a fantastic bookstore and event center. Kyle Harvey, manager of the bookstore and Fruita Town Council Member, said they get lots of requests for books about the area and that these will be welcome.

Volunteers welcome!

Please contact us if you're interested in meeting interesting people, want to learn more about Palisade history, and/or work on committees and projects. We are undertaking a major capital fundraising campaign to secure a home for Palisade history. Contact a board member to find out how you can help.



Thanks to generous donors, and grants from CHRAB and the Colorado State Virtual Library, we have raised funds to digitize over 2,000 issues of *The Palisade Tribune* for the Colorado Historic Newspaper database website: www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org

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