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Administration. Another microfilm reel - courtesy of the Loyd Files Library, with the earliest issues of the paper - from June 6, 1903 to March 1908, is in the CHNC digitization process and is expected to be on the site later this year.

Additional issues of The Palisade Tribune are on the Colorado Historic Newspaper Website!

Three additional reels of issues from *The Palisade Tribune* are now available on the Colorado Historic Newspaper Collection website! There are 467 new issues now visible, primarily from 1909-1911, and November 1941 to July 1949. These were added to the 148 issues from August 1949 to November 1955 already on the site, making a total of 615 issues!



"You can search for specific names or items, or browse the issues," said Priscilla Walker, Palisade Historical Society chairman. "Events that were summarized for *The Tribune's* popular '100 Year Ago' columns are now able to be read as they were initially reported," she added.

The CHNC website address is: <https://www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org>. Select Mesa County from the list of locations and click on Palisade Tribune to bring up the collection.

Share Tribune articles with friends and relatives

One of the unexpected benefits of having these older articles online is our members report they are showing them to elderly relatives whose short term memories may not be the best. Looking at these pages often encourages story-telling and discussions about events and people in the articles.

The funding for this digitization project is made possible by our generous donors, as well as a pending grant from the Colorado Historic Records Advisory Board (CHRAB) whose funding is from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC), National Archives Records

You can correct text errors in the online Tribune archive

You may notice spelling or other errors in the text. This is because the Optical Character Recognition, or OCR software, reads a page image and translates it into a text file. OCR enables creating large quantities of full-text data, but it is never 100% accurate. The print quality of the original issue, its condition at the time of microfilming, or other reasons may result in poor OCR accuracy. The searchable text and titles have been automatically generated using OCR software, but not manually reviewed or corrected.

However, you have the ability to make corrections if you want. Just click on the "Correct this text" link. You will see the actual image on the right side of the screen and on the left side, the searchable text which can be edited, line by line.

Once you have finished correcting text, click "Save," and the changes you make will take effect immediately. "It is especially helpful for searches to have correct spelling, otherwise, an article might be missed," Priscilla added.

Susan Lorenzen Cesario passes away

We are sad to learn Susan Cesario passed away August 30 from an accidental fall. She was the daughter of Bill and Margaret Lorenzen, longtime publishers of *The Palisade Tribune*. She and her husband, Lee, were great friends of the Palisade Historical Society. Their generosity of time and donations have been invaluable in preserving and digitizing the newspaper.

In March 2014, when *The Palisade Tribune* ceased publication, Susan called the publisher, encouraging him to donate archival issues to the Palisade Historical Society. She met with Front Range museums and libraries to research options for digitizing. She and Lee traveled frequently from

their Denver area home over the next several months to Palisade and volunteered their time to ensure the newspapers were boxed and moved to a secure, climate controlled location.

The Palisade Historical Society will miss her enthusiasm, problem-solving skills, constant encouragement and support of our efforts, and most especially, her charming wit. "This endeavor has no hope of simple" she once quipped, referring to the daunting task we face to get *The Palisade Tribune* archives digitized and on-line.



Susan and Lee Cesario were tireless volunteers in the effort to save archival issues of *The Palisade Tribune* when the building was sold in 2014.

PHS Senior Class Photo Display Begins 110 years ago

Inside the History Center is an evolving feature which is catching everyone's attention. Beginning with 1906, there are more than 70 years of Palisade High School Senior Class photos now on display.

This collection was initially made possible by Paul and Evelyn Rice who rescued the original photos from the 1910 Palisade High School building before it was demolished in December 1970.

The Rices created a display in memory of David Thomas Rice, who was a custodian at Palisade schools from 1913-1933. Their display was given to the Palisade Library in 1972. It was a popular attraction at two Palisade Public Library locations from 1972 until 2012. Shortly after the move to their current location on 3rd Street, the Palisade Branch Library Auxiliary donated the photos and display to the Historical Society.

Thanks to the incredible work of Dr. Hugo and Gayle Madden—who scanned thousands of individual photos and created a composite for each

Palisade High School Senior Class— this project is in the third and final phase. The first phase was scanning photos from the original display which included most classes up to 1954. Phase two was creating composite class photos for missing classes up to 1974, as well as the classes of 1987 and 1988.

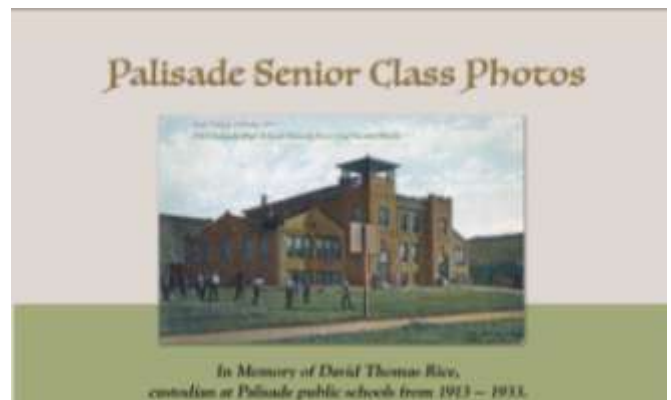
The third phase—now underway—is scanning remaining photos from the original display and creating composite photos to fit in the new display. The original photos are being preserved by the Historical Society after they are digitized.

