

PALISADE Historical Society

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CELEBRATING NINE YEARS AT THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S ANNUAL MEETING

The Palisade Historical Society was incorporated as a non-profit in March 2010. At the Annual Meeting, held February 27th at the Orchard Mesa Irrigation District's office, the board and members marked our official 9th year of operation. Discussion centered on the many accomplishments of the past year, a draft budget, and electing Gary Hines and Priscilla Walker to three-year terms. Certificates of appreciation were created for retiring board members Barb Hampton and Kaylan Robinson.

Founding Board
Member Doris
Butler blows out
the 9th birthday
candle at the
Palisade
Historical
Society's
February Annual
Meeting



2,262 ISSUES OF THE PALISADE TRIBUNE NOW ON THE COLORADO HISTORIC NEWSPAPER WEBSITE!

Thanks to generous donors, and support funds from the Colorado Historic Newspapers Collection, 224 more issues of *The Palisade Tribune* are now digitized and available on the Colorado Historic Newspaper Collection (CHNC) website! This makes 2,262 issues of *The Palisade Tribune* in the CHNC's 1,400,000 page database! From the first issue, June 6, 1903 to December 30, 1966, you can

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browse or search for specific names or information. The latest additions include issues published from 1927 to 1932.



The next batch of papers in the digitization process will be over 200 issues from 1905 to 1950. We continue to fundraise to get as many archival issues of Palisade's newspaper of record digitized and on line as possible.

PALISADE ART LOVERS ART SHOW IS APRIL 12TH-14TH

The Palisade Art Lovers are very happy to announce the return of the popular annual art show is April 12th to 14th. This year, it is being



held in conjunction with the 11th Annual International Palisade Honey Bee Festival at the Community Center. This is the 35th show after a five year hiatus, although many PALS artists participated in the "Dam Art Show" in 2015 as part of the Historical Society's celebration of the 100th birthday of the Grand River Diversion Dam. The registration **deadline for local artist entries to this year's PALS art show is March 31.** For more information, go to www.palisadeartlovers.org.

CHILD AND MIGRANT SERVICES TURNS 65!

Don't miss the Child and Migrant Services Open House at their Hospitality Center, 731 Peach Avenue, on **Saturday, April 13th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.** It's also the same weekend as the Honeybee Festival. For the 65th year celebration, one of our favorite volunteers, Deb Tsakalos, is creating free art activities for kids. Be sure to sample CMS' delicious, authentic tamales—and buy some to take home!

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CMS has been dedicated to serving Palisade's migrant workers and their families since 1954, and is an important part of Palisade's unique history.

PALISADE HISTORY NOW ON MUSEUMS' WEBSITE



*Travel through history throughout
Palisade, Colorado*

The Museums of Western Colorado recently added our detailed timeline and photos of Palisade history as part of the Grand Valley's history on its Website: <https://museumofwesternco.com/learn/history-of-grand-valley/palisade-history/>

You can see highlights and photos about Palisade—by decade and years—from the 1880s to the 2010s. Headline topics are agriculture, business, community, culture, education, people, recreation and transportation. Our sincere thanks to the Museum's Nita Kroninger for her hard work on this project!



The Palisade Historical Society is again participating in the Cross Orchards' event which showcases their apple orchard on F Road. You can learn about agriculture in the Valley and enjoy fresh baked cookies and an old-time melodrama, too! We will show artifacts used to maintain healthy fruit trees which produce award-winning fruit.

Look for us on Facebook:

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HERITAGE AWARD TO YVONNE PETERSON AND LOWER VALLEY HISTORICAL CHAPTER

The Museums of Western Colorado again honored leaders and organizations which contribute significantly to the community by preserving, researching, and supporting our historical and paleontological legacy. The Palisade Historical Society successfully nominated Yvonne Peterson and the Lower Valley Historical Chapter for a 2019 Partners in Heritage Award. Yvonne is the caretaker of the "Heritage Room" in Fruita's Civic Center. She works tirelessly to preserve and organize donated items, including newspapers.



Yvonne Peterson, left, with other 2019 Heritage Award winners standing in front of a Palisade-invented picking sack and fruit packing photo.

Yvonne said "yes" when the Palisade Historical Society offered bundled copies of 2011-2013 *Fruita Times* we found in the Tribune building after the *Tribune* ceased publishing in March 2014. She and her volunteers are organizing as many of the issues of the Fruita paper as they were able to save when the paper ceased publishing.

We continue to share historic photos and information with Yvonne and the Fruita Historic Preservation Board (FHPB), and other groups. Most recently, we provided our "mobile museum" display of photos and information we created for the June 2015 about the Grand River Diversion Dam's 100th birthday party. Steve and Denise Hight used it for their New Dimensions class on "Early Agriculture in the Grand Valley." Steve and Denise won Heritage Awards from the Museum in 2018 and both serve on the FHPB.

NEW SIGNS FOR HISTORIC DOWNTOWN PALISADE



The Town of Palisade was awarded a grant for new signs in downtown Palisade from the Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado (AGNC). The wayfinding sign now at Exit 42 off I-70 directs people to “Historic Downtown Palisade.”

The Palisade Historical Society was asked for assistance for the downtown sign on the south wall of the Family Food Town store facing 3rd Street. We worked with our long-time graphic artist Lisa Harmon to create a visually interesting sign. It was installed adjacent to the Palisade Chamber’s popular map of the area’s wineries and fruit stands.



Locals and visitors alike can now enjoy a new sign with photos and descriptions of historic buildings in downtown Palisade including Jordan’s Inn—which was located where the sign is now—until it burned in November 1915. *(continued)*

Another source of Palisade history is in the kiosk in Independent Park across Kluge Ave. from the Post Office. Updated with new photos and information by the Palisade Historical Society and graphic artist Gayle Madden, the kiosk panels were unveiled in August 2016.



Cody and Skyler from Bud’s Signs give “thumbs up” approval for the new signs they installed on the south wall of the Family Food Town store on 3rd Street in downtown Palisade.

Volunteers welcome!

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

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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.**



Thanks to our generous donors, grants from CHRA, and support from the Colorado Historic Newspaper Collection, we have raised funds to digitize 2,262 issues of *The Palisade Tribune* for the Colorado

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Palisade Tribune newspapers

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