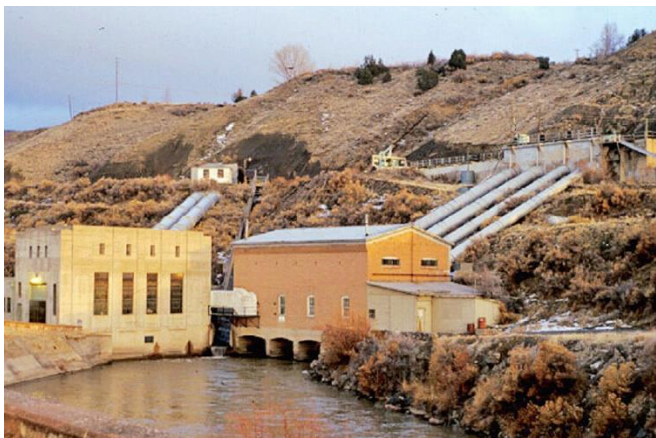


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ORCHARD MESA IRRIGATION DISTRICT CLOSES OLD AND CELEBRATES NEW HYDRO PLANT OCTOBER 29th

The Orchard Mesa Irrigation District (OMID) will winterize the 90-year-old Grand Valley Power Plant which began operating in 1933. This hydroelectric plant has provided power to Xcel Energy for the grid.

The groundbreaking ceremony for the new hydroelectric Vinelands Power Plant is at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, October 29th. The new plant was approved by voters earlier this year and comes with a price tag of \$8.3 million. OMID General Manager Max Schmidt hopes it will be in operation next fall and will provide Holy Cross Energy with additional power for the grid.



The Grand Valley Power Plant (on the left) has operated since 1933 and will be winterized on October 29th. Groundbreaking for the new hydroelectric Vinelands Power Plant to replace it will be held that day.

Max has been the OMID general manager since 2009. Prior to that, he was a water consultant, and before that, he was a Conservation Technician for the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Max announced he will retire when the new hydro plant is fully operating.

October 2021

DORIS BUTLER PASSED AWAY

Founding Palisade Historical Society Board Member Doris Butler passed away September 20. She and her husband, John, visited the History Museum on September 4, the day before their 70th wedding anniversary celebration!

Doris served on the Historical Society Board until September 2016, including three years as Treasurer. She and John are also Legacy Donors of the Palisade History Museum.



Doris is ready to blow out candles for the History Society's 7th birthday at the 2017 Annual Meeting

Doris and John moved to East Orchard Mesa in 1958. In addition to her Historical Society Board Member and Treasurer duties, she was Church Treasurer of the First Baptist Church for more than 30 years. She and John also devoted untold hours restoring the youth rooms of the 110-year-old Church which had been damaged by vandalism.

Seeing fruit orchards disappear with the oil shale boom in the 1970s, she was part of the visionary group which formed Mesa County Land Conservancy (now encompassed by the Colorado West Land Trust) in 1980. The group has now conserved 850 acres of fruit land in family farms around Palisade. The Land Trust has preserved 2,500 acres of land capable of growing peaches, wine grapes, and other fruit in Delta and Mesa Counties. Doris also served two terms on the Mesa County Planning Commission in the 1980s and was the registrar of the Grand Mesa Church Camp at Baron Lake for 19 years.

Doris' passion for preserving history was evident from the beginning when she brought her positive,

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level-headed and problem-solving perspective to the organization. She stepped up to be the treasurer when Founding Treasurer Bill Beckwith resigned.



Bill Beckwith and Doris Butler at the “Authors, Cookies, and Palisade History” event at the History Center in December 2013

Doris continued to attend monthly board meetings and the annual meetings after she was no longer a board member. She just wanted to stay current with what the organization was doing and share her thoughts and memories.



Doris and John shared birthday cake at the Roller Dam 100th birthday party in June 2015. *(Photo courtesy of Darlene Jordan Holmes)*

Doris’ memorial service was held October 9th at the Palisade United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers, her family suggests donations to the organizations she valued, including the Palisade United Methodist Church, the Palisade Historical Society, the Land Trust, and HopeWest.

NEW CAMEO TIMELINE AND PHOTOS ADDED TO THE HISTORY MUSEUM

A new display which visually illustrates the unique history of Cameo as a coal mining town, then a Public Service Co. coal-fired power plant, and now, a shooting and education complex, is now in the Cameo exhibit at the History Museum. Graphic Artist Gayle Madden created it – and a similar one on display at the Shooting Complex in Cameo.



New timeline on wall in Museum's Cameo exhibit

DAR MEMBERS TAKE GUIDED WALKING TOUR

Members of the Mount Garfield Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) came to Palisade in September and enjoyed a day of Palisade history. They took Priscilla Walker’s guided walking tour of downtown Palisade, ate lunch at a local restaurant, and toured the new Palisade History Museum.



Tour Guide Priscilla, center, talks to members of the DAR about Palisade history in September. *(Photo courtesy of Sheryl Fitzgerald)*

Titled “Fire and Brimstone,” the guided tour route goes around the center of downtown and includes coal mining, agriculture, and the railroads, as well as details of various church locations and buildings that burned. Priscilla showed historic photos of buildings including the Jordan’s Inn at 3rd and Main Streets, the canning factory on Bower Avenue, and platforms of both the United and Co-op Fruit Grower associations, all of which met a fiery demise.

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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, fundraising, or creating displays for the new Palisade History Museum. Send an email message with your contact information to historicpalisade@outlook.com to learn how you can be part of this organization.

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- Become a member and enjoy notification of events and news
- Contribute to the **Palisade Tribune** Digitization Fund that will save invaluable Palisade history
- Donate to complete renovations for the Palisade History Museum at the Bunte Shop. It will feature displays and educational media to engage locals and visitors year-round.

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

Annual Memberships (check one)

Individual \$25 Family \$50 Business \$100 Patron \$500

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10-year (Family or Individual) \$200 Lifetime (Family or Individual) \$400

PALISADE TRIBUNE DIGITIZATION FUND

We have raised funds to digitize 2,650 issues of *The Palisade Tribune* for Colorado Historic Newspaper Newspaper database website. Please help us get more issues online for browsing and searching from anywhere!

\$1,000 \$100 Other \$_____

PALISADE HISTORY MUSEUM AT THE BUNTE SHOP

We are in our final fundraising phase to open the Museum. Help us at any level.

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For credit card payments, call (970) 464-2177.

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