

PALISADE Historical Society

THE ORDINARY FELLOW WINERY HISTORY TALK -

Bob Silbernagel

Thursday, September 7th - 6 p.m.

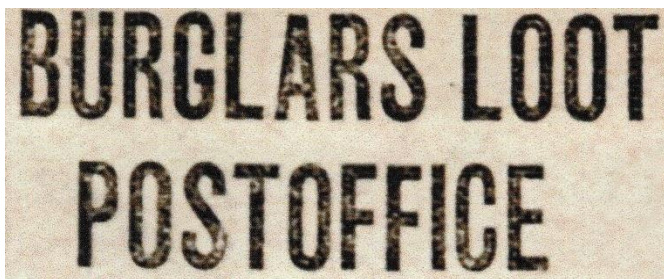
Bob Silbernagel will talk about Palisade's Jim Ferguson, the Wild Bunch associate who served briefly as Town Marshal and is part of a chapter in Bob's forthcoming book. Jim came to Palisade and is not related to any of the Ferguson family that moved here later. Jim Ferguson was not just a Palisade resident and soon-to-be businessman in the early 1900s, he was a peripheral member of the Wild Bunch which supplied horses and provided a hiding place for the Tipton train robbers. He was briefly Palisade's Town Marshal from March to September 1905.

The history talk will begin at 6 p.m. on Thursday, September 7 at the Ordinary Fellow Winery - 202 Peach Avenue in Palisade and Le Snack Fine Foods will have food available for purchase at 4:00 p.m.

Next month's history talk - Dave Fishell "The Perplexing Plunder of the Palisade Post Office"

Thursday, October 5th 6 p.m.

Palisade fruit, the Palisade Coal Mine, and the Palisade Post Office all played a role in one of the strangest unsolved crimes in Western Colorado.



Grand Junction historian and award-winning author Dave Fishell, will give a history talk about the infamous post office robbery in August (*continued*)

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1924 when \$15,000 of postage stamps and cash were stolen, and the crime was never solved.

The October 5th history talk is open to the public and Le Snack Fine Foods will have food available for purchase beginning at 4:00. Come early and enjoy learning interesting history in a comfortable setting!

Last month's talk was Bob Sweeney, former *Palisade Tribune* publisher

For the August history talk, Bob Sweeney, who published *The Palisade Tribune* for two decades from 1992-2012, gave interesting insight into a variety of history topics. His roots and love of Western Colorado were evident as he explained how counties were divided by how far a horse could be ridden in a day, and why towns were established next to rivers. His view of the evolution and consolidation of newspapers is the good ones will still be successful.

Bob also talked about the importance of supporting non-profits which are essential to accomplish what government cannot do to take care of people.



Bob Sweeney gave a very interesting history talk on a variety of topics on August 10th

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

JRs' Carriage Service tours benefit the Historical Society

If you haven't taken a tour with JRs' Carriage Service, or have friends and family visiting in (*continued*)

October and want something fun to do, please take a horse-drawn carriage tour from JR's Carriage Service. Owner Joe Burtard will donate 10% of all the October reservation sales to the Palisade Historical Society. To book a tour, visit their website: <https://jrscarriage.com/> or call 719-671-7145. All the tour guides include Palisade history in their narratives on the different routes which you can choose.

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.

PALISADE HISTORICAL SOCIETY CELEBRATED 2nd BIRTHDAY OF THE HISTORY MUSEUM IN THE PEACH FEST PARADE

The Palisade Historical Society was especially eager to participate in Palisade's Peach Fest parade to celebrate the second birthday of the Palisade History Museum which opened at 3740 G Road on August 18, 2021. Since then, more than 1,200 visitors have stopped to learn more about Palisade's unique history.



Lining up for the parade were (l. to r) JoAnn Rasmussen, and Claire Elise Rasmussen with the Historical Society banner, Gary Hines holding the Happy Birthday sign, Wanda Robinson and Dave Cecuga holding Colorado Peach banners, and Bruce Walker by the Model A. (continued)

The signs encouraged parade viewers to visit the Palisade History Museum which was open as usual – from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - that day with our regular Saturday host, Joan Forrey.



Priscilla Walker drove her 1930 Model A Ford with Gary Hines in the passenger seat. Wanda Robinson and Jim Watson rode in the rumble seat. Bruce Walker, Ralph Branch, and Dave Cecuga walked the parade route holding signs promoting the History Museum and its 2nd birthday.



JoAnn and Claire Elise walked with the banner in front of the Model A along the parade route



The large crowd of parade viewers at 3rd and Main Streets cheered loudly as the Historical Society parade entry passed by!

ATOMIC LEGACY CABIN CELEBRATES 80 YEARS

On March 23, 1943, 2nd Lieutenant Philip C. Leathy arrived in Grand Junction to procure as much uranium as possible for the Manhattan Project. In 1946, the Atomic Energy Act was signed which established the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission. The Department of Energy established the long-term surveillance and maintenance program in Grand Junction.



Historic photo of the Log Cabin and Refinery at
2597 Legacy Way in Grand Junction

In 2019, the Atomic Legacy Cabin opened and has interesting exhibits and displays of this little-known but key part of America's history. This year, the Atomic Legacy Cabin at 2597 Legacy Way in Grand Junction invites you to visit this historic site and learn more about Grand Junction's contributions to the Manhattan Project and the Cold War. Admission to the cabin is free. For hours and more information, visit: <https://www.energy.gov/lm/atomic-legacy-cabin>



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Thanks to generous donors, we have digitized another 209 issues of *The Palisade Tribune* which are available on the Colorado Historic Newspaper Collection (CHNC) and Plains to Peaks Historic Newspaper databases. You can browse or search the 3,549 issues from our archive of Palisade's newspaper of record from June 6, 1903, through December 1974 at for free at:

<https://www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org>
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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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Annual Memberships (check one)

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

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PALISADE TRIBUNE DIGITIZATION FUND

We have raised funds to digitize 3,549 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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