

# **PALISADE** **Historical Society**

## **THE ORDINARY FELLOW WINERY HISTORY TALK**

**Bruce Talbott**

**“History of Our Fruit industry  
and Where We are Headed”  
Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 p.m.**

The June history talk at The Ordinary Fellow Winery on Thursday, the 22<sup>nd</sup>, will be Bruce Talbott, fourth generation Palisade fruit grower sharing the history of our local fruit industry and what it will be like in the future.

If you wonder why we don't grow apples in Palisade, why peaches are so prevalent, and what's next, this program will give insight into Palisade's agriculture past and future. Bruce Talbott's great-great-great grandfather Joseph Yeager pursued his dream of moving west and settled in the high altitude scenic Grand Valley in 1907. The operation then became Talbott and Sons and Talbott Farms. Talbotts Mountain Gold started in 1983 when they launched the apple cider business. Today, the sixth generation of the family is involved in growing fruit with more than 500 acres in production.

The program is open to the public and 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 - Thursday,  
July 20<sup>th</sup> - 6 p.m.**

**Steve Schulte –**

**“Congressman Wayne  
Aspinall's Early Life and Career”**

Former CMU history professor Steve Schulte will talk about Congressman Wayne N. Aspinall who grew up in Palisade and then served as a teacher at Mt. Lincoln and Palisade schools before being

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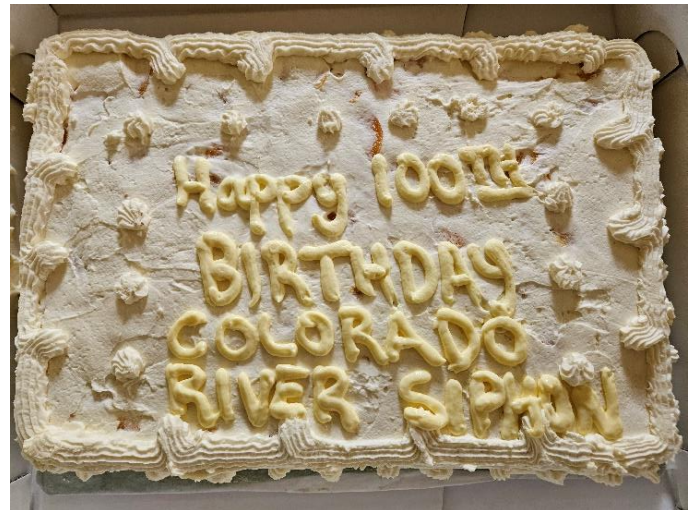
elected to Colorado State Senate and Representative positions. He later was a 12-term Congressional Representative from the Western Slopes' Third Congressional District.

Steve published *Wayne Aspinall and the Shaping of the American West* in 2002 which detailed Aspinall's political career that encompassed some of the most crucial years in the development of the twentieth-century West.

The history talk will begin at 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 22 at the Ordinary Fellow Winery - 202 Peach Avenue in Palisade.

## **Last month's talk was “Colorado River Siphon Celebrates 100 Years”**

The Colorado River Siphon construction was completed in May 1923. The history talk included photos of how the siphon was built and Michelle Urbach from the Orchard Mesa Irrigation District (OMID) answered questions about the siphon and current OMID operations. Guests at the history talk were treated to a slice of delicious peach flavored birthday cake from Slice O Life Bakery.



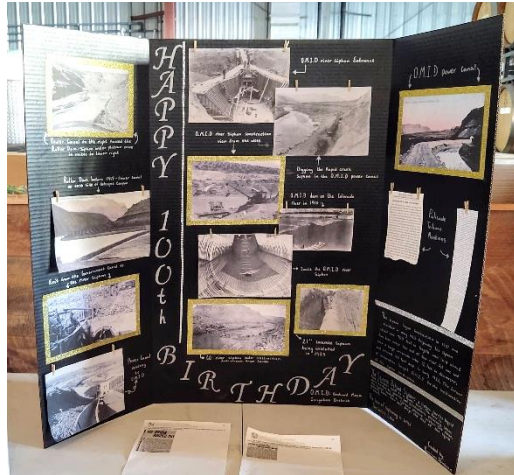
Slice O Life cake wishing Happy 100<sup>th</sup> birthday to the Colorado River Siphon was a treat at the history talk in May.

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Michelle Urbach from the Orchard Mesa Irrigation District talks to the audience at the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Colorado River Siphon celebration in May.



Palisade High School intern Koralynn Dennison created a display with photos and information about the Colorado River Siphon's history and operation.

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.