With financial assistance from the Palisade Lions Club, Historical Society volunteers made the photos more accessible and interesting. In addition to Hugo and Gayle, Charlene Weidner and Jennifer Lasley helped create the new display.

Megan and Tony Napoleon donated a new metal stand which make the classes easier to browse through. Also, Terra Staats volunteered to print the composite class photos to fit the new display size.

"We've had many positive comments from people who find photos of relatives and classmates, and are reminded of stories and interesting events from their high school days," said Charlene.

A group of students from another high school were inspired to create something similar for their school. Even if you don't recognize anyone in these classes, it's still fun to see the changes in clothing, hair styles, and photography over the decades.

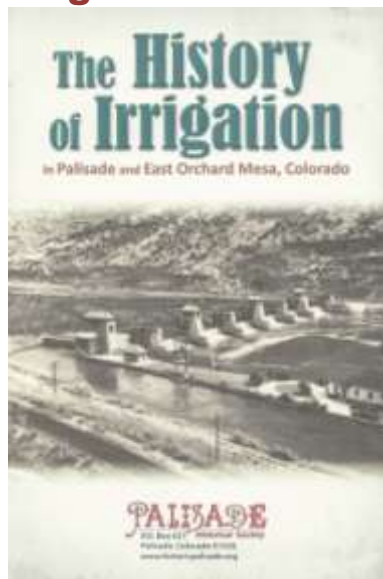


Front page of the PHS class photo display

"We are also working with the Palisade High School Annual staff to celebrate 100 years of PHS Bulldog Yearbooks. Our collection includes two copies of the very first publication in 1917," Charlene added.

Historical Society Booklets are Now Used as Textbooks at Palisade High School

Palisade High School Teacher Patrick Steele is using two Palisade Historical Society publications as textbooks for his science classes. Students in River Dynamics classes will have The History of Irrigation as a resource for the class which focuses on the Colorado River. Coal Mining in Palisade, Colorado is the other new textbook for students in Advance Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) Environmental Studies classes. Another class benefiting from the Palisade history resource is the Geophysical Science class for Freshmen.



"We hoped our publications appeal to readers of all ages, and are truly pleased Mr. Steele can use them to help high school students better understand Palisade's wonderful history," said Priscilla Walker, chairman of the Historical Society. She worked with Bennett Young and Jack Webb to publish the Coal

Mining Booklet in 2014. The History of Irrigation booklet was published in 2015 for the Society's celebration of the 100th birthday of the Grand River Diversion Dam in DeBeque Canyon. "Mr. Steele understands how important irrigation and the Colorado River are to our way of life here in the Grand Valley, and will help the next generation appreciate their value, as well," she added.

Peach Fest T-shirt Quilt on Display at the History Center

Another featured exhibit at the History Center is a quilt made of 12 Palisade Peach Fest t-shirts. Owners James and Terri Baird have loaned it for display to the Palisade Historical Society. It was moved to the front window in time for Peach Fest in August so visitors and passers-by can see it.



Char Weidner and Jennifer Lasley in front of the Peach Fest t-shirt quilt now displayed in the History Center's front window.

Sign Up or Renew Your Membership Today!

We are an all volunteer, privately funded non-profit organization. Everyone is invited to belong to the Palisade Historical Society—through volunteer time with committees and projects—and by membership.

Annual membership in the Palisade Historical Society is just \$25 for Individuals, \$50 for Families, \$100 for Businesses, and \$500 for Patrons. 10-year memberships are \$200 and Lifetime memberships are \$400. 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.**

Historical Society Entries Enhance Peach Fest Parade

In the August 20 Peach Fest Parade, the Historical Society's popular entries again raised cheers all along the crowd-lined parade route.

The always popular—and very Palisade-centric Orchard Hoopie, a 1951 Chevrolet modified for orchard use—was driven by Bruce Walker. Palisade Historical Society members Kent Brown, Dave Cecuga, Nancy Morrison, and Charlene Weidner handed out fresh Palisade peaches from Kokopelli Farm Market to enthusiastic parade watchers.

(Photos below courtesy of Shandon L. Storm)



The orchard hoopie, followed closely by the Nassau blue colored 1930 Model A, crept along the parade route on 3rd Street near the Palisade Branch Library. Historical Society volunteers handed out delicious Palisade peaches to the admiring crowd.



Dave Cecuga, walking with his back to the camera in the center, also leads Palisade Historical Society Guided Walking Tours in the persona of early pioneer Colonel C.C. Bower. In this photo, Dave is reaching for more peaches from Kokopelli Farm Market in the baskets on the hoopie as it nears the corner of Third and Main in the Peach Fest Parade.

(Photos below courtesy of Bill Hoffmann)



Passenger Syble Seckinger waves to onlookers as Priscilla Walker drives her 1930 Model A Ford. Barb Hampton is sitting in the rumble seat. The signs on the door advertise the Historical Society's Guided Walking Tours conducted later that morning.



Bruce Walker driving the hoopie with Dave Cecuga reaching in a basket for more peaches to hand out.

Look for us on two Facebook pages:
The Grand River Diversion Dam Celebrates
100 years 1915-2015,
and Palisade Historical Society

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