

# PALISADE Historical Society

## “HISTORY OF IRRIGATION” HISTORY TALK ON JANUARY 20 at 6 p.m.

The second of the half-hour talks about Palisade history at The Ordinary Fellow Winery – 202 Peach Avenue in Palisade – is on Thursday, January 20 at 6 p.m.

Gary Hines, Historical Society Board Member, will present “The History of Irrigation in Palisade: Waters for the Valley,” providing the historical perspective about irrigation which is vital to agriculture and life in the Grand Valley. The discussion will highlight successes and failures of early irrigation attempts, all of which led to today’s efficient and essential irrigation systems.

Gary has a special connection to irrigation history as his grandfather Carver was caretaker of the Grand River Diversion Dam for 33 years.

Large steel gears raise and lower  
the rollers at the Roller Dam



*(Courtesy Gary Hines)*

Check our website: [www.historicpalisade.org](http://www.historicpalisade.org)  
our Facebook page, and The Ordinary Fellow Winery’s social media for dates and topics of future Palisade history talks.

## January 2022

### HISTORY MUSEUM OPEN ON SATURDAYS STARTING JANUARY 8

The Palisade History Museum at 3740 G Road is now open four days a week from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. Admission is free, and donations welcome.

### NEW ARTWORK AT THE HISTORY MUSEUM

Local Artist Phyllis Bennett Barker has shared her artwork depicting two Palisade buildings. They are now on display at the History Museum. Phyllis’ oil painting of the Hugus building at the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> and Main Streets was done years ago for a Palisade Art Lovers Blossom Sunday Art Show.

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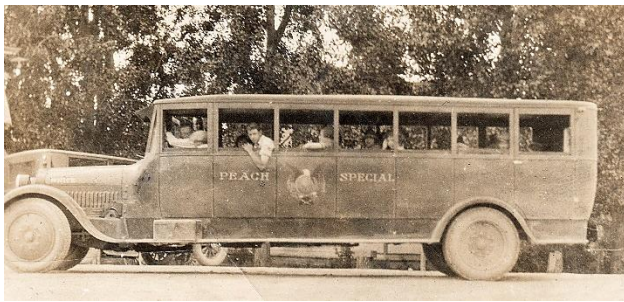
Phyllis Barker left, and daughter, Marla Norman at the Museum. Phyllis’ original paintings are on the wall to her right.

She recently created the top painting – in watercolor – of her family’s Bennett Motors garage building which was built on the corner of 3rd and Kluge Avenue in 1923.

## MT. LINCOLN SCHOOL BUS “PEACH SPECIAL” DRIVEN BY HARVEY BALL

Anita Spinnie and Arlene Sanders shared their wonderful Lester and Ball family albums about the Mt. Lincoln area, including the Mt. Lincoln School which was located 1 1/2 miles west of Palisade at G Road and 36 1/10 Road.

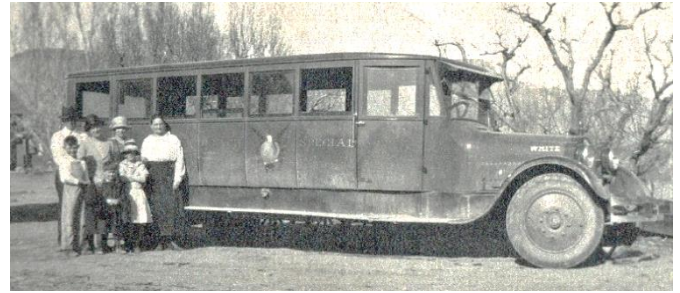
Some of the photos and newspaper clippings feature the Mt. Lincoln school bus, otherwise known as the “Peach Special.”



In 1924, the Mt. Lincoln District purchased the bus to transport students to Grand Junction High School. The first driver was Anita and Arlene’s father, Harvey Ball. He was also a student and graduated from Grand Junction High School in 1925.

The bus, built on a White truck chassis, was purchased by residents of the Mt. Lincoln district for \$7,800. The excessive cost of maintaining the Mt. Lincoln High School was noted as the reason for discontinuing high school classes. The previous year, students attended Palisade High School. The Mt. Lincoln School District would pay tuition fees for students attending Grand Junction High School.

The bus seated 32 people comfortably. The interior presented the appearance of a sedan, being entirely upholstered on the top, sides, and seats in rich brown leather. It had four dome lights inside and a heater for use in cold weather. All windows could be raised or lowered at will. *(continued)*



The “Peach Special” bus took Mt. Lincoln students to attend Grand Junction High School

## IN THE OLDE FASHIONED CHRISTMAS PARADE

Priscilla Walker’s 1930 Model A Ford was again a popular entry in Palisade’s Olde Fashioned Christmas parade on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Riding in the rumble seat were Mrs. Claus and Santa portrayed by Historical Society members Wanda and Pete Robinson.



Charlene Weidner and Dave Cecuga carried the new banner promoting the History Museum and jumped to the car’s unique ahooga horn honking.





After not having an Olde Fashioned Christmas parade or festivities in 2020, enthusiastic parade viewers gathered several rows deep at the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> and Main Streets for the 2021 parade.

## **Look for us on Facebook and Instagram:**

### **Palisade Historical Society**

### **Become a Member!**

If you aren't a current member of the Palisade Historical Society, please send your check to P.O. Box 631 Palisade, CO 81526. For credit cards, call (970) 464-2177 or include your information on our contact tab at [www.historicpalisade.org](http://www.historicpalisade.org)

## **YOUR PURCHASES AT CITY MARKET BENEFIT THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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



If you do not have an account, you will need to create one by providing some basic information, a valid email address, and a City Market/Kroger loyalty card number. You can get a loyalty card at any Kroger, 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.

## **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 being a host at the new Palisade History Museum. Send an email message with your contact information to [historicpalisade@outlook.com](mailto:historicpalisade@outlook.com) to learn how you can be part of this organization.

## **2021-2022 Directors of the Palisade Historical Society**

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## **AMAZON SMILE PURCHASES ALSO BENEFIT THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

For your on-line shopping, please go to: <https://smile.amazon.com>

On your first visit, you can use the same email and password as you set up for Amazon. Then, select the Palisade

Historical Society from the Charity Lists. If you bookmark Amazon Smile, you will automatically be taken there instead of the regular Amazon site when you shop. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible Amazon Smile purchases. **You may need to renew or update your charity choice before your next purchase. It just takes a minute to update.**





## Become a part of History - Donate to the Palisade Historical Society.

The Palisade Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) organization. Donations are tax-deductible.

The Historical Society relies on donations to facilitate projects that enhance our community by documenting local history and promoting our heritage. You can join us with your support in a targeted way that interests you most. Make a donation for any or all of the following categories:

- 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 ☐

#### Extended Memberships

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.

\$1,000 ☐    \$500 ☐    \$100 ☐    Other ☐ \$\_\_\_\_\_

\$2,500 (receive a "Proud Supporter" sign) ☐

\$5,000 (advertise in the Museum for your business) ☐

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

For checks or money orders payable to Palisade Historical Society, mail them with your confidential contact information to: **Palisade Historical Society, PO Box 631, Palisade, CO 81526.**

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