



**PALISADE
COMMUNITY GYM
IS THE NEW
VENUE FOR OUR
MONTHLY
HISTORY TALKS!**

To better accommodate the increasing number of attendees, the historic Auditorium/Gymnasium at 711 Iowa Avenue - which was built in 1941 and attached to the 1926 Palisade High School and then remodeled in 2023 - will be the new venue of our monthly History Talks.

We're excited to have been presenting these talks from a variety of interesting speakers for more than four years! We appreciate the Ordinary Fellow Winery for hosting these talks in the past, and especially Amelia Perea, the former Hospitality Director there when we started in 2021, who had the vision of how successful these talks would be.

Though there won't be food & beverages sold at the Gym for our talks, **you are welcome to bring in your own!** Some tables & chairs will be set up for your convenience.

We have reserved the second Thursday of every month for our History Talks in 2026. The talks will start at 6 pm, and we will be there early to set up & socialize, so be sure to come early to grab a spot!

**JANUARY'S HISTORY
TALK DATE HAS
CHANGED!**

January's History Talk will be Thursday, January 8th at 6 p.m. at the Palisade Community Gym, 711 Iowa Ave, **NOT** the 15th as previously advertised!



DETOUR TO THE MUSEUM

The intersection of Elberta and Highway 6 is under construction as a Roundabout is being added, and it will be a challenge for some time. We'll keep you posted on the detours!

PALISADE
History Museum



We're open:

Tuesdays
Thursdays
Fridays
Saturdays

10am - 2pm

Road
Closed??
MUSEUM
OPEN!!



3740 G Road - Follow the Detour Signs to the north Frontage Road for Hwy 6 - Drive around the Detour Sign & come west to the Museum!

**JANUARY'S HISTORY TALK
IRIANA MEDINA
FROM CMS TO LA PLAZA**

January's History Talk will be Thursday, January 8th at 6 p.m. at the Palisade Community Gym, 711 Iowa Avenue. Iriana Medina, Executive Director of La Plaza, will talk about the evolution of Palisade's Child and Migrant Center to its current vision which empowers the immigrant community in the Grand Valley through education, leadership opportunities, and initiatives that promote self sufficiency and equity.

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JANUARY'S HISTORY TALK

IRIANA MEDINA

FROM CMS TO LA PLAZA (CONT.)

Child and Migrant Services (CMS) began in 1954 when local fruit growers' wives, Vera Foss, Margaret Talbott, and Dorothy Powers joined forces to improve the living conditions of the migrant seasonal farm workers and their families in Mesa

County. The current name reflects the change of bringing the community together to face complex

challenges in a central gathering space – or La Plaza.

The talk will begin at 6 p.m. on Thursday, January 8 at the Palisade Community Gym (711 Iowa Ave). Admission is free, and donations are appreciated. Food & beverages will not be sold on site, but people are welcome to bring their own.

LAST MONTH'S HISTORY TALK

Our December History Talk about the Palisade High School Fish Hatchery was presented by Mike Gross, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Fish Culturist/Outreach Coordinator (*below*), along with Kiera Stephen, Annie Barnes, & Kale Potter - PHS graduates, now college students, who work seasonally with the USFWS.

Now in the fifth year of operation, over 1,250 endangered razorback suckers cultured at the PHS Fish Hatchery have been successfully released into the Colorado River. The students initially raised \$30,000 through various fundraising & community donations to up-grade an old storage building on campus for the hatchery. PHS has received national accolades for this project!



HOLIDAY HOURS



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

from 10am to 2pm. In January, we will be closed Thursday, Jan. 1st and Friday, Jan. 2nd, but we will be OPEN Saturday, Jan. 3rd! Stop in and see us at 3740 G Road. Every time you visit, something new (and old!) will catch your eye!

