

### Honey Bee & Peach Blossom Art Show Visitors — See 'Palisade in 1904'

**History Center Festival & Art Show Hours:**  
Friday, April 11, 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. and  
Saturday, April 12, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.



For the town's official 110-year celebration, shortened to CENTEN, the Palisade Historical Society created a timeline of milestones in the town's history and a 12-minute video with photos giving insight to Palisade

circa 1904. The town was already a vibrant, progressive community that attracted pioneer orchardists, coal miners, inventors, entrepreneurs, and merchants seeking a better life here for more than 20 years. You can see the timeline on our website by clicking on the newsletters tab:

<http://www.historicpalisade.org/index.php/newsletters-2/>

The video is available for viewing at The History Center, 311 South Main Street, including during the Honey Bee Festival and Peach Blossom Art Show this weekend. The History Center is free, fun, and educational for everyone interested in seeing historic Palisade photos and displays.

### Historic Coloring Books Presented to Caprock Academy & Taylor Elementary Students

Thanks to the Sunshine Rotary Club again this year, students at three elementary schools in the Grand Valley received the Historic Palisade Coloring Books as part of their local history curriculum.

At all three schools, students are eager to ask questions and explain which illustrations are their favorites and what they learned about Palisade from the coloring book.



*Caprock Academy 4th graders in Mrs. Chamber's class with Doris Butler and Bill Beckwith from the Palisade Historical Society.*



*Mrs. Jackett and her 4th grade Caprock Academy students with Doris Butler and Bill Beckwith from the Palisade Historical Society.*



*Caprock Academy 4th graders in Mrs. Averal's class with Doris Butler and Bill Beckwith from the Palisade Historical Society.*

*(Continued photos from Historic Coloring Books.)*



*Taylor Elementary 3rd graders in Mrs. Broe's class with Historical Society Vice Chairman Bill Beckwith.*



*Mrs. McEvoy with her 3rd grade class at Taylor Elementary with Historical Society Vice Chairman Bill Beckwith.*



*Mrs. Tobin and her 3rd grade class at Taylor Elementary with Historical Society Vice Chairman Bill Beckwith.*

## Lions Club Designates Funds For Memorial Skate Park From This Year's Raffle Sales

The Palisade Lions Club is again coming to the rescue of the ailing Skate Park west of the Veteran's Memorial Building in Palisade Park. Historically, the site was vacant before the mid-1950s when the town and community organizations including the Lions Club, VFW and others, donated money and time to build tennis and basketball courts. After tennis courts relocated to Peach Bowl Park near the swimming pool, the site was transformed into a skate park by local woodworker, Curt Lincoln, in memory of his brother. Recently, vandals have made much of the skate park unusable. The Club has designated the Palisade Memorial Skate Park as the primary recipient of money raised from this year's Lions Club Raffle that will be held May 3.

## Renew your Membership!

Annual membership in the Palisade Historical Society is just \$25.00 for Individuals, \$50.00 for Families, \$100 for Businesses, and \$500 for Patrons. New this year, are 10-year memberships for \$200 and lifetime memberships for \$400. Mail your tax-deductible checks to the *Palisade Historical Society, P.O. Box 631, Palisade, CO 81526.*

## Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways adds a Website Link to the Historical Society

The Palisade Historical Society is working with the Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways to help them strengthen connections with tourists for their 25th Anniversary as Palisade is near its Grand Mesa Route. The Colorado Byways website now includes a link to the Palisade Historical Society. You can see it at: <http://www.coloradodot.info/travel/scenic-byways/northwest/grand-mesa>

## Palisade Historical Society Continues to Request Tribune Archives

Since the Daily Sentinel ceased publishing The Palisade Tribune newspaper as of March 13, the Palisade Historical Society requested written permission for the archival copies of the newspaper dating from June 6, 1903. Our plan has been to make storage shelves and boxes so moving the nearly *one ton* of old newspapers to a secure, climate controlled space will be less damaging. Our goal is to keep the papers in Palisade so they can readily be accessed for historical purposes and eventually digitized to make research easier.

We appreciate the offers from dozens of volunteers to help with the move. We've also fielded calls from loyal readers who are afraid the next generation won't understand Palisade's history without the Tribune's popular 100 year ago columns. We're doing our best to keep the Tribunes in Palisade where they belong – not at the Museum in Grand Junction where they will be just one among thousands of its collections vying for attention.

We are grateful to Historical Society member – and former Tribune Publisher Bob Sweeney – for his support. The earliest issues are very fragile with missing pieces, so volunteers will also be needed to assemble issues correctly before they can be digitally preserved.

Even though we won't be able to make *Historic Photos of the Week* available in *The Palisade Tribune* any more, we still encourage everyone to continue sharing their photo albums with the Palisade Historic Society, as they are incredibly helpful in capturing Palisade's history.

## Historic Walking Tour Sight #20 Destroyed

On March 13th, a fire destroyed a Palisade historic building featured as #20 in the Palisade Historic Walking Tour brochure. The building at 392 West Third Street was a service station and grocery store. From 1938 until 1982 it was owned by Bennett Young, a former Mayor of Palisade. In later years, it was home to Road Runner Auto Parts. It had been vacant for some time.



*Bennett Young's Garage and Grocery in 1973.  
Photo courtesy Bennett Young.*

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## Bud Thinning Extra Fruit from Peach Trees

### — Historical Photo of the Week —

In order to maximize the quality and size of peaches on each limb, extra fruit must be eliminated without damaging the tree or remaining fruit. Commercially, about three quarters of the peaches are removed to let the remaining fruit develop into a full crop of delicious and right sized peaches. Traditionally, growers would "thin" peaches well after the trees bloomed and fruit began to grow by systematically pulling off extra fruit.

Bud thinning was done earlier, when trees were blooming, or just after the blossoms dropped. Other, less labor-intensive thinning methods include spraying chemicals or using machines with wires that knock off the blossoms. Proper thinning also takes into account spring freezes that could reduce remaining fruit. For Elberta variety peaches – the most popular in Palisade during the first half of the 20th Century – growers waited until after the "June drop" when some of the fruit would fall off naturally.



*In this undated photo, Tom Jenkins demonstrates blossom – or bud thinning – a peach tree.  
(Photo courtesy of the Tony Kladock Family.)*

## Historical Society contributes to Sentinel CEN-TEN Article

Each of the last 110 issues of the Palisade Tribune included a Historical Photo of the Week and caption with information provided by the Palisade Historical Society. The photos were well received and helped the Historical Society's mission to communicate Palisade's rich history. We are also proud to have contributed to the Monday, April 7 *Way Back When* article in the Daily Sentinel. If you haven't read the article – but are a Sentinel subscriber – you can view it at:

<http://www.gjsentinel.com/lifestyle/articles/way-back-when-april-7-2014>.

Missing in the printed article was the photo credit for the Main Street in 1906 from the Bowman Family Collection. Palisade Historical Society members also researched and provided the details about Palisade's first Town Board in 1904. Though it won't take the place of the weekly Historical Photo column in *The Palisade Tribune*, we would love to see more articles with accredited homegrown Palisade stories in the Sentinel.



*(Photo courtesy of the Bowman Family Collection.)*

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.