

PALISADE

Historical Society

THE ORDINARY FELLOW WINERY HISTORY TALK

Andrea Lopez - "Ute Water History"
THURSDAY, JUNE 13th - 6pm

On June 13th at 6 p.m. at The Ordinary Fellow Winery, Andrea Lopez, who leads Ute Water's External Affairs Department, will talk about the history of the Ute Water Conservancy District. It was formed April 4, 1956, and just celebrated its 68th birthday! It supplies domestic water service to the rural areas of the Grand Valley. Its service boundaries encompass approximately 260 square miles in Mesa County including areas around Palisade not served by the Palisade Municipal Water system.



These 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.

JULY HISTORY TALK THURSDAY, JULY 11th - 6pm "THE HISTORY OF THE PALISADE INSECTARY"

On July 11th, Director Dan Bean will present the history of the Department of Agriculture's unique Palisade Insectary. It started in 1945 to control the Oriental Fruit Moth, a devastating pest of peaches. The insectary continues to distribute beneficial insects for use against invasive weeds. The insectary also monitors and provides assistance to continue the fight against invasive Japanese Beetles which thrive on peaches, grapes and roses and were successfully eradicated from Palisade several years ago.

June 2024

LAST MONTH'S TALK
**"Reading Yesterday's News Online
Today" by Leigh Jeremias**

The May History Talk was Leigh Jeremias, Digital Collections Senior Colorado Consultant at the Colorado State Library. She showed tips and tricks for searching the Colorado Historical Newspaper Collection website. Currently there are 3,753 issues of *The Palisade Tribune* on the database of 4.4 million pages from 762 titles of Colorado newspapers! This important community history is often not recorded in any other source for students, teachers, genealogists and general researchers.



**Leigh Jeremias shows research tips for the
Colorado Historic Newspaper Collection site**



JUNE 1904 NEWSPAPER ADS

Sprinkled throughout this Newsletter, you will see ads from past issues of *The Palisade Tribune*. The ads in this issue are from June 4, 1904. It's a small glimpse of life in Palisade from 120 years ago!

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

TAYLOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS LEARN PALISADE HISTORY

The 2nd Grade classes at Taylor Elementary have been learning Palisade history from our *Historic Palisade Coloring Book*! In May, Palisade Historical Society volunteers JoAnn Rasmussen and Priscilla Walker visited Lindsey Denton, Connie Moore, and Beth Graham's classrooms in May with stilts, a picking sack, wooden boxes of "peaches," and pieces of coal. The future historians were thrilled to see these items in person and ask questions!



JoAnn Rasmussen and Priscilla Walker visited three 2nd Grade classrooms at Taylor Elementary



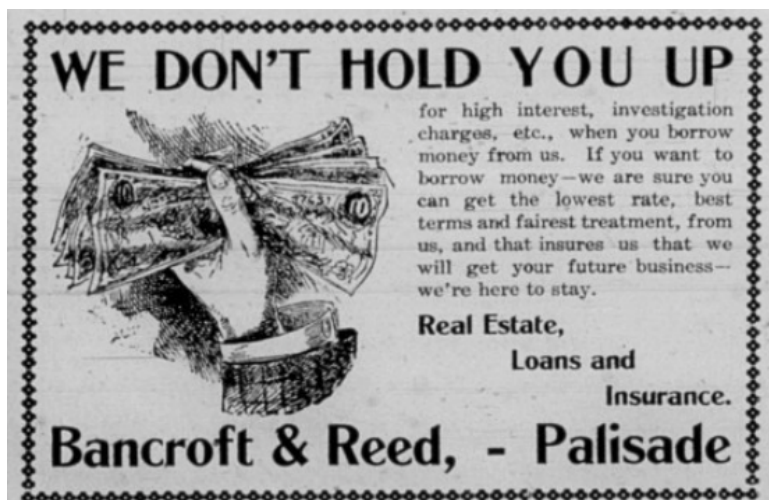
2nd Grade Teacher, Beth Graham, and her class' coloring book display in the hall - The orchards are blooming!

These lessons are fostering a local pride in these students as they learn about Palisade's unique history. Thanks to Rotary Club donations, the coloring books are provided to the students.

HELP US REACH OUR MEMBERSHIP GOAL!

