

# PALISADE Historical Society

## THE ORDINARY FELLOW WINERY HISTORY TALK “Reading Yesterday’s News Online Today”

**Thursday, April 20th at 6 p.m.**

The April history talk at The Ordinary Fellow Winery on Thursday, the 20<sup>th</sup> will be Leigh Jeremias, Digital Collections Senior Consultant for the Colorado State Library.

Leigh has assisted the Historical Society for several years to get issues of *The Palisade Tribune* digitized and added to the Colorado Historic Newspaper Collection (CHNC) database. Currently there are 3,347 issues of *The Palisade Tribune* available for research in the 2.8 million pages which are an important primary resource for students, teachers, genealogists and general researchers.



Leigh will explain key website features and give tips and tricks for searching the CHNC digitization process and how titles are added to the collection.

The program will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 20th at The Ordinary Fellow Winery - 202 Peach Avenue in Palisade. This program is open to the public, and The Ordinary Fellow Winery is a relaxed and comfortable setting for people to learn about Palisade’s unique history and enjoy a glass of wine. The tasting room opens at noon, and Le Snack Food truck will be onsite with food available for purchase at 4:30, so come early.

## Next month’s talk is May 11<sup>th</sup> - 6 p.m. “The Orchard Mesa Irrigation District River Siphon turns 100”

Mark your calendars so you don’t miss the history

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talk and celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of the River Siphon which still provides irrigation water to Orchard Mesa and the new hydro plant.

### Last month’s talk

#### “Legends of the Grand Mesa”

The March 23 history talk at the Ordinary Fellow Winery was the Community in Motion Film and Video created by Grand Valley Magazine in 2015 “Legends of the Grand Mesa.” Directed by David Bailey, it featured the iconic thunderbird symbol and interviews with Palisade’s John Lindstrom and Ute Indian Museum Director C. J. Brafford.



Audience at The Ordinary Fellow Winery program

Check our website: [www.historicpalisade.org](http://www.historicpalisade.org)  
Facebook and Instagram posts, and The Ordinary Fellow Winery’s social media for future programs.

## THE UNITED FRUIT GROWERS’ ASSOCIATION STARTED IN APRIL 1923

While searching through issues of *The Palisade Tribune*, we saw the United Fruit Growers’ Association (UFGA) would be 100 years old this month! This was one of the marketing cooperatives which facilitated marketing and shipping Palisade peaches through the harvest of 2000. Its offices were located on the north side of the railroad tracks in downtown Palisade, initially occupying buildings of the Palisade Fruit Growers association.

The Ordinary Fellow Winery is in the building where the UFGA shipped fruit from 1977 to 2000. There is a glass window with the United logo at the Winery’s 202 Peach Avenue location. *The Palisade Tribune* article about the April 1923 UFGA meeting is on the next page:

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## UNITED FRUIT GROWER'S MEET

Wednesday evening in Hugus hall a meeting of the United Fruit Growers association was held for the purpose of formally passing the By-laws of the association and electing a board of directors and an advisory board. Over one hundred growers were present at the meeting and deep interest in the new association was shown.

The association received their charter the last of the week and have filed their articles of incorporation and a copy of the By-laws with the county clerk and are now ready to get down to business.

The meeting Wednesday night was held for the purpose of discussing a few proposed changes in the By-laws and Growers contract which had been suggested. This was done and the By-laws adopted, and the board of directors and advisory committee reelected. John H. Cutter, Frank T. Hatter, W. J. Stebbins, A. G. Tilton, J. D. Reeder are the members of the board of directors and the advisory committee is made up of G. W. Bowman, J. E. Best, F. E. Port and H. H. Butterfield.

As stated in the Articles of Incorporation the objects of the United Fruit Growers association, are as follows:

To form a non-stock, non-profit cooperative organization of agriculturists; to encourage better and more economical methods of production of agricultural products; to market the products of its members; to secure better results in grading, packing, marketing and advertising the products of its members; to provide an agency thru itself or others for the purpose of dealing in all kinds of merchandise, growers supplies and appliances that may be necessary, useful or convenient to its members in the cultivation, production, shipping and marketing of their products, and for such purposes may buy, own, sell and deal in all kinds of real and personal property, and shall have power to borrow money and mortgage its property to secure the payment of same; to make advances and advance payments to its members; to cultivate and develop the co-operative spirit in the community and to perform any other work which may tend to the betterment of its members and the general benefit of the district.

See more articles, photos and information about the UFGA at the Palisade History Museum.

## PALISADE HISTORICAL SOCIETY ELECTS OFFICERS FOR 2023-2024

At the March Board Meeting, officers elected for the 2023-2024 fiscal year were Priscilla Walker, chair, JoAnn Rasmussen, vice-chair, Gary Hines, secretary, and Jaime Cox, treasurer.

### Become a Member!

If you or your business aren't one of the current 108 members 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 send your contact information on the contact tab at [www.historicpalisade.org](http://www.historicpalisade.org)

## AUDITORIUM/GYM GETTING NEW OUTSIDE STAIRS

The former Palisade High School Auditorium/Gymnasium originally built in 1940 is getting new staircases added to access the original balcony for pickleball tournaments and other events. Work is expected to be completed in June. The grand opening for the nearby Community Hospital Clinic is slated to be Saturday, May 13 from 10 a.m. - noon.



View from Iowa Street of one of the new south entrances to the stairs to reach the balcony

### 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 be a host at the 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

## WHAT'S NEW AT THE HISTORY MUSEUM

Koralynn Dennison, a senior at Palisade High School and intern at the History Museum, created a new display for the recently donated Direct Reading Colorimeter Water Quality tester used at the Palisade water treatment plant starting in the mid-1960s. From Jerry Nisbet's photo collection, she also added a photo of the water line extended from the water plant to Cameo in 1957. Koralynn's mother donated a wooden box appropriate for the display near the Cameo exhibit.



Koralynn Dennison with the Colorimeter Water Quality exhibit she designed at the Palisade History Museum.

## 2023-2024 Directors of the Palisade Historical Society

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## HISTORY MUSEUM VISITORS

Members of the Western Chapter of the Territorial Daughters of Colorado visited the History Museum in early March, and then went to lunch in Palisade. Their president, JoAnn Sauvage thought the Palisade History Museum is an incredible asset for Palisade!  
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Territorial Daughters Chapter members, (l to r) Sandy Williams, Norma Lavelett, JoAnn Sauvage, Kayren Goss, and Yvonne Petersen

## 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.



You can get a loyalty card at any Kroger, King Soopers, or City Market store's customer service desk. Swipe your registered loyalty card, or use the phone number attached to the card for your purchase to benefit the Palisade Historical Society

It's a painless way to support the Palisade Historical Society. If you don't have an account, you need to create one by providing a valid email address, and City Market/Kroger loyalty card number.

## Follow Us on Social Media!



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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.

### 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 3,347 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

Please 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.

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