

PALISADE

Historical Society

June 2022

THE ORDINARY FELLOW WINERY MONTHLY TALKS – “The History of Riverbend Park” Thursday, June 23 - 6 p.m.

Palisade’s Riverbend Park is located south of Palisade between the Colorado River and the Grand Valley Canal. Currently the home of Palisade’s many festivals, it has a fascinating history. Over the years, it offered creative solutions for Palisade’s agriculture labor needs. The program is open to the public and Le Snack Fine Foods will be on the patio serving food starting at 4 pm.



(Photo courtesy of the Foss Family)

The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp in Riverbend Park in 1938. German Prisoners stayed at the camp in 1944 for harvest.

“Palisade in 1922 with Mayor C. Bower” July 21st - 6 p.m.

Historical Society volunteer Dave Cecuga has extensively researched the Town of Palisade in archival issues of *The Palisade Tribune*. In the persona of Palisade pioneer “Colonel Bower,” Dave will explain what visitors would have experienced when Colonel Bower was the mayor in 1922. (continued)



Dave Cecuga dressed as “Colonel” Bower. Dave will describe what Palisade was like 100 years ago for the July 21st history talk at The Ordinary Fellow Winery.

Last month’s talk was “The History of Wine in Palisade”

Liz Kennedy and Steve Ivancie, the children of Gerald and Mary Ivancie, shared their heartwarming memories of how the family owned and operated one of Colorado’s early modern commercial wineries, Ivancie Cellars, in Denver. Their father inspired grape growing and the wine industry in Palisade.



Liz Kennedy, toasts to the success of Colorado’s wine industry. Her brother, Steve Ivancie, is seated on the left of the table. An enthusiastic audience cheered.

Check our website: www.historicpalisade.org
Facebook and Instagram posts, and The Ordinary Fellow Winery’s social media for dates and topics of future programs.

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Thanks to generous private donors, and support from the Colorado Historic Newspapers Collection, 281 more issues of *The Palisade Tribune* are now digitized and available on the Colorado Historic Newspapers Collection (CHNC) and Wyoming State Library websites! This makes 2,931 issues you can browse, read, and search for names and information. All *The Palisade Tribune* issues - from the first issue of (June 6, 1903) through 1961 plus 50 issues in 1966 - are now available online.

You can access and search for names and articles from digital copies of *The Palisade Tribune* at: <https://www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org> The Plains to Peaks Wyoming website address is: <https://www.ppc-historicnewspapers.org/?a=cl&cl=CL1&sp=PLT&e=-----en-20--1--img-txIN%7ctxCO%7ctxTA-----0-----1>

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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

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 to learn how you can be part of this organization.

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VISITORS TO THE PALISADE HISTORY MUSEUM



We were pleased to welcome Jackie and Joe Mendicelli and Joe's Aunt Margaret Coe to the History Museum in May. Joe's mother, Ann Merlino Mendicelli, passed away in March. They are history buffs and many of the displays brought back Joe's memories of visiting his grandmother and uncle Al Merlino in Palisade as a youngster. They posed for this photo in front of Ann's class of 1936 Palisade High School senior class photos.

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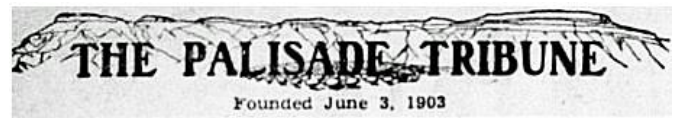
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100 YEAR AGO COLUMN

For decades, one of the most popular columns in *The Palisade Tribune* was the "It Happened Here" page where the editors would summarize news of interest from issues in the past. You can read issues of *The Palisade Tribune* from June 1922 on <https://www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org>

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Historical Society Board Member Nancy Morrison has used the database to summarize news from the five June 1922 *Tribune* issues including these:

-The first cherries of the season went out. The Palisade fruit exchange shipped three crates of May Dukes to the Denver Market and the Western Slope Fruit growers shipped four crates Tuesday and three on Wednesday. Richmonds and other varieties will be ready in a few days.

-The D&RGW Railroad reports the finest quality fruit Grand Valley has had for years is now in prospect. The estimate for 1922 is: Peaches 1150 railroad box cars, apples 1500 cars; pears and mixed fruits 725 cars. The 1921 shipments were: Peaches 904 cars; apples 1815 cars; pears and mixed fruits, 670 cars.

-Nature is thinning our tree fruits through the "Junedrop" now taking place. The set of bloom has been so thick this is not enough. We must make our thinning thorough. Only through judicious and timely thinning, with timely summer spraying can we have clean fruit and secure size and color.

-The first of the regularly scheduled band concerts will begin Friday evening at 8 o'clock in the vacant lot back of the J.W. Hugus & Co. store.

-T.F. Voorhees has purchased a new hearse. It has a black Cummings body on an Oldsmobile chassis.

-High altitude (above 7,500 feet) fishing opened Thursday, June 15. The snow on the south side of the slopes of Grand Mesa is practically gone, but on the northern slopes there is still two to ten feet of snow. The season closes October 31.

-The radiophone set ordered several months ago arrived and has been installed in the Palisades National Bank building. At first, considerable trouble with static electricity was experienced, but the set was tuned up and part of a concert from California was heard. As soon as it is properly adjusted, conversations and messages can be picked up from points all over the United States.

Autographic Kodak cameras cost \$6.50 and up at the Palisade Drug Co.

Nancy's complete June 1922 news summary can be viewed at <https://www.historicpalisade.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/100-Year-Ago-June-1922.pdf>

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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.



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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 the Palisade History Museum for maintenance and creating displays about our unique agriculture and coal mining past. Help us engage with locals and visitors year-round.

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

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We have raised funds to digitize 2,930 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!

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