

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, and 2,204 attendees over the last 4+ years!) 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!

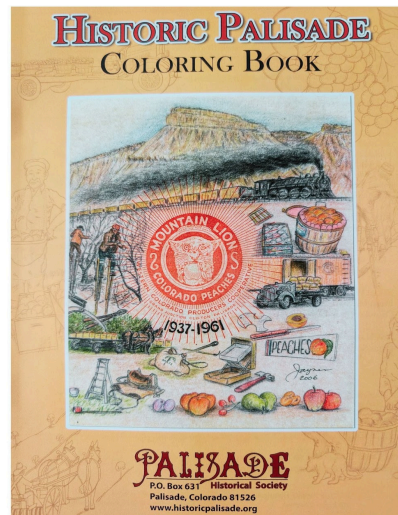
LAST MONTH'S TALK WAS THE LEGENDS OF THE GRAND MESA

March's History Talk was a showing of "Legends of the Grand Mesa." (*Photo courtesy of Dancing in My Head Photography*) Directed by then Museums of the West's David Bailey, it features the iconic thunderbird symbol and other stories from interviews with Palisade's John Lindstrom and Ute Indian Museum Director C. J. Brafford.



If you missed it, you can watch the video on YouTube: [Legends of the Grand Mesa](#). Local LisaMarie Pinder also shared her "Jar of Dirt," the subject of local folklore, which contains samples gathered from the four corners of the Grand Valley: the Bookcliffs, Grand Mesa, Colorado National Monument, and the Uncompahgre.

APRIL HISTORY TALK THURS., APRIL 9, 2026 AT 6PM



April's History Talk is Priscilla Walker, founding chair of the Palisade Historical Society, sharing the History of the *Historic Palisade Coloring Book* and Behind the Scenes Stories! Thanks to area Rotary Clubs, it is in its fifth printing and has been presented to students in nine Elementary schools as well as adults in different classes. The talk will begin at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 9th at the Palisade Community Gym, but feel free to come early to socialize!

You are welcome to bring in your own