In honor of Palisade's 120th Birthday, we're trying to reach a goal of 120 members this year! Please join us. (We currently have 113!) 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

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



Ad from The Palisade Tribune - June 4, 1904

NEW SIGN AT PIONEER MONUMENT

There is a new sign commemorating the Pioneer Monument at I-70 Exit 47 near Cameo. In June of 1931, the stone roadside marker was dedicated to "The Pioneers of the Mountains and Valleys of Western Colorado" and to the construction of 14 miles of new roadway extending from the mouth of Plateau Canyon to DeBeque. More than 30 years later, it was moved to its current location to make room for I-70 and the exit to US Highway 65. The Plateau Valley Historical Preservation Society worked with the Colorado Department of Highways to create and place an interpretive sign with the monument's history. An official dedication will be later this year.

The PVHPS is also planning to replace missing bronze plaques from the Pioneer Monument.



Pictured left to right: Bob Silbernagel, local history writer, and members of the local historical associations: Beverly Duzenack and Val Dussor from Plateau Valley Historical Preservation Society, and from the Palisade Historical Society, JoAnn Rasmussen (Chair), Claire Elise Rasmussen (Volunteer), and Priscilla Walker (Founding Chair).



HISTORIC PHOTOS NOW ON DISPLAY IN THREE NEW LOCATIONS



AT CMU:

Tasalyn Anderson Love, a history student at Colorado Mesa University, created an exhibition (*pictured on the left*) that features the history of the Palisade Peach and the way peaches are embedded in the local culture. She contacted the Palisade Historical Society for information and items to illustrate her concept. The display is located on the first floor of the Tomlinson Library at CMU and will be there until next March

AT CARBOY WINERY:

Barbie Graham, Manager of Carboy Winery at 3572 G Road, wanted customers to better understand Palisade history - especially our wine history. She contacted the Historical Society and now on display are photos which illustrate our unique history. (*A photo of some of the pictures is featured below.*)



Among the photos are the "Roller Dam" which provides vital irrigation water to the vineyards and fruit orchards in Palisade, the CCC Camp

which also housed German Prisoners of War in 1944, and the Migrant Labor Camp that operated from 1941-1961, as well as Danny Bracken, the first certified organic grape grower in Palisade, and more.

AT THE CLIFTON LIBRARY:

Ramana Konantz, Adjunct Professor at Colorado Mesa University, and Librarian at the new Clifton

branch library on D ½ Road, embraced our offer of historic photos of Clifton. She ordered frames and incorporated 14 photos for the initial rotating display which began May 10 and will continue through July 3. The photos highlight Clifton's forgotten history when it was a stop for the Mountaineer passenger train in the 1950s, and a fruit processing hub for the Mountain Lion brand marketing cooperative. J. W. Hugus and Company's 12th store and bank was in Clifton in the early 20th Century.

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 to learn how you can be part of this organization.

YOUR PURCHASES BENEFIT THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Palisade Historical Society is grateful to participate in the Kroger Community Rewards Program. If you have a Loyalty Card and have



used the City Market, King Soopers, or Kroger website or app, just log-in and search for the Palisade Historical Society under Community Rewards. Select us as your designated charity of choice. It's free and a great way to support 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! Questions? Just ask!



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Palisade History Museum
3740 G Rd., Palisade, CO



Check our website HistoricPalisade.org
Google Maps, or Facebook page for info.

STOP BY IN PERSON!

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!

DO PALISADE RIGHT

[Do Palisade Right](#) is a new campaign by the Palisade Tourism Advisory Board (TAB) and Colorado Tourism Office (CTO) aimed at tourists as a friendly reminder to visit Palisade respectfully.



You will see signs and postcards around town, and the Palisade History Museum has a display as well!



Leave it Hanging

Let fruit be on the tree



Steer Clear of Private Property

Respect private gates and signs in fruit and wine country



Pedal Proper

Keep it upright and let the good times roll



Slow Down & Enjoy

Wave, it's what we do here



Tame the Toast

Drink in all Palisade has to offer in a chill manner



Water Up!

It's high and dry here, so stay hydrated



Ad from *The Palisade Tribune* - June 4, 1904

Click on visitpalisade.com/do-palisade-right for more information!

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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.

For checks or money orders payable to Palisade Historical Society, mail them with your confidential contact information to: **Palisade Historical Society, PO Box 631, Palisade, CO 81526.**

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