

PALISADE

Historical Society

THE ORDINARY FELLOW WINERY MONTHLY TALK “The History of Wine – Part 2” Thursday, Oct. 20th - 6 p.m.

The October history talk at the Ordinary Fellow winery will be Priscilla Walker presenting the interesting history of our grape growing and wine making industry in which Palisade has 34 of the State's 170 wineries. It will feature different photos and aspects of our wine industry than were included in the “History of Fruit and Wine - Part 1” and the program with Gerald Ivancie's children.

The program is open to the public and Le Snack Fine Foods will be on the patio serving food starting at 4 p.m. The Ordinary Fellow Winery is located at 202 Peach Street in downtown Palisade in the former United Fruit Growers' Association packing facility.

Last month's history talk - “Colorado Women's Suffrage”

Priscilla Walker presented the history of how Colorado became the first state to have a popular vote to approve women's right to vote in November 1893. Nationally, the crusade for the female vote took from 1848 to August 26, 1920. Women's suffrage success in the Western states occurred well before when the 19th Amendment was finally the law.

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

NEW HYDRO PLANT ALMOST COMPLETE!

The new Vineland Power Plant construction is almost complete at the Orchard Mesa Irrigation District on 38 Road! All the major parts for the new hydro plant arrived in August. Sorenson, the contractor/owner, started the final *(continued)*

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construction phase the first week in September and the new plant could be generating power later this month! *(Photos courtesy of Max Schmidt)*



The four penstocks pumping irrigation water to Orchard Mesa are on the right. The 1933 hydro plant is still visible in the center, with the new plant building now on the left.



400-ton crane unloading the 75,000-pound rotor



The new 4.5-megawatt generator produces 1.5 megawatts more power than the previous one using the same amount of water

VISITORS AT THE PALISADE HISTORY MUSEUM

Katie Skalla, Fruita Recreation Coordinator for Seniors brought a group from Fruita to learn about Palisade at the History Museum. Then they ate lunch in Palisade, and in the afternoon, picked peaches in a Palisade orchard!



Seniors from Fruita with Parks and Recreation Coordinator Katie Skalla, far right, pose outside the Palisade History Museum during the group's recent visit.



A group of residents from Grand Villa Assisted Living—led by Deb Maestas, third from the right—enjoyed visiting the History Museum in September.

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



Denver-based Treasure Box Tours - led by Michael Vincent -included the Palisade History Museum in their stops on September 2 during a four-day Western Slope wine tour for an enthusiastic group.



Lee Cesario in front of the *The Palisade Tribune* displays. He and Susan Lorenzen Cesario, daughter of long time publishers Bill and Margaret Lorenzen, were instrumental in securing archival copies of the paper for the Historical Society in 2014 when Palisade's newspaper ceased publishing.

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 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.

**Look for us on Facebook:
Palisade Historical Society**

JOANN RASMUSSEN JOINS HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD

Our newest Board Member is JoAnn Rasmussen. She is originally from a farm in the middle of Iowa and spent 22 years in Denver Metro before moving to Palisade when she and her husband, Kirk, purchased the historic Crissey House on West First Street in September 2021. They have been working on rehabilitating the property ever since. Their daughter, Claire Elise, is a junior at Palisade High School and is also volunteering on projects for the Palisade Historical Society.



JoAnn Rasmussen at the Historic Register Sign in front of her house

(Photo courtesy Claire Elise Rasmussen)

On the Front Range, JoAnn served on the Board of Directors for Woodrow Wilson Academy, a charter school in Jefferson County, for six years, one year as Secretary and five years as President. She was also a volunteer for the City of Arvada Police Department, working in the records department. The Rasmussen Family took a chance and opted for a change of scenery and a change of pace when they moved to Palisade last year. JoAnn currently serves as Vice President of the Community Advisory Council at Palisade High School. Since moving into an actual piece of Palisade history, she has devoted her time, talent, and attention to managing various contractors, restoring and reclaiming the award-winning heirloom gardens, and delving into the history of the Crissey House.

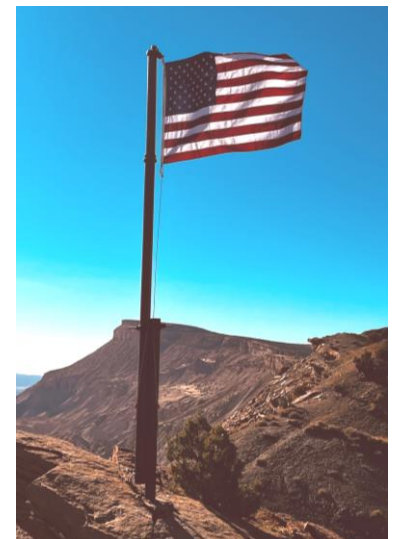
GROUNDBREAKING HELD FOR THE CLINIC AT THE FORMER HIGH SCHOOL LOCATION

The Town of Palisade is proceeding with its plan to work with Community Hospital to build a new health clinic at the site of the Palisade High School which opened in 1926 at the corner of Iowa and Highway 6. The Trustees also plan to expose the boarded up bleachers and add outside stairs to access them. Groundbreaking for the new primary care and acute care clinic was held September 13.



The former high school's auditorium/gymnasium which was added in 1940 is on the left. Stairs and access to the bleachers will be constructed in the next few months.

The Town of Palisade purchased a new 4' x 6' American flag which Mike Kennedy put on the flagpole at Reeder Point on the palisades on September 22, 2022.



Memorial Service for Shirley Rowley Maurer in September

Shirley Rowley Maurer passed away in Kirkland WA December 29, 2019. The pandemic delayed her planned celebration of life service until last month at the Palisade Cemetery.

Shirley was born in Palisade and graduated as valedictorian from Palisade High School in 1947. After a career in education and raising her family, she returned to Palisade *(continued)* Page 3

and was a dedicated volunteer at the Palisade Chamber of Commerce. Shirley was also an early supporter of the Palisade Historical Society and was the first to record a video in our inaugural oral and video history program 2010. The summary of her life and memories of Palisade is on our website:

<https://www.historicpalisade.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/Shirley-Rowley-Craig-Maurer.pdf>

Her husband, Ed Maurer, also a Palisade native who passed away in Palisade in 2012, recorded his oral history the same day as Shirley in 2010. His oral history summary is also on our website:

<https://www.historicpalisade.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/Ed-Maurer.pdf>

Shirley shared photos and memorabilia from her family's Palisade Coal Mine. Among the Rowley family photos is one of our favorites - an enthusiastic Shirley as one of Palisade's three cheerleaders.



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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 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 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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