

# PALISADE Historical Society

## THE ORDINARY FELLOW WINERY HISTORY TALK -

Matt Darling

**“Cross Orchards Model TT and  
Early Trucks” Thursday,  
November 16<sup>th</sup> 6 p.m.**



For the November 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 16<sup>th</sup> at The Ordinary Fellow Winery - 202 Peach Avenue in Palisade. The tasting room will open at noon, and as food will not be available on site, you can bring food to the program. Come early and enjoy learning interesting history in a comfortable setting!

## **Next month's history talk – December 14<sup>th</sup> “Celebrating 80 Years of Legacy on the Colorado Plateau”**

The Atomic Legacy Cabin has a rich and unique history beginning with the Manhattan Project and leading to the present. Ashton Peterhans, Interpretive Specialist and Contractor for the U.S. Department of Energy Office of *(continued)*

## November 2023

Legacy Management will explain how uranium changed Grand Junction at a critical time in the nation's history. She will also explain the mission of the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Legacy Management today. The Atomic Cabin celebrated its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary earlier this year.



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

The December history talk is open to the public and will begin at 6 p.m. on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at the Ordinary Fellow Winery - 202 Peach Avenue in Palisade. As no food is available on site, you can bring food to the program.

## **Last month was Dave Fishell - “The Perplexing Plunder of the Palisade Post Office”**

At last month's history talk, Grand Junction historian and award-winning author Dave Fishell gave details of the infamous robbery of Palisade's post office in August 1924. The \$15,000 of stolen postage stamps and cash, and the robbers were never found.



The audience at The Ordinary Fellow Winery enjoying Dave Fishell's interesting history talk about the 1924 unsolved Palisade post office robbery.

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.

## PALISADE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM-GYMNASIUM REOPENED OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup>

The long-awaited official opening of the renovated Auditorium-Gymnasium was held on Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Planned to be built contiguous to the 1926 High School which opened in 1926, it was not financially possible until 1940 when the WPA funded much of the money to construct it.

The Historical Society provided 20 historic photographs and information about the history of it and other school buildings on the property over the years. The original 1926 building and the east wing added in the early 1950s were demolished earlier this year to make room for the new Community Hospital Clinic which opened earlier this year.

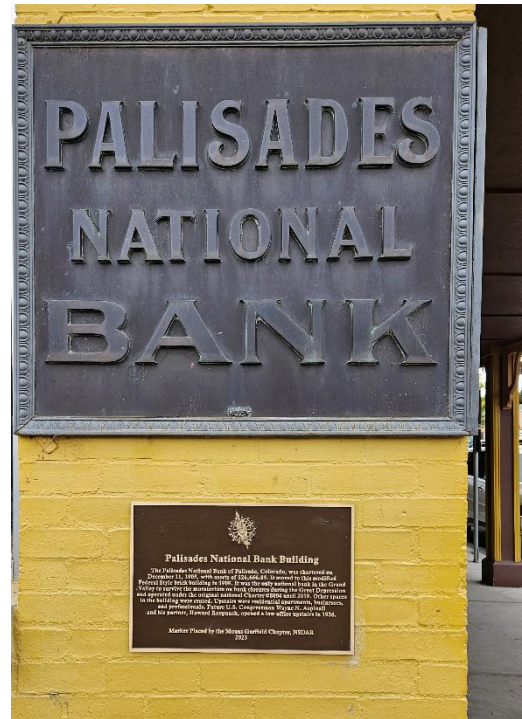


The interior of the Auditorium-Gymnasium with the refurbished bleachers in the balcony on October 24 official dedication night.



One of 20 photos with information about Palisade schools, student organizations at the school, and other history which the Historical Society researched and printed to be displayed throughout the building.

## DAR PLAQUE ON PALISADES NATIONAL BANK BUILDING DEDICATED OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup>



The new DAR Plaque on the wall of the 1909 Bank building.

The Mount Garfield Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) worked for more than a year to get an official bronze plaque for the Palisades National Bank building at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Main Street as part of its historic preservation goals.

This historic Palisade building is now in the DAR's popular database of designated sites across the country.

The bronze plaque was dedicated in a ceremony on October 28<sup>th</sup>. Sheryl Fitzgerald, past regent of the Mount Garfield DAR introduced honored guests. DAR member and Palisade Historical Society founding chair Priscilla Walker did much of the research and documentation required for national DAR approval, as her grandfather, George W. Bowman, was president of the Palisades National Bank from 1910 to 1942. Some of her research was from her family's records.

Kimberly Daniels, Colorado State Recording Secretary braved the winter weather warning and brought greetings on behalf of Leslie Brinkley, the State Regent for the Colorado State Society. She was especially glad to have a *(continued)* Page 2



DAR plaque approved for a Western Slope building.

Brian Quarnstrom and Alex Hood, current owners of the bank building, chose not to venture on the icy I-70 corridor to attend the ceremony, but were very supportive of the project. They also became business members of the Palisade Historical Society and have historic photos of downtown Palisade – especially those featuring the bank building – on display in the top floor for residents to also appreciate its history.



Honored guests at the ceremony (l. to r) Sheryl Fitzgerald, past regent of the Mount Garfield Chapter of DAR, Priscilla Walker, Nancy Palubicki, current Mount Garfield Chapter Regent, and Kimberly Daniels, DAR State Recording Secretary

Another honored guest at the ceremony was former Palisades National Bank President Mike McEvoy. He knew from the minutes he read of the early bank director meetings that even though the Town's name changed in 1904 to Palisade without an "s," the bank's name did not change in 1905 when it began in the Purcell building on Main Street because it would have cost \$500!

## 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](http://www.historicpalisade.org)

## FALL DAY ON THE FARM AT CROSS ORCHARDS

Cross Orchards annual fundraising event was held October 21st with a record turnout. The Palisade Historical Society had a display in the Barn surrounded by Palisade artifacts including picking sacks, and peach packing equipment.

A popular addition for this year's display were short videos showing how peach trees were pruned by men on stilts, and how peaches were wrap-packed in wooden boxes which were then shipped in refrigerated railroad box cars. The video display is also at the History Museum, which is open four days a week – Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 10 to 2.



Historical Society volunteers Dave Cecuga, Nancy Eighmy, Ralph Branch, and Charlene Weidner at the Historical Society display at Cross Orchards

## 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.

## 2023-2024 Directors of the Palisade Historical Society

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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.

### MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

#### Annual Memberships (check one)

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

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10-year (Family or Individual) \$200 ☐    Lifetime (Family or Individual) \$400 ☐

### 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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