

PALISADE Historical Society

THE ORDINARY FELLOW WINERY 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 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 will begin at 6 p.m. on Thursday, October 5th at the Ordinary Fellow Winery - 202 Peach Avenue in Palisade. 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!

Next month's history talk – November 16th – Matt Darling "Cross Orchards Model TT and Early Trucks"



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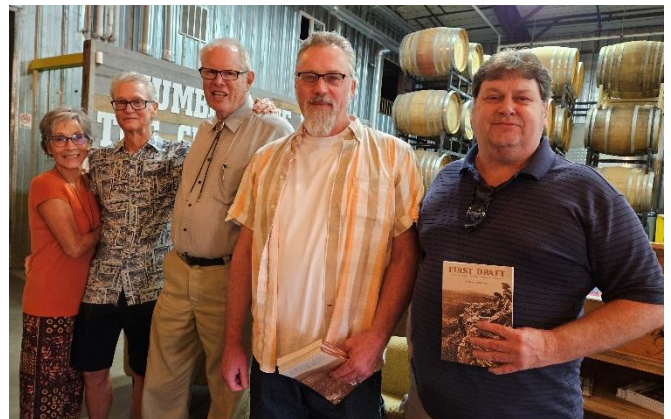
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For the November 16th history talk, Matt Darling, Curator of Cross Orchards, will talk about the development of early trucks, the impact the Model T had on American life, orchard hoopies, and keeping the Model TT in tip top shape over the years. The history talk will begin at 6 p.m. on Thursday, November 16th at The Ordinary Fellow Winery - 202 Peach Avenue in Palisade. The tasting room will open at 4:00, and as food will not be available on site, you can bring food to the program.

Last month, Bob Silbernagel talked about Jim Furgason

For the September program, Bob Silbernagel talked about Palisade's Jim Furgason, the Wild Bunch associate who served briefly as Town Marshal. Jim's story is part of a chapter in Bob's new book, "Final Draft"- which Bob received the first copies from the publisher that day! Bob brought autographed copies to the talk which are now available at the Palisade History Museum. The proceeds will benefit the Palisade Historical Society.

The talk was even more special because Jim Furgason's grandson, James M. Furgason and wife, Olga, and great grandsons Robert S. and James Carson traveled from out of state to attend the program. Bob Silbernagel had been in contact with family members who provided photos and information - including the correct spelling of the name! Other interesting stories included Pinkerton Detective Charlie Siringo who interacted with and wrote a book about Jim Furgason's days (*continued*)



Bob Silbernagel, center, with Olga and James M. Furgason, left, Robert S. Furgason, and James Carson, at The Ordinary Fellow Winery program on September 7th.

with the Wild Bunch before he became an entrepreneur businessman. Jim Furgason was briefly Palisade's Town Marshal in 1905.



Some of the audience at The Ordinary Fellow Winery listening to Bob Silbernagel's interesting history talk about Jim Furgason on September 7th

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

JR's Carriage Service tours benefit the Historical Society this month

If you haven't taken a tour with JR's Carriage Service or have friends and family visiting this month 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.

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.

Become a Member!

If you or your business aren't one of the current 100 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

Brant Harrison passes away September 8, 2023

Long time Historical Society supporter Brant Harrison passed away after a long battle with stomach cancer.



His family's organic fruit growing company, Kokopelli Produce, has maintained its business membership in the Historical Society since it began in 2010, and donated additional funds for Palisade's first History Museum. He was also a resource for a forthcoming booklet on the History of Rapid Creek where his family has maintained the area's agricultural heritage. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Clifton Christian Church and the Palisade Historical Society.

Brant Harrison at the ribbon cutting for the Palisade History Museum on August 18, 2021

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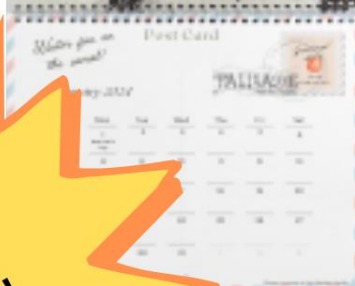
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**Free local pickup at the Palisade History Museum
(3740 G Road in Palisade) also available**



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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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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