JANUARY HOURS AT THE PALISADE HISTORY MUSEUM

JANUARY 2026

Palisade History Museum
HOURS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	30 10am - 2pm	31	1 CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR'S	2	3 OPEN 10am - 2pm
4	5	6 10am - 2pm	7	8 10am - 2pm	9 10am - 2pm	10 10am - 2pm
11	12	13 10am - 2pm	14	15 10am - 2pm	16 10am - 2pm	17 10am - 2pm
18	19	20 10am - 2pm	21	22 10am - 2pm	23 10am - 2pm	24 10am - 2pm
25	26	27 10am - 2pm	28	29 10am - 2pm	30 10am - 2pm	31 10am - 2pm

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OUR ITEMS ON LOAN TO THE ATOMIC LEGACY CABIN

The Palisade Historical Society loaned some historical items to the [Atomic Legacy Cabin](#) in Grand Junction for their displays on WWII. Here are some of the items.



Left: Here's the display with a handcart used to move packed boxes of peaches, a picking box, and a bushel basket which were used in WWII, as well as our list of Veterans from Palisade in WWI and WWII.



Above: They featured our photos of the CCC Camp where the German Prisoners stayed in 1944, as well as Ron Jaynes' manuscript about German POWs and Palisade Peaches, and a copy of Patti Hill's biography about German POWs in Palisade for harvest during WWII.

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!**

VOLUNTEERS VISITED THE ATOMIC LEGACY CABIN

We had the opportunity to visit the Atomic Legacy Cabin - at 2597 Legacy Way in Grand Junction - to see existing displays and new WWII displays we shared from our collection. It's a fascinating part of the Colorado Plateau history that a lot of people don't know!



Left to right: Steve Scroggins, Lisa Marye, Mary Squires, Tom Schaffer, Ralph Branch (in front), Pete & Wanda Robinson, JoAnn Rasmussen, Laura Mockler, Brent Kerr, Dave Cecuga, Nancy Eighmy, and Priscilla Walker.

FREE SEARCHABLE DATABASE



There are 4,826 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 30, 1999 are available for searching, with more on the way, and look at these exciting stats! Check out our

Newspaper Tab on HistoricPalisade.org for more information!

OHANA SUPPORT SERVICES VISITS THE HISTORY MUSEUM

A group of participants from the Ohana Support Services in Grand Junction came to the History Museum in October to learn about Palisade history. One of the organization's missions is to create awesome new experiences and enrich friendships.



GENEROUS DONATION FROM PALISADE ROTARY CLUB



Joan Grumley from the Palisade Rotary Club (right) presented a check to Priscilla Walker, vice chair of the Historical Society (left) for reprinting

the *Historic Palisade Coloring Book* for the fifth time! Area Rotary Clubs have underwritten the cost of the coloring books since the first issue in 2011. Nine elementary schools have used the Coloring Book to enrich their local history curriculum over the last 15 years. The Rotary Clubs have made possible this important project to encourage early learners to know about Palisade's unique history.

DECEMBER FUN HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS



'Twas the season at the Palisade History Museum! Look at these beautiful festive decorations! One of our volunteer hosts, Joan Forrey, decorated the Museum with all handmade items – some vintage!

PARADE OF LIGHTS

The Palisade Historical Society participated in the Olde Fashioned Christmas Parade of Lights on Friday, Dec. 5th! **Top left photo: JoAnn & Claire Rasmussen, Dave Cecuga, Lisa Marye, Tom Schaffer, Santa & Mrs Claus (Pete & Wanda Robinson), and Priscilla Walker, with Freddie the 1930 Model A Ford. Middle photo: JoAnn & Claire in Dolly, Ralph Branch's golf cart.**



Bottom left photo: Lisa Marye & Tom Schaffer with the 1923 Star Delivery Truck.

Palisade Parade of Lights!

THANK YOU!

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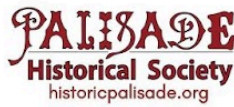
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Become a Part of History - Donate to the Palisade Historical Society.

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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