

PALISADE

Historical Society

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THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS 10 YEARS OLD!

The Palisade Historical Society was incorporated as a non-profit in March 2010. The Annual Meeting, held February 27th at the Orchard Mesa Irrigation District's office, marked our official 10th year of operation. The board and members enjoyed a tour of the hydro plant from OMID Manager Max Schmidt. The meeting covered the many accomplishments of the past year as well as reviewing a draft budget, and electing Susan Barstow, Jaime Cox, and Nancy Morrison to three-year terms on the board.



Charlene Weidner and Priscilla Walker are all smiles at 10th birthday celebration at the Palisade Historical Society's Annual Meeting

THE TOWN OF PALISADE DONATES \$15,000 TO THE HISTORY MUSEUM

The Town of Palisade fulfilled its \$15,000 pledge to the Historical Society to help renovate the former log building at 3740 G Road into a Palisade History Museum. MIB Construction, Whitewater Building Materials, Gary Rupp, and Russ Bell have been working hard to make it into a publicly accessible

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Museum. It will house the Historical Society's growing collection of photos and artifacts from Palisade's unique history. If fundraising and construction continue at the current pace, the Museum should be open later this spring. The Town's support has been a critical factor in our success to create Palisade's first Historical Museum.



Historical Society Board Member Susan Barstow, left, receives the Town's \$15,000 commemorative check from Palisade Mayor Roger Granat

FRUIT AND WINE REAL ESTATE DONATES \$1,000 TO THE HISTORY MUSEUM

Tammy Craig presented a \$1,000 check as part of her \$5,000 pledge to the Palisade Historical Society for the Palisade History Museum at the Bunte Shop. We're excited to have Palisade's Fruit and Wine Realty's support for the Museum. Tammy appreciates Palisade's interesting history and what the Museum—with our ability to better share history to locals and visitors all year round—will mean to our community. This donation comes at a very critical time. Renovation of the Museum has caught up to our funds on hand, and though we've raised more than \$88,000 in donations and pledges towards our initial

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\$125,000 goal, we may have to pause until we're able to get more donations.



Historical Society's Charlene Weidner, vice chair (left) and Priscilla Walker, chair, were at the Fruit and Wine office in the "Twisted Bricks" building on third Street. The building was built in 1921 for Hoffman Motors and is stop #28 in our walking tour brochure.

2,650 ISSUES OF THE PALISADE TRIBUNE NOW DIGITIZED AND ON THE CHNC DATABASE

The April 22, and May 20, 1960 issues of *The Palisade Tribune* are now available on the CHNC making a total of 2,650 issues from the 111 years of newspaper archives. These are the only two issues from 1960 in the Historical Society's collection. Unfortunately, all the issues from that entire year were missing when we were allowed access to the Tribune building in the summer of 2014 after the paper ceased publishing. These issues were later donated by families, including Ramona Clinton, who found them and shared with us for digitizing.

The May 20, 1960 issue lead story is especially interesting because it highlights the School Board officially renaming Palisade Elementary after A.E. Taylor. Avon Taylor retired that month after 56 years

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of being an educator, initially with the Mt. Lincoln School District. For the last 60 years, the school has been called Taylor Elementary. You can read the article on the CHNC Database:

<https://www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org/?a=d&d=PLT19600520-01.2.9&e=-----en-20--1--img-txIN%7ctxCO%7ctxTA-----0-Mesa->



The Carnahan Family - with three generations taught by Mr. Taylor – Vern Carnahan, his daughter Lena Ruth Hampton, and granddaughters Mary Edith and Barbara, were part of the Taylor Elementary name change celebration in May 1960. *(photo courtesy of Barb Hampton)*

We continue to fundraise to get additional issues of Palisade's newspaper of record digitized so they can be browsed and researched by anyone online.

SHIRLEY ROWLEY MAURER PASSED AWAY

We are sad to learn of the passing of Shirley Rowley Maurer at age 90 on December 29, 2019 in Washington. A celebration of her life will be held at the Palisade Cemetery at 11:00 a.m. on May 9, 2020.

Shirley grew up in Palisade, graduating as the valedictorian of Palisade High School in 1947. She returned to Palisade in the 1990s after a career as an educator and raising her four children. Shirley was involved in the community, including serving as the volunteer coordinator at the Chamber of Commerce.

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Shirley was also very supportive of the Historical Society in its early years. She, and her husband, Ed Maurer, provided the very first oral and video histories for our collection in 2010! You can read the summaries on our website. Her grandfather owned the Palisade Coal Mine and Shirley was the source of some of our favorite photos.



1947 Palisade High School cheerleaders Shirley Rowley (left) with her best friend, Douglou Ryan, and Carol McCoy

THIRD GRADE CLASS GUIDED TOURS

Our enthusiastic, knowledgeable tour guides stepped up again this year to give historic guided walking tours to students in Taylor Elementary Third Grade classes. Dave Cecuga, Charlene Weidner, and Priscilla Walker led students, teachers, and volunteer parents on the 5,200-step tour from the school to Downtown Palisade past historic buildings and sites.

All the students gathered at the Aspinall Memorial in Veteran's Memorial Park for photos at the end of the tours:



Third grade students who braved snow and cold for historic guided walking tours in February from Mrs. Kopp, Mrs Philliou, and Mrs. Duff's classes



DON STOBAUGH PASSED AWAY FEBRUARY 14th

We are also sad to learn Don Stobaugh passed away at the VA Hospital in Grand Junction. Most recently, he lived in Palisade, and was a wealth of information and photos about Leadville where his family lived as well.

**Look for us on Facebook
and Instagram:
Palisade Historical Society**

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.**

Linda Findley from Fruit & Wine Realty signed up for an annual Family Membership in the Palisade Historical Society. Thank you, Linda!



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Volunteers Welcome!

Please contact us if you want to meet interesting people, learn more about Palisade history and/or work on committees, projects, and fundraising for the new Palisade Historical Museum at the Bunte Shop. Send a message with your contact information to Gary at historicpalisade@outlook.com to learn how you can help. Right now, we're especially interested in volunteers to assist tour guides and hosts when the History Museum is open.

PROTESTORS AT CITY HALL



Thanks to Jerry Nisbet for sharing this photo – it is the only one in our collection of Palisade's Town offices before the current municipal building on 3rd Street was built in 1968! This building was on Main Street – you can still see the scales - in front in this photo. There are several protestors with signs about Bob, the Marshal who apparently was fired, though we've not been able to find any details about the event. If anyone has more information about the protest for a Town Marshal named Bob, please contact the Historical Society.

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YOUR PURCHASES AT CITY MARKET BENEFIT THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Palisade Historical Society is now participating in the City Market Community Rewards Program. If you have a City Market loyalty card and have used their website, just log into their website <http://www.citymarket.com> and search for the Palisade Historical Society and select it as your designated community non-profit. It's another painless way to support the Historical Society.



New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and a loyalty card number. You can get a loyalty card at any King Soopers or City Market store's customer service desk. You must swipe your registered loyalty card or use the phone number attached to the card for your purchase to benefit the Palisade Historical Society.



Thanks to our generous donors, grants from CHRAB, and support from the Colorado Historic Newspaper Collection, we have raised funds to digitize 2,650 issues of *The Palisade Tribune* for the Colorado

Historic Newspaper database website:
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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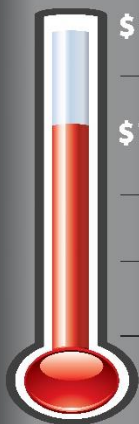
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GOAL:**



\$125,000

\$75,000

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to preserve Palisade history before it slips away.

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