

# PALISADE Historical Society

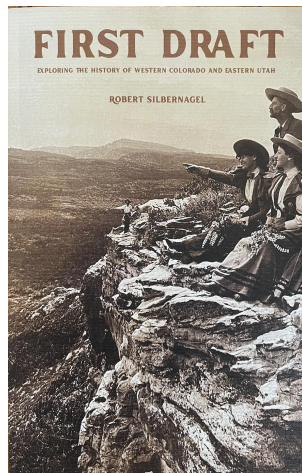
## THE ORDINARY FELLOW WINERY HISTORY TALK

“Historical Puzzles”

by Bob Silbernagel

THURSDAY, APRIL 25TH - 6pm

The April History Talk will be by local history author Bob Silbernagel. Historical puzzles have always intrigued him, so his program will examine why people make certain actions that significantly affected the outcome of major and minor historical events.



History Talks are open to the public at The Ordinary Fellow Winery, 202 Peach Avenue. It is a relaxed and comfortable setting to learn about Palisade's unique history and enjoy a glass of wine. The tasting room opens at noon.

## MAY HISTORY TALK THURSDAY, MAY 9TH - Leigh Jeremias “Reading Yesterday’s News Online Today”

On May 9th at 6 p.m. at The Ordinary Fellow Winery, Leigh Jeremias from the Colorado State Library will show key website features and tricks for searching the Colorado Historic Newspaper Collection which now includes 3,753 issues of *The Palisade Tribune*. This important community history is often not included in any other source for students, teachers, genealogists and general researchers.

## April 2024

### LAST MONTH’S TALK

## “Then and Now” - Orchard Mesa Irrigation District History by Jackie Fisher, General Manager

The March History Talk speaker was Jackie Fisher, general manager of the Orchard Mesa Irrigation District who presented the interesting history of the OMID which was formed in 1907 and began pumping irrigation water in 1910. OMID also replaced its 1933 hydropower plant with its new Vinelands Power Plant in 2022. Her talk explained the challenges of operating a 100+ year old pumping plant, water rights, and how the more efficient Power Plant uses the same amount of water to generate more power.



Some of the audience for Jackie Fisher's program in March.

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY HOLDS OFFICER ELECTIONS

At the March 12th Meeting of the Palisade Historical Society, **JoAnn Rasmussen was elected Chair.**

She has served as Vice chair this past year, and, as an owner of the Historic Crissey House, given history talks about what it's like to own and refurbish a home built in 1908 - most recently at the January history talk at The Ordinary Fellow Winery. The 2024 Calendar was also one of her projects.



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## Founding Chair Priscilla Walker was elected Vice chair.

She will continue to be involved in the many Historical Society projects. Priscilla has done so much for the Palisade Historical Society from its beginning, she was honored with a cake from the Slice O' Life and celebration during the meeting. Gary Hines was reelected Secretary, and Jaime Cox was reelected Treasurer of the organization.



## 120 YEAR AGO COLUMN

For decades, one of the most popular columns in *The Palisade Tribune* was the "It Happened Here" page where the editors would summarize news of interest from issues in the past.

## Palisade was incorporated in 1904

Realizing our town was formally incorporated as Palisade 120 years ago this month, we found some interesting articles about the Town's founding in the 3,753 archival issues on the CHNC database.

From *The Palisade Tribune* April 9, 1904 issue:

### Palisade Incorporates.

The election held last Monday to vote on the proposition of incorporating the town passed off in a good-natured manner. A great deal of friendly rivalry was displayed by those on opposite sides of the proposition. After the ballots had been counted it was found that there were eighty-three for incorporation and thirty-six against. The younger generation and those who had worked for the proposition had quite a celebration in the evening at which time canon crackers and anvils were fired, and the air was shot full of holes with roman candles and sky-rockets. The next thing now in order will be the electing of a mayor, four trustees, a treasurer, and a clerk. The convention for nominating the same will, no doubt, be held next week. Those who are opposed to licensing a saloon will then have their say in the matter. It is the opinion of the editor that it would be best to have "for" or "against" saloons placed on the ballots, and that all candidates be pledged to abide by the will of the people, in this regard.

