

PALISADE COMMUNITY GYM IS THE 2026 VENUE FOR OUR MONTHLY HISTORY TALKS!

To better accommodate the increasing number of attendees, the historic Auditorium/Gymnasium at 711 Iowa Avenue is the 2026 venue of our monthly History Talks. (We had 750+ attendees in 2025!)

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 6:00 pm, and we will be there early to set up & socialize, so be sure to come

early to grab a spot!

FEBRUARY HISTORY TALK PHOTOS!

February 12, 2026



The History
of the
Palisade Library

Palisade Community Gym
711 IOWA AVE
PALISADE, CO 81526

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LAST MONTHS TALK WAS THE HISTORY OF THE PALISADE LIBRARY

February's History Talk was Jill Delavan, of the Palisade Library Auxiliary. **(See photos above.)** She shared the interesting history and historic photos of the Palisade Library, and she gave updates on its next chapter.

MARCH'S HISTORY TALK LEGENDS OF THE GRAND MESA

March's History Talk is Legends of the Grand Mesa, the Community in Motion Film and Video created by

MARCH HISTORY TALK

Legends of the Grand Mesa

Mar 12th,
2026 | 6PM

Presenting the
Community in Motion
Film and Video
created by Grand
Valley Magazine in
2015 about the myths
and legends
surrounding Grand
Mesa including the
iconic Thunderbird



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- FREE admission
- Donations appreciated

Outside food & beverages ALLOWED.

Grand Valley Magazine in 2015 about the myths and legends surrounding Grand Mesa including the iconic Thunderbird.

The talk will begin at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 12th at the Palisade Community Gym, but feel free to come early to socialize!

This program is open to the public to learn more about Palisade's unique history in a relaxed environment. No reservations are needed. Admission is free, and donations are appreciated. As food and beverages will not be available for purchase on site, people can bring their own to the program. We hope to see you there!

ELBERTA ROUNDABOUT CONSTRUCTION IS UNDERWAY

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.



Road Closed??
MUSEUM OPEN!!



We're open:

- Tuesdays
- Thursdays
- Fridays
- Saturdays

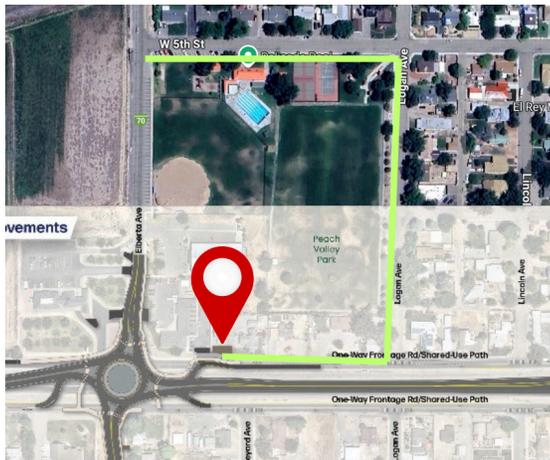
10am - 2pm



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!

BEST ROUTE TO THE MUSEUM

Here is a general map on how to reach us! This graphic from CDOT superimposed on a Google Map shows where the Roundabout will be.



From the Soon-to-be Roundabout, the best way to reach us is to "go around the block." Go to 5th Street (however you can get there!) and take it east to Logan, then take Logan south to the frontage road (8th Street) and then come west to the Museum (red pin)! Please be patient as we all navigate these changes!

VISIT THE MUSEUM



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!

MARCH HOURS

MARCH 2026
Palisade History Museum
HOURS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 10am - 2pm	4	5 10am - 2pm	6 10am - 2pm	7 10am - 2pm
8	9	10 10am - 2pm	11	12 10am - 2pm <i>History Talk 6pm</i>	13 10am - 2pm	14 10am - 2pm
15	16	17 10am - 2pm	18	19 10am - 2pm	20 10am - 2pm	21 10am - 2pm
22	23	24 10am - 2pm	25	26 10am - 2pm	27 10am - 2pm	28 10am - 2pm
29	30	31 10am - 2pm	1	2 10am - 2pm	3 10am - 2pm	4 10am - 2pm

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*Our Monthly History Talk is at
The Palisade Gym - 6pm - 711 Iowa Ave*

