

## NOVEMBER HISTORY TALK THURSDAY, NOV. 13 - 6 PM COLORADO IN 1876: A TALE OF TWO STATES



Leading up to celebration of the United States marking the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and Colorado marking the 150th anniversary of our entrance into the Union in 1876, the Palisade Historical Society's November history talk will be local award-winning archaeologist Curtis Martin who will tell us what the world was like for folks living in the state and working and building vibrant lives in the Grand Valley and elsewhere in 1876.

The talk will begin at 6 pm on Thursday, Nov. 13th 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!



## DECEMBER HISTORY TALK THURSDAY, DEC. 11 - 6 PM

FROM CLASSROOMS TO CONSERVATION:  
THE HISTORY, LEGACY, AND IMPACT OF THE  
PALISADE HIGH SCHOOL FISH HATCHERY ON  
STUDENTS, COMMUNITY, AND THE  
COLORADO RIVER

The Palisade Historical Society's December history talk will be presented by Patrick Steele, Palisade High School Science Teacher / Fish Hatchery Manager / Football Coach; and Mike Gross, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service-Fish Culturist / Outreach Coordinator, along with former graduates of Palisade High School who are currently working with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.



More than a decade ago, an ambitious vision took root at Palisade High School (PHS): to build a

student-operated fish hatchery dedicated to the conservation of endangered native fish of the Colorado River. That vision became reality in 2015 through a partnership with the Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program. But the true origins of this story trace back millions of years, to the evolutionary journey of the razorback sucker — a rare species now nurtured by students in the heart of Palisade.

The talk will begin at 6 p.m. at the Ordinary Fellow Winery, 202 Peach Avenue in Palisade.

## LAST MONTH'S HISTORY TALK



In October, Carol Hunter, Founder and current Coordinator of the Dominguez Escalante Expedition Education Project (DEEEP), explained the expedition that was in Western Colorado for 39 days in 1776. The website offers details for each of these days from extensive research DEEEP did to correct conflicting sources since the original record was lost. Details about terrain, weather, and more are included in the site: [DEEPColorado.com](http://DEEPColorado.com) (Yes, there are three Es!)

## GUIDED WALKING TOUR PALISADE TOWN CENTER

Looking for a clever gift idea? Did you know we offer Guided Walking Tours for a suggested donation? They are a wonderful way to give "the gift of experiences" to those special people on your list!

At the end of September, Palisade Historical Society Volunteers, JoAnn Rasmussen and Steve Scroggins, led the Town Center Guided Walking Tour. This is the second tour this family has done with us!

**Janet Cope, Rachel Cope, and baby Gregory Cope** (pictured right) enjoyed learning more about the history of Palisade!



You can learn more about these tours on our Tour Tab on [HistoricPalisade.org](http://HistoricPalisade.org), or by clicking [here](#).

## HOLIDAY HOURS



Typically, the Palisade History Museum is open four days a week: Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays

from 10am to 2pm. In November, we will be closed Thursday, Nov. 27th and Friday, Nov. 28th, but we will be OPEN Saturday, Nov. 29th! Stop in and see us at 3740 G Road. Every time you visit, something new (and old!) will catch your eye!

## NOVEMBER HOURS AT THE PALISADE HISTORY MUSEUM

| NOVEMBER 2025<br>Palisade History Museum<br>HOURS |     |                  |     |                                  |                  |                          |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----|------------------|-----|----------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| SUN                                               | MON | TUE              | WED | THU                              | FRI              | SAT                      |
| 26                                                | 27  | 28<br>10am - 2pm | 29  | 30<br>10am - 2pm                 | 31<br>10am - 2pm | 1<br>10am - 2pm          |
| 2                                                 | 3   | 4<br>10am - 2pm  | 5   | 6<br>10am - 2pm                  | 7<br>10am - 2pm  | 8<br>10am - 2pm          |
| 9                                                 | 10  | 11<br>10am - 2pm | 12  | 13<br>10am - 2pm                 | 14<br>10am - 2pm | 15<br>10am - 2pm         |
| 16                                                | 17  | 18<br>10am - 2pm | 19  | 20<br>10am - 2pm                 | 21<br>10am - 2pm | 22<br>10am - 2pm         |
| 23<br>30                                          | 24  | 25<br>10am - 2pm | 26  | 27<br>CLOSED FOR<br>THANKSGIVING | 28               | 29<br>OPEN<br>10am - 2pm |

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Apricot leaves at the Historic Crissey House

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## 2026 CALENDAR



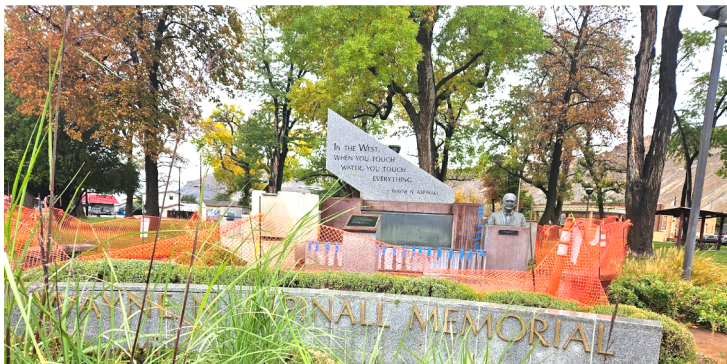
Have you gotten your Palisade Historical Society Peach Quilt Calendar yet? **Contact us today!** They are available for a \$20 suggested donation, **while supplies last!**

## COLORADO RIVER - LOW AUGUST 11

With the higher diversion for the Grand Valley Canal, the Colorado River was often entirely diverted into the canal near Riverbend Park. The lowest water level for the summer was on August 22 when the River was even lower at 3.24 feet than this photo taken when the official measurement near Cameo was 3.84 cubic feet per second. After the record setting rains in October it was at 3.92 cubic feet per second.



