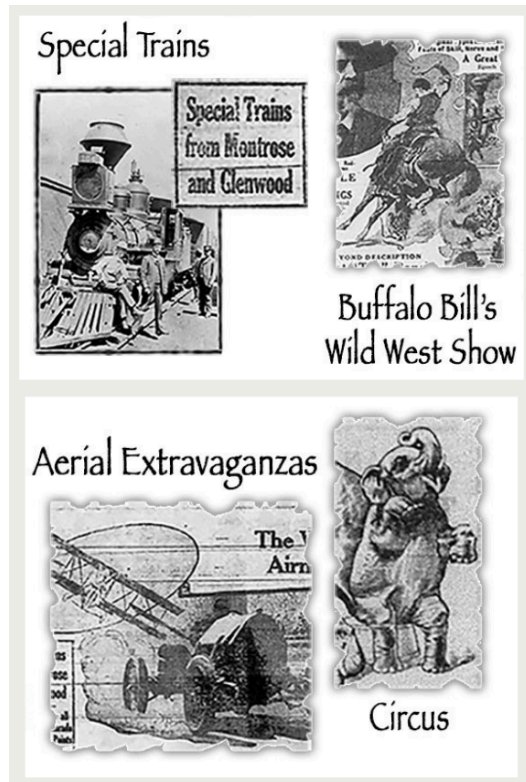


JULY HISTORY TALK THURSDAY, JULY 17th - 6 PM Entertainment in the Grand Valley in the Early 1900s

Local author, Joe Zeni, will be presenting "Entertainment in the Grand Valley in the Early 1900s" at the History Talk on Thursday, July 17th at 6pm at the Ordinary Fellow Winery.



July 17th at The Ordinary Fellow Winery. This program is open to the public in a relaxed and comfortable setting for people to learn about Palisade's unique history. Free admission; donations appreciated. Be sure to come early to get a seat!

at the History Talk on Thursday, July 17th at 6pm at the Ordinary Fellow Winery. Come learn about the things that entertained those on the Western Slope at the turn of the last Century!

The talk will begin at 6 pm on Thursday,

AUGUST HISTORY TALK THURSDAY, AUG. 21st - 6 PM CSU EXTENSION SERVICE

Jeff Pieper has been working in horticulture on Colorado's Western slope for over 10 years. After being a horticulturist in Eagle County, Jeff moved to the Grand Valley to work on peach production systems and complete his Ph. D. in Horticulture at Colorado State University. In his current role, Jeff is the Tri-River Area Commercial Horticulture and Natural Resource Specialist for CSU Extension. The split duties allow him to work with tree fruit, vegetable, and nursery growers while also teaching Native Plant and ethnobotany classes. For the talk, he will discuss the History of the Extension in Colorado and Mesa County and current program offerings.



LAST MONTH'S HISTORY TALK

At the June History Talk, we celebrated the 110th birthday of "The Roller Dam." We had a Dam Birthday Party and a Dam History Talk (**picture of the crowd**), and we all had the best



Dam time! Check out more pictures on the next page!

PICTURES FROM THE ROLLER DAM BIRTHDAY PARTY & HISTORY TALK



It's not really a birthday party without a cake from Slice o' Life Bakery! **(pictured, left)** This cake was half chocolate raspberry, half Palisade peach

(of course!), and 100% delicious!

We had record attendance at this History Talk, with 106 people! As one of our directors said, "We almost had 110 people, in honor of 110 years!" **(Pictured, below: It was standing room only at The Ordinary Fellow Winery!)**



After the video on the history of the Grand River Diversion Dam, drone footage, and Maggy Fellman's music video of "That DAM Water Keeps Us Green," Tina Bergonzini **(pictured, right)**, General Manager of the Grand Valley Water Users Association, talked about the present and future of the Roller Dam and answered questions about the Shoshone Water Rights and the impact of the zebra mussels on the irrigation systems.



PEACH QUILT AGAIN ON DISPLAY AT THE BLUE PIG

The popular queen-size Peach Quilt with 90 hand painted squares depicting different peach varieties

is back by popular demand!

It will again be on display at the Blue Pig Gallery in July and August.

(Blue Pig Owner Chuck Nowak, left, installing

The Queen Size Peach Quilt is Back!



It will be on display at The Blue Pig through July & August.

the quilt on the tall walls last year) It was given to the Historical Society last year by its creator, Flora Anderson's daughters, knowing it was their mother's wish to have it in a museum.

