

## Enjoy Ice Cream & PALISADE PEACHES at the Mesa County Historical Society Picnic

**Tues., Sept. 23, 5:30 – 7:30 P.M.**  
**Redlands Community Center**  
**2463 Broadway**

The Palisade Historical Society will again provide peaches and ice cream for the Annual MCHS picnic. It starts at 5:30 p.m. on **Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>** at a different location this year — the **Redlands Community Center**. We're expecting to serve late season fresh Palisade peaches.

If you plan to attend, please **RSVP to Michael Menard at the Museum of Western Colorado (970) 242-0971** and bring a dish to share.



## "LOCAL AUTHORS, COOKIES, AND PALISADE HISTORY" Set for Saturday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>

**Book Signings, Guided Walking Tours, and More!**

Mark your calendar for the annual "Local Authors, Cookies, and Palisade History" event on **Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>** during the town's **Olde Fashioned Christmas** celebration. In addition, we also plan to show the popular *Palisade in 1904* video and the documentary about the Grand Valley Diversion Dam. Look for more details in future newsletters.

We welcome everyone interested in volunteering for the Palisade Historical Society's Olde Fashioned Christmas activities – and other projects or committees – to contact one of the Historical Society Directors listed at the end of this e-letter.

## Historical Society Highlights from Peach Fest 46 in August

- **"Roller Dam" Documentary Premiere**
- **The Parade**
- **Guided Walking Tours**



*Ernie Young drove his granddaughter, Jordan Lefler, and "Colonel Bower" Dave Cecuga in the rumble seat, in his cousin, Bennett Young's 1930 Model A in the Peach Fest Parade.*

More than 75 people enjoyed viewing the premiere showing of the Grand River Diversion Dam documentary created by Larry Seibert (InFilms & Design, Inc.) and his longtime associate, video photographer and editor, Scot Stewart.



*Enjoying the "mobile museum" display with photos and information about the "Roller Dam" at the Canyon View Church documentary premiere were Dave Cecuga, Debbie Tsakalos, Historical Society Director Charlene Weidner, and Sharron Steele.*

## Next Guided Walking Tours

The Palisade Historical Society's next Guided Walking Tours are scheduled for **Saturday, December 6 at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.** Tour routes and more information are available on our website:

www.historicpalisade.org/index.php/historic-guided-walking-tours/.

## The Historical Society Receives Grant for The Palisade Tribune Archives

The Colorado Historical Records Advisory Board has awarded a grant of \$1,500 to the Historical Society in support of our project to purchase archival boxes to store original copies of *The Palisade Tribune*. We are deeply appreciative of their financial assistance and our volunteers are inventorying and organizing the issues before the archival boxes arrive.

## Town again Sets its Sights on the TLC Gazebo and Kiosk



(Photo source, Palisade Tribune, August 1996)

In the above photo from August 1996, workers put the finishing touches on the original gazebo and information/history kiosk at the corner of Third and Main Streets. The "Trees, Lights, and Concrete" project at the town's center was made possible in part by the Chamber of Commerce and volunteers who raised \$20,000 in

private donations. More recently the gazebo and kiosk were torn down to make way for the Plaza. A few years later, the town combined the two structures and put it in a less visible spot on private property near the Family Food Town entrance.

With the potential sale of the Tribune building, the town is looking for another location for the gazebo/kiosk. The Palisade history information panel was created for the original location because it contains photos of the Jordan's Inn which burned in 1915. We hope the gazebo and kiosk can return to the location where donors were promised it would be in 1996.



The combined gazebo/information kiosk has four panels with information about Palisade history, details on the peach industry, local wineries, and the area's many recreation opportunities.



The bronze plaque listing major donors to the TLC project is now mounted on a rock located near the gazebo/information kiosk.

## Peach Fest Parade Marshal Rides in Style



Dennis Clark (with reins) sits next to the cowboy hat-waving Nick Babiak, "Peach Festival King" in the Clark Orchards horse drawn cart that lead the Peach Fest Parade. Nick is the Denver area youngster who enthusiastically, but unsuccessfully, lobbied the state legislature for the Palisade peach to be named the state fruit last spring. He hopes to revive his effort once the next legislature is in session.