## TAYLOR ELEMENTARY SECOND GRADERS LEARN PALISADE HISTORY

Taylor Elementary 2<sup>nd</sup> graders got in-class presentations for our *Historic Palisade Coloring Book*. Thanks to Rotary Club donations, students received copies to study and color the wonderful illustrations. Historical Society volunteers Megan Napoleon, Nila Southwell, and Priscilla Walker were again able to bring a pair of stilts, a picking sack, and a piece of coal to Briana Sanchez, Connie Moore, and Beth Graham's classrooms to explain Palisade's unique history. (continued)



Megan Napoleon, Presley Napoleon, Nila Southwell, and Tom Cox pose with the pair of stilts after the coloring book presentation. Presley and Tom are students in Ms. Moore's second grade class. Nila is Tom's grandmother.

## DOS RIOS KINDERGARTNERS LEARN PALISADE HISTORY

Dos Rios Elementary on Orchard Mesa became the eighth elementary school to use our *Historic Palisade Coloring Book* as part of their curriculum. Historical Society Member Sandra Geer is a volunteer at the school and introduced Kindergarten teacher Mrs. Wait to the Coloring Book. At the presentation, Historical Society volunteers Priscilla Walker and Shirley Voorhees joined Sandra and brought the stilts, picking sack, and coal to expand information in the Coloring Book. With just eight days of school left, the class was very attentive, asked good questions and enjoyed the presentation.



Ms. Wait's Kindergarten class at Dos Rios Elementary. Standing in back, (l. to r.) are Teacher Aid Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Wait, Sandra Geer holding a stilt, and Shirley Voorhees with a picking sack patented in Palisade in 1900.



## TAYLOR ELEMENTARY THIRD GRADERS TAKE HISTORY TOURS

Though it's been two years since we've been able to give historical guided walking tours to 3<sup>rd</sup> graders at Taylor Elementary, we resumed the walks this year. Both Ms. Kopp and Ms. Phillou's students learned about downtown Palisade's past from Historical Society volunteers Dave Cecuga, Gary Hines, and Priscilla Walker. This year, the tours were altered to accommodate new school line of sight rules. The three guides took turns showing historic photos of buildings and sharing information on one route.



Ms. Kopp's third graders, with Dave Cecuga, top left and Gary Hines, top right, and helping parents, Bobbi Clark and Lauren Wood. Ms. Kopp, front row right, after the tour.



Ms. Phillou's third graders pause at the Aspinall Memorial in Palisade Park. Historical Society volunteer guides Dave Cecuga, left, and Gary Hines, right. Helping parents for the tour were Pam Carey and Ashley Soucie. Ms. Phillou is sitting in the front right.

## PHS INTERN PRESENTATIONS ON MAY 4

Koralynn Dennison, who was an intern at the History Museum displayed her projects at the "Palisade Elevate! Internship Showcase" with other PHS interns who volunteered at local businesses.



Koralynn Dennison left, explains projects she created for the Historical Society to Palisade High School Principal Dan Bollinger and Pat Steele, science teacher.

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## ICONIC DECORATIVE ENGAGED PILLARS SAVED FROM HIGH SCHOOL DEMOLITION FOR THE AUDITORIUM-GYMNASIUM

Attendees at the May 13th ribbon cutting for the new Community Primary and Acute Care Clinic built on the site of the former Palisade High School on Iowa could see the decorative engaged pillars saved from the High School demolition. The pillars are being artfully reassembled on the South entrance to the Auditorium-Gymnasium built in 1940 as a WPA project and originally attached to the High School.



## 1941-42 PALISADE HIGH SCHOOL GLEE CLUB POSING IN FRONT OF SCHOOL DOOR WITH ENGAGED PILLARS

*(Photo Courtesy Palisade Historical Society, Gary W. Hines Collection)*



Back row: Winnie Wolverton, Frances Webber, Anabelle Clark, Charlann Thomas, Edna Scarlett, Jewell, Winona Webb, Mildred Hammond, Jane Hickock, teacher. Middle row: Rama Jean Hall, Lena Ruth Carnahan, June Vezekis, Juanita Odneal, Dorothy Carver, Dorothy Gebhardt, Helen Martin, Nina Harmon, Betty Jean Toothaker, Lois Goodale, Ethel Mae Naeve, Barbara Tilton, Marion Bertram, Marjorie Hilliard, Blanche Bertram, Phyllis Hampton, Frances Hoffman. Front row: Marilyn Taylor, Mary McElry, Grace Hickman, Ruth Rowley, Betty Ann Reese, Mary Cutter, Lena Marotta, Aerial Aspinall, Pearl Cramer, Lila Jean Schlangen, Marie Cole, Blanche Schidler, Virginia Echternach, Maxine Stiers, Patsy Schlangen, Doris Taylor, Marguerite Echternach.

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

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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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### PALISADE TRIBUNE DIGITIZATION FUND

We have raised funds to digitize 3,347 issues of *The Palisade Tribune* for Colorado Historic Newspaper database website. Please help us get more issues online for browsing and searching from anywhere!

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

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