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TREASURES FROM RIVERBEND PARK BOAT LAUNCH AREA

As part of the improvements to the boat launch in Riverbend Park, Town of Palisade Public Works Director Brian Flenniken asked local bottle collector and Historical Society member Steve DiSciullo to

clean and research some long forgotten "treasures" which had become visible. Among the several bottles found in the area at the edge of the Colorado River, Steve identified

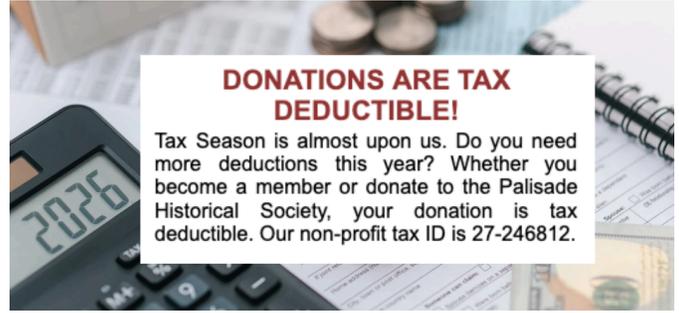


five from the 1930s-1950s: (see photo above)

A brown Whitehall Pharmacy bottle, a clear Duraglas Medicine pharmacy/apothecary bottle, a 3" tall clear Fairmont Glass Works bottle, a green Coca Cola bottle, and an unidentified Cobalt Blue bottle made by various companies.



This is a very rusted antique sewing machine also recovered by Town employees from the Riverbend Park excavation area and is also now on display at the Palisade History Museum.



FREE SEARCHABLE DATABASE



There are 5,034 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 25, 2003 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!

2026 - A YEAR OF SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS!



This year, 2026, America turns 250 and Colorado turns 150 years old. [Click here to learn more about these special milestones!](#)

PALISADE HISTORICAL SOCIETY CELEBRATES SWEET SIXTEEN!

At the Annual Meeting in February, the Palisade Historical Society celebrated our Sweet Sixteen! This 501(c)(3) was officially founded on March 25, 2010. For sixteen years now, we've been focused on collecting, preserving, and communicating the unique history of Palisade, Colorado!



JoAnn Rasmussen, Jaime Cox, and Steve Scroggins were re-elected to 3-year terms on the Board of Directors. They're seen here **(above photo courtesy of Dancing In My Head Photography)** posing with the celebratory cupcakes!

PHYLLIS BENNETT BARKER PASSED AWAY

Local artist and Palisade native Phyllis Bennett Barker passed away February 10th at age 98. She was born in Palisade September 20, 1927 to Mary and Earl Bennett. Her grandfather Edward G. Bennett was the founder of Bennett Motor Company, which was also the Chevrolet car dealer on 3rd and Kluge for a long time. Phyllis graduated from Palisade High School and received an associate art degree from Mesa College. She married Robert Barker and they had an animal clinic in Shawnee, Oklahoma for 38 years and raised two daughters. After retiring, Bob and Phyllis returned to Colorado in 2003 and she devoted her time and considerable talent to painting.

We especially appreciate her sharing memories and photos of growing up in Palisade, *(Continued...)*

PHYLLIS BENNETT BARKER *(Cont...)*

as well as her paintings of historic Palisade buildings she donated to the Palisade Historical Society.



(above) Phyllis Barker, (left) and daughter, Marla Norman, pose in front of Phyllis' paintings of Bennett Motors and the Hugus Building displayed at the Palisade History Museum when they visited in 2021. Phyllis, **(below)** also repaired the broken arm of the prototype of the Wayne Aspinall memorial statue in 2012.



THANK YOU!

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PALISADE Historical Society

Annual Donation

Town of Palisade

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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**

<p style="text-align: center;">Membership Options</p> <p>Annual Memberships Individual \$25 <input type="checkbox"/> Family \$50 <input type="checkbox"/> Business \$100 <input type="checkbox"/> Patron \$500 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Extended Memberships 10-year (Family or Individual) \$200 <input type="checkbox"/></p>	 Memberships
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<p style="text-align: center;">Palisade Tribune Digitization Fund</p> <p>We have raised funds to digitize 4,617 issues of The Palisade Tribune 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>	 Donations
<p style="text-align: center;">Palisade History Museum</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 style="text-align: center;">General Donation</p> <p>Any amount is appreciated! <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____</p>	

For credit card payments, use the QR codes above, or call 970-812-3064.
 For checks or money orders payable to Palisade Historical Society, mail them with your contact information to: **Palisade Historical Society, PO Box 631, Palisade, CO 81526**

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