## Kokopelli Farm Market Adds Quilt Barn Paintings to Packing Shed at Exit 46



Among the newest structures in Mesa County to display quilt blocks — part of the "quilt barn" trail phenomenon sweeping the country — is the packing shed at Kokopelli Farm Market at Exit 46.

Painted by Carol Harrison, owner of Kokopelli Farm Market, and her sister, Debbie Moreland, the original paintings were hung in time for harvest. Though some people have been disappointed to find fabric quilts are not sold at quilt barns, thousands of quilt-inspired paintings have recently begun to appear in rural areas along major highways in 42 states. No comprehensive web site or map shows all quilt barn locations, though people who appreciate art and history are drawn to them as they travel.

## Historical Photos Showing at Municipal Building



Keli Frasier, the town of Palisade's Administrative Assistant, shows off a few of the historic Palisade photos she recently requested for the Municipal Building to enhance local artists' work on display.

We appreciate Keli's interest in Palisade history and her work to make these photos accessible to locals and visitors. She said people are especially interested in how downtown Palisade has changed over the years. The Palisade Historical Society is pleased to provide copies of these photos, many of which are also courtesy of the Museum of Western Colorado's Palisade Library 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.

## HISTORIC PHOTO OF THE MONTH

### 1933 Palisade High School Football Team



*(Photo and text source from The Bulldog, 1934)*

*(left to right) Doug Lou Ryan, Charles Rosa, and Harold Reach - Mascots. James Reach, John McKay, Arthur Bower, Harry Sherwood, Jack Merlino, Robert Bancroft, Roy Delandrae, Rush Hubbard, Delbert Brown, Roy Vaughn, Roy Edwards, and Coach Albert M. Day*

During the 1933 football season the Palisade Bulldogs developed into a classy team. Handicapped by inadequate material and experience, they lost the first few encounters; but as the season progressed, the team built up one of the most spectacular passing attacks ever seen in the circuit.

The Bulldogs rallied to win their fourth game of the season from Olathe, (whose team last year won the Western Slope Championship), by a 12-0 score in the most exciting game ever witnessed in Palisade. They again gave their local fans a thrill in swamping Rifle by a 37-0 victory.

The highlight of the entire season was the game with Delta. Contrary to all predictions and expectations, Palisade's aerial attack was too much for the Panthers. Though accurate statistics on the game were not recorded, at least twenty-five passes were completed by the Bulldogs. The only score of the game was made in the 1st quarter on a pass from Merlino to Sherwood. The eleven regulars defended Palisade's reputation without a single substitution while Delta drew generously from their reserve strength throughout the game.

## Palisade Vine



The Palisade Historical Society's timeline created for the town's CEN-TEN (110 year) Celebration appears in the inside back cover of the new Palisade Vine Magazine. Free copies are available around town, or you can see the timeline on our website:

[http://www.historicpalisade.org/wpcontent/uploads/2012/09/TIMELINE\\_small.pdf](http://www.historicpalisade.org/wpcontent/uploads/2012/09/TIMELINE_small.pdf)

## RENEW YOUR PALISADE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

Our success is made possible only through the work of volunteers and donations. Everyone is invited to join the Palisade Historical Society--through volunteer time with committees and projects--and by membership.

Annual Membership in the Palisade Historical Society is just \$25.00 for Individuals, \$50 for Families, \$100 for Businesses, and \$500 for Patrons. If you haven't signed up or renewed your membership, please do so today.

**Mail your tax-deductible checks to the Palisade Historical Society P.O. Box 631, Palisade, CO 81526.**

### ABOUT THE PALISADE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The mission of the Palisade Historical Society is to collect, preserve, and communicate the unique history of Palisade, Colorado, and to foster, encourage, stimulate, and develop public appreciation of this history.

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