

PALISADE

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PRESSED, COFFEE AND WINE HOUSE NOW OPEN

The former Young's Market and Service Station at 392 West 3rd St.—which was later Roadrunner Auto Parts—has been vacant for years and sustained a major fire to the wooden market structure in 2014. The garage has been renovated into Pressed, Coffee and Wine House and is now open with a full bar, pastries, and food from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 6 a.m. to noon Sunday and Monday.



Pressed's grand opening was February 1 after a year-long effort to renovate much of the original brick side of the building and the iconic sign out front. Co-owners Christina Terrell and Jaime Cox also used authentic wooden picking boxes—both inside and outside the building—to create a uniquely Palisade appearance. The Town of Palisade granted variances for the fence made of antique 20 bushel wooden boxes to shield noise from the bordering railroad tracks and neighbors to the west. Pressed, Coffee and Wine House is stop #20 on the Historical Society's walking tour brochure.



Previously Bennett Young's Market and Service Station in 1973. (Photo Courtesy of Bennett Young)

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Inside Pressed, Coffee and Wine House with wooden picking boxes used as decorative shelves

CHATFIELD ELEMENTARY TEACHERS USE HISTORIC PALISADE COLORING BOOKS

Chatfield Elementary 2nd grade teachers Robyn Carmine and Sarah Kelley use Historic Palisade Coloring Books to help students learn local history. Volunteers Priscilla Walker, Debbie Tsakalos, and Shirley Voorhees answered students' questions, demonstrated a picking sack, and showed a pair of stilts and a piece of coal to illustrate some of Palisade's unique history.

Shirley demonstrates how the Palisade-invented picking sack was used to minimize bruising peaches.



Debbie holds a pair of wooden stilts used to prune branches in tall trees



(photo courtesy of Robyn Carmine)

THE AMERICAN LEGION IS 100 YEARS OLD!

The American Legion was formed in Paris, France in March 1919 by a group of World War I veterans. In September 1919, the United States Congress granted the Legion a national charter.

A group of Veterans in Palisade had the vision of forming a Post in the summer of 1919, meeting in private homes and planning for the future. On November 6, 1919, Lincoln Post #50 was officially granted a charter from the National Organization of the American Legion.

The 15 Charter Members were Frank R. Yager, Chester P. Rowley, Wm. Aaron Swisher, Franklin A. Harris, Albert S. Atwood, Orville H. Young, Paul W. Swisher, Vernon R. Carnahan, Paul H. Bardell, Harold E. Baughman, Wayne N. Aspinall, Claude M. Clinton, Ralph D. Aspinall, Willard McCoy, and George Hill. This group solidified the organization, elected leaders and committee members, and built up the membership.

The first Post Commander, Frank Harris, was a former pharmacist at the Palisade Drug Store, and served from Nov. 1919 to Jan. 1921. The second, Wayne Aspinall, was then a high school teacher. He later served on the Mt. Lincoln School Board, was a Trustee for the Town of Palisade, served in the Colorado House of Representatives, including as Speaker of the House in 1937 and 1938, and a Colorado State Senator from 1939 to 1949. He was then elected to the U.S. House where he represented Colorado's 4th Congressional District until 1973.

Palisade members provided leadership beyond the Post Level. Ivan Zotti, George Distefano, E. J. Smalley, and Walt Gilchrist all served as District Commanders. Walt Allen and George Reid served as District Adjutants while Smalley and Gilchrist also served as district and area oratory chairmen. Distefano also served as the Department Executive Committeeman. Other members served in various department and district committee assignments. Post Service Officer Smalley also served as the County Service Officer.

Palisade's Lincoln Post #50 has been recognized at Department and National Levels for its projects and work with Veterans and the community.

In 1921, the Ladies Auxiliary Unit #50 began with 18 Charter Members: Lena Weidlein, Martha Aspinall, Jennie Roe, Alice Clinton, Lillian Cutter, Mary Oliver, Evangeline Stone, Bertha Young, Gertrude Huber, Mary Carnahan, Mary Whiteman, Iva Denton, Mary Baughman, Bernice Baughman, Margaret Eyer, Maude Thompson, Lottie Colby, and Julia Aspinall.

Since its inception, Lincoln Post #50 has initiated and supported projects and Palisade organizations. One of its most enduring contributions is the Veteran's Memorial Building at Palisade Park on 8th and Main Streets. This building continues to be an important meeting place and a center of activities for the community. The building fund was started during Fred Powell's term in 1943-1944. Powell was the manager of the Cooperative Producers' Association, a local marketing cooperative for world famous Palisade peaches. By 1947, construction began on the building when Bennett Young, garage and store owner, and later a mayor of the Town of Palisade, was Post Commander.

The building was basically completed during James Barnes' term from April 1948 to April 1949, however, work continued on plumbing and the interior until the mid-1950s. It was a community effort as nearly everything in the building was donated by Palisade members of the Legion. George Bunte, Ray Denison and Bob Ames provided backhoe work. Lyle Dorton worked for contractor Tom McCall and poured cement for the foundation. Rudy Sussman of the 40 & 8 WWI group gave the light fixtures for the building.



Palisade Fire Truck next to the American Legion Building in 1948

The brick on the outside was also the finished brick on the inside. The walls were plastered and

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eventually covered with sheetrock. Oak flooring was put in upstairs when the interior work was done.

Other Palisade organizations and individuals contributed to finish the building, including local fruit growers, the Masonic Lodge, and Eastern Star, Odd Fellows, Royal Neighbors, the American Legion Auxiliary, Peach Rebekah Lodge, and the Palisade Lion's Club.

As one of the fundraising efforts to finish the interior, Harold Voorhees, the local funeral home director, took a 1949 Ford donated by Dwayne Hoffman to Meeker and sold raffle tickets.



This 1949 Ford was raffled to raise money for the American Legion Building in Palisade Park

ICONIC CHRISTMAS TREE REMOVED FOR NEW SUBDIVISION

The pine tree which cheerfully greeted people driving to Palisade on Highway 6 and was decorated with lights for the holiday season for years was removed for easements required by the new Cresthaven Subdivision to the west.



CDOT workers prepare to remove trees at west entrance to Palisade

AMAZON SMILE PURCHASES BENEFIT THE PALISADE HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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Volunteers welcome!

Please contact us if you want to learn more about Palisade history, are interested in meeting new people, and/or working on committees, projects, and fundraising for the new permanent home for the Historical Society. Contact a board member to find out how you can help.

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.**

The Tribune Building



Thanks to generous donors, grants from CHRAB, and support from the Colorado Historic Newspaper Collection, we have raised funds to digitize 2,083 issues of *The Palisade Tribune* for the Colorado Historic Newspaper database website:

www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org

We are now fundraising to get another 500 issues digitized and added to the database for research.

Please help us get more issues digitized!

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This undated photo of the building at 117 S. Main Street (though it may have been taken in the 1960s when W. H. Lorenzen and Margaret W. Lorenzen were publishers) is where *The Palisade Tribune* newspaper was published from 1906 until 1979. Before J. H. Sales built this building, the newspaper was housed from its first issue, June 6, 1903 in the Hugus Building on Main Street. In 1979, the newspaper's office was moved to other locations in town until it ceased publishing on March 13, 2014. Attorney Tammy Tallant moved her offices to the building in 2016. It is stop #7 on the Palisade Historic Walking Tour.

We are grateful to the Marie Tipping Archives at the Museums of the West which recently shared this photo with the Palisade Historical Society.

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