

PALISADE Historical Society

THE ORDINARY FELLOW WINERY HISTORY TALK “Colorado River Siphon Celebrates 100 Years” Thursday, May 11th at 6 p.m.

The May history talk at The Ordinary Fellow Winery on Thursday, the 11th will celebrate the 100th birthday of the Colorado River Siphon which is a vital part of getting irrigation water to fruit orchards on Orchard Mesa. *The Palisade Tribune* article below details the siphon's opening in May 1923.

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COMPLETE WORK ON SIPHON

Last Saturday the last concrete was run for the large siphon under the Colorado river above Palisade, that is to carry 800 feet of water to Orchard Mesa. The siphon was connected with the 900-foot concrete flume which receives the water after it passes under the river through the siphon. The siphon itself is 700 feet in length and is laid about 5 feet under the bed of the river. At one end is a large concrete tube 12 feet in diameter and about 150 feet deep, which will stand full of water so as to give pressure to throw the water out at the outlet, the tube is reduced to about nine feet in diameter where it goes under the river. The river has been dammed up while the work was in progress. The siphon eliminates about 5 miles of flume from the intake of the old canal. A small amount of water was turned into the ditch yesterday and after a few days the full amount needed by the people on Orchard Mesa will probably be flowing thru the new siphon. The siphon will carry 800 feet of water but that amount is not needed at the time and it will only receive 400.

The program will include historic photos of the construction of the siphon which was operational in

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May 1923. Michelle Urbach from the Orchard Mesa Irrigation District (OMID) will be available at the talk to answer questions about the siphon and current OMID operations. Le Snack Fine Foods will have food available for purchase at 4:30 - so come early and enjoy learning interesting history in a comfortable setting.!

Next month's talk is Thursday, June 22nd - 6 p.m. Bruce Talbott “History of Our Fruit industry and Where We are Headed”

Bruce Talbott, fourth generation Palisade fruit grower, will talk about the history of our local fruit industry and where we are headed. If you've wondered why we don't grow apples in Palisade, why peaches are so prevalent, and what's next, this program will give insight into Palisade agriculture's past and future.

Last month's talk was “Reading Yesterday's News Online Today”

The April 20 history talk at the Ordinary Fellow Winery was Leigh Jeremias, Digital Collections Senior Consultant for the Colorado State Library. She gave us helpful tips and tricks for how to research the 3,347 issues of *The Palisade Tribune* on the Colorado Historic Newspaper Collection and Plains to Peaks Wyoming newspaper databases.



Leigh Jeremias sharing how to research newspapers on the free CHNC database.

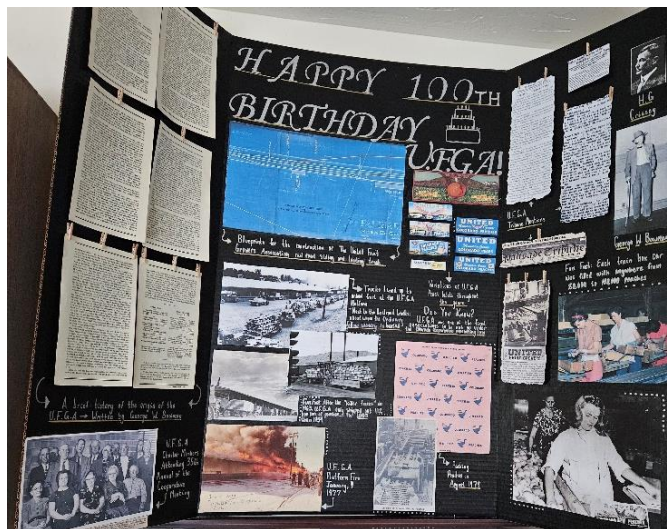
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We also celebrated the 100th birthday of the United Fruit Growers' Association (UFGA) which was founded in April 1923. Guests at the April history talk were treated to a slice of delicious peach flavored birthday cake from Slice O Life Bakery.



100th birthday cake celebrating the United Fruit Growers' Association founding in April 1923.

The UFGA was the major grower-owned marketing organization that marketed and shipped fruit—initially by refrigerated railroad cars. The Ordinary Fellow Winery building was built by the UFGA in 1977 after the wooden platforms burned. Fruit was shipped via refrigerated semi-trucks from the new metal building from 1977 to 2000.



The “mobile museum” with photos and information about the UFGA was created by PHS senior and Historical Society intern Koralyynn Dennison for display at the April 20 history talk.

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

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NEW BANNER INVITES VISITORS TO THE MUSEUM



Volunteer and Museum Host Nancy Eighmy and Board Member Ralph Branch with the new banner at the History Museum at 3740 G Road. Ralph worked with Your Sign Company to design and create this eye-catching and inviting banner which is displayed when the Museum is open – Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 P.M.

HISTORY MUSEUM LOGS SEALED AND CHINKING COMPLETE

Mary Miller and Tom Wolf completed work to seal the logs and finish the chinking between the logs on the building that is now the History Museum. We appreciate all their hard work over the last two years to update the pre-1939 log building materials.



History Museum has a new look with sealed logs and chinking complete!

Robert (Bob) Cutter passes away in Glenwood Springs

Bob Cutter, a descendant of the Palisade pioneer Cutter family, passed away April 23 in Glenwood Springs, Colorado at age 83. His grandfather John Cutter, and great-grandfather, William Cutter, operated the Glenwood Nursery in Junction City, Kansas and shipped fruit trees to Palisade in the 1890s and early 1900s. The Cutter family then moved to Palisade. Bob was a lawyer and Linda, his wife of almost 60 years, moved to Glenwood Springs in 1965. The Cutters are Legacy Donors of the Palisade Historical Society and came to the Ribbon Cutting and Dedication of the Palisade History Museum in August 2021.

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 to learn how you can be part of this organization.

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- 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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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!

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