## WAYNE ASPINALL MEMORIAL NEEDS REPAIR



The Aspinall Memorial is blocked off as Snyder Memorial prepares a bid for how to fix the almost 20 year old feature in honor of Congressman Aspinall in Palisade's Veterans' Memorial Park.

## PALISADE LIONS CLUB CELEBRATES 95 YEARS

The Palisade Lions Club held a 95th anniversary luncheon at Wine Country Inn on September 21st. It is hard to summarize the Lions' Club members' tireless volunteer work since 1930. In fact, every park, most buildings, and local organizations have benefitted from the Lions' generosity. More than the many accomplishments, the Lions demonstrate the idea of how working together and selflessly serving makes Palisade a better place to live, work, and play. Their motto is: "We Serve."

The Palisade Historical Society especially appreciates the Lions' Club support of our *Palisade Historic Walking Tour* brochure which they have donated to cover printing and artwork costs since 2012, and other projects including the PHS Senior Class photo display in the History Museum.



Past and current members and guests included, left to right, Rick Numaj, Julia Dumaj, Myra Keller, Whitney Smythe Smith, Shawna Fox, Jerrod Jackson, Donnie Bishop, Dan Spaid, Laura Mockler, Gayle Rupp, Nancy Wilbanks, Rick Fox, Jane McFarland, Peter Hodges, Renee Hodges, Mary Elsberry, Linda Elsberry, Ralph Branch, Pam Youmans, Chuck Youmans, Laurie Williams, A. J. Morris, Leonard Gardner, Kathy Gardner and Theresa Spaid. *(Photo courtesy Lisa Moose Kral, Dancing In My Head Photography)*

## PEACH STREET DISTILLERY ADDS METAL TRIM TO ROOF

New co-owners Jesse and Desa Loughman and Michael and Cody Lewis have restored the historic Peach Street Distillery office on 2nd Street and Kluge Ave which was built in 1890 as Palisade's first railroad depot. Recently they added decorative metal roof cresting similar to the original depot. They celebrated with a 20th Anniversary Grand Reopening Party on October 18th.



## PALISADE PET PARADE IDEA ORIGINATED FROM A PHOTO

From a 1935 photo (below) donated by Barbara Tilton Boardman, the Palisade Historical Society initiated the idea for a modern-day Pet Parade in 2013. The Town of Palisade revived the event for the Trick-or-Treat Street event this year.



Dozens of people and children with small animals are standing on the east side of Main Street in 1935. The photo shows businesses including the City Market, Bakery, and the White House Café on the north.

## FREE SEARCHABLE DATABASE



There are 4,617 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 28, 1995 are available for searching, with more on the way. Check out our Newspaper Tab on [HistoricPalisade.org](http://HistoricPalisade.org) for more information!

## COLORADO GIVES DAY - EARLY GIVING STARTS NOVEMBER 1ST

Join the statewide movement of Colorado Gives Day - Thousands of Coloradans are creating positive change, and you can too.



Colorado Gives Day is the biggest giving event in the state, and it's an opportunity for you to join other Coloradans who are coming together to make a meaningful

impact. This year, we need your support more than ever. Your gift can help The Palisade Historical Society collect, preserve, and communicate the unique history of Palisade, CO.

<https://www.coloradogives.org/story/HistoricPalisade>

From November 1 through December 9, every donation you make is boosted by a \$1M+ Incentive Fund, thanks to Colorado Gives Foundation and FirstBank. The more we raise, the bigger our share.

As always, we truly appreciate your support!

# THANK YOU!

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### **Annual Donation**

Town of Palisade

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#### **Memberships**

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### **Heritage Donors to the Museum**

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## Become a Part of History - Donate to the Palisade Historical Society.

The Palisade 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, or just make a general donation. Make a donation for any or all of the following categories:

- Become a **Member**
- Contribute to **The Palisade Tribune Digitization Fund**
- Donate to the **Palisade History Museum**
- Make a **General Donation**

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| <p><b>Palisade Tribune Digitization Fund</b></p> <p>We have raised funds to digitize 4,617 issues of <b>The Palisade Tribune</b> for the Colorado Historic Newspapers Collection database website. Please help us get more issues online for browsing and searching from anywhere!</p> <p>\$1,000 <input type="checkbox"/>    \$100 <input type="checkbox"/>    Other <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____</p> <p><b>Palisade History Museum</b></p> <p>Please help us at any level.</p> <p>\$1,000 <input type="checkbox"/>    \$500 <input type="checkbox"/>    \$100 <input type="checkbox"/>    Other <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____</p> <p>\$2,500 (receive a "Proud Supporter" sign) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$5,000 (advertise in the Museum for your business) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>General Donation</b></p> <p>Any amount is appreciated! <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____</p> |  <p>Donations</p> |
| <p>For credit card payments, use the QR codes above, or call 970-812-3064.<br/>For checks or money orders payable to Palisade Historical Society, mail them with your contact information to: <b>Palisade Historical Society, PO Box 631, Palisade, CO 81526</b></p> <p>Name <input type="text"/></p> <p>Address <input type="text"/></p> <p>City   State   Zip <input type="text"/></p> <p>Phone <input type="text"/></p> <p>Email (for newsletters) <input type="text"/></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                        |

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