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Following the successful incorporation vote, the next step was to nominate candidates for mayor and trustees. The other item on the ballot for the May 2nd election was whether or not Saloon Licenses should be approved. The two parties nominating candidates were the Citizens Party and the Republican Party.

From *The Palisade Tribune*, April 23, 1904

"The Citizens Ticket."

Tuesday evening, as stated by the notices posted about town, a mass meeting of the qualified electors of the town of Palisade was held in Bowers' Hall for the purpose of placing in nomination one mayor and six trustees, to be voted on at the municipal election to be held May 2nd. Dr. Brown called the meeting to order and H. W. Kluge was nominated as temporary chairman and Fred Bower its temporary secretary. The next thing in order was the nomination of candidates, which after the ballots were counted, resulted as follows: For mayor, H. W. Kluge; for trustees, W. A. Powell, D. M. Landreth. Dr. G. R. Brown, J. S. Marlin, C. Bower and W. E. Bell. Upon motion it was decided to place, "For Saloon License" and "Against Saloon License" upon the ballot and that every voter be given a chance to exercise their opinion in this matter by their ballot, and also that all candidates accepting, a place on this ticket be pledged to abide by the decision of the majority of the voters. It was decided to call this set of nominees "The Citizens Ticket." F. M. Gould was elected permanent chairman of the party and Fred Bower permanent secretary. Before closing Mayor-to-be Kluge was called upon for a speech, to which he responded to in his usual happy manner. During his remarks he stated a number of plain facts and also that he would, if elected, do his best to look after the welfare of our prosperous little town. He was followed by a number of short talks from those nominated as trustees and other citizens.

From *The Palisade Tribune*, April 30, 1904

The Republican candidates on the May 2 ballot were F.J. Songer for Mayor, and for trustees; H.D. Sayles, J.A. Pearson and Geo. W. Sawade. The ballot also gave voters of both parties the choice of: For Saloon License or Against Saloon License.

To search or browse for more history in *The Palisade Tribune*, click on this link:  
<https://www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org>



## HUGUS BUILDING HISTORY



**Heather Nowak, owner of The Blue Pig, with the Hugus Building new timeline display**

We recently compiled highlights of the building at 101 East 3rd Street which was built in 1903 as the Palisade Mercantile and 120 years ago in June 1904, it became J.W. Hugus & Company's 8th general merchandise store, which added a building for its Bank of Palisade the next year. Stop by the Blue Pig Gallery to see the timeline of owners and businesses over the past 121 years – including a variety of historic photos of the building – on display.

## 2024-2025 Directors of the Palisade Historical Society

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## DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE!

Need more deductions this year? Whether you become a member or donate to the Palisade Historical Society, your donation is tax deductible. Our non-profit tax ID is 27-246812.

## NEW PHOTO DISPLAY AT THE TOWN OF PALISADE in Honor of Palisade's 120 Years!

Priscilla Walker and JoAnn Rasmussen recently updated the historic photos in the entry way at Town Hall to honor Palisade's 120 years! These photos show what Palisade looked like and the views people saw when the Town was incorporated in 1904.