Last July and August, it drew quilt lovers, artists, and others from all over Colorado and beyond. The Blue Pig Gallery is located at 3rd and Main Street in Palisade. Be sure to stop by and see it again.



Our 2026 Calendar featuring the Peach Quilt will be available EARLY, starting in mid-July! Get them at The Blue Pig and the Palisade History Museum! Contact us for more info!

FLAG DAY CEREMONY

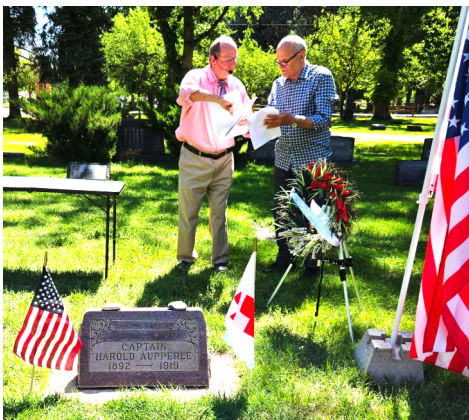
For a special June 14 Flag Day Celebration, Joe Zeni invited the Palisade Historical Society to be part of an event honoring Red Cross Captain Harold Aupperle who grew up in Grand Junction and served in Serbia in World War I. His father, David Aupperle, was instrumental in creating the Government Highline Canal.

Special guest for the event was Slavoljub Guduric from Serbia whose family was personally affected by Harold Aupperle's life-saving efforts. Mr. Guduric placed wreaths at the monument honoring Captain Aupperle in the Veteran's section at the Orchard Mesa Cemetery and at the nearby Aupperle family gravesites. Mr. Guduric, who raised money for the trip to Grand Junction by playing his frula - a musical instrument that is popular in Serbia - also played a tune at the ceremonies.

In researching his book, *Promise*, about Captain Aupperle's life, Author Joe Zeni contacted the Palisade Historical Society. We were glad to share information and newspaper articles from the Grand Valley Water User Association's files about the Canal and other research about the Aupperle family.

Joe connected with Mr. Guduric online and learned more about Captain Aupperle's accomplishments before he died of typhus in Serbia on June 14, 1919. The City of Grand Junction, the Museum of Western Colorado, and representatives from the DAR, the American Red Cross of Western Colorado were also honored at the ceremony.

(Joe, left and Slavoljub, right, at Captain Harold Aupperle's Grave on East Orchard Mesa)



JOY GROUP VISITS MUSEUM



The JOY (Just Older Youth) Group from Grand Junction visited the Palisade History Museum in June. They were enthusiastic and several who had previously lived or worked in Palisade shared interesting memories. Some had even worked in peach harvests when they were in high school!

IRRIGATION DAMS WERE THE WELLSPRING CLASS FOCUS

For the fourth year, the Palisade Historical Society was asked to present the history of local irrigation dams for the Wellspring Class. This is a four-day river and art program for middle school students from all over the Valley.

Again this year, we presented photos and information about the 110 year old Grand River Diversion Dam, known as the "Roller Dam" in DeBeque Canyon and the importance of irrigation for agriculture.



(Nancy Eighmy, standing left, presented photos and information about irrigation dams for the Wellspring Project at the Fruita Community Center.) (Continued...)

WELLSPRING CLASS (CONT.)

This year, Historical Society Board Member Nancy Eighmy presented historical photos and information. For the art aspect, students created dams out of air dry modeling clay following the presentation.



(Two students worked together using the clay to model a dam with towers similar to the Grand

River Diversion Dam.)

Rivers Edge West believes these experiences should be accessible to all and raises funds so the Wellspring Project can expand and remain free to students.

FREE SEARCHABLE DATABASE



There are 4,567 issues of *The Palisade Tribune* available on the Colorado Historic Newspapers and Plains to Peaks Databases. All available issues from June 6, 1903 to December 22, 1994 are

available for searching. Check out our Newspaper Tab on HistoricPalisade.org for more information!

FREE ADMISSION 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!

JULY HOURS AT THE PALISADE HISTORY MUSEUM

JULY 2025 Palisade History Museum HOURS						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29	30	1 10am - 2pm	2	3 10am - 2pm	CLOSED on 4 th of JULY	5 10am - 2pm
6	7	8 10am - 2pm	9	10 10am - 2pm	11 10am - 2pm	12 10am - 2pm
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20	21	22 10am - 2pm	23	24 10am - 2pm	25 10am - 2pm	26 10am - 2pm
27	28	29 10am - 2pm	30	31 10am - 2pm	AUG 1 10am - 2pm	AUG 2 10am - 2pm

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