**JoAnn Rasmussen and Rebecca Loucks, from the Town of Palisade, in front of the new display**

## BECOME A MEMBER!

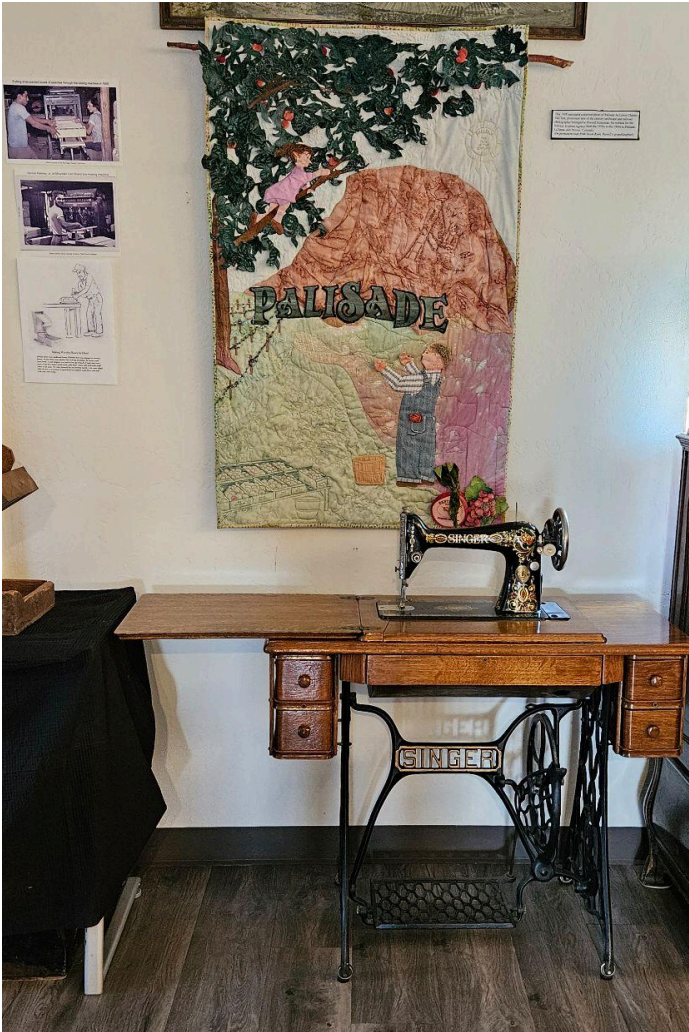
If you or your business aren't one of the current 113 members of the Palisade Historical Society, please join us. Send your check to P.O. Box 631 Palisade, CO 81526. For credit cards, call (970) 464-2177 or send your contact information on the contact tab at [www.historicpalisade.org](http://www.historicpalisade.org)

There is a membership & donation form at the end of this newsletter that explains all of your options.

## 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 being 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.

## WHAT'S NEW AT THE HISTORY MUSEUM



Cindy Herrman recently donated a 1921 Model 66 Singer sewing machine originally owned by her grandmother, Mary LaFern "Marie" Broll Griffith. Her great grandson, Vernon Keeney, (whose picture at a box-making machine is on the wall on the left) restored the sewing machine. Above the sewing machine is Ruth Feild's quilt celebrating the Town's Centennial in 2004..

## STOP BY AND SEE FOR YOURSELF!

The Palisade History Museum is open four days a week: Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 10am to 2pm. Stop in and see us at 3740 G Road. Every time you visit, something new (and old!) will catch your eye!

## YOUR PURCHASES AT CITY MARKET BENEFIT THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Palisade Historical Society is grateful to participate in the City Market Community Rewards Program.

If you have a City Market loyalty card and have used the City Market's website, just log into <http://www.citymarket.com> and search for the Palisade Historical Society.

Select it as your designated community non-profit. It is another painless and amazingly effective way to support the Palisade Historical Society.



If you do not have an account, you will need to create one by providing some basic information, a valid email address, and a City Market/Kroger loyalty card number. You can get a loyalty card at any Kroger, King Soopers, or City Market store's customer service desk. You must swipe your registered loyalty card or use the phone number attached to the card for your purchase to benefit the Palisade Historical Society.

You do not have to be a member of the Palisade Historical Society, and you don't have to live in the area to participate!

## THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING US. WE APPRECIATE YOU!

**PALISADE**  
P.O. Box 631 Historical Society  
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[www.historicpalisade.org](http://www.historicpalisade.org)





## 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

#### Extended Memberships

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

### PALISADE TRIBUNE DIGITIZATION FUND

We have raised funds to digitize 3,753 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!

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

### PALISADE HISTORY MUSEUM

Please help us at any level.

\$1,000     \$500     \$100     Other  \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$2,500 (receive a "Proud Supporter" sign)

\$5,000 (advertise in the Museum for your business)

For credit card payments, call (970) 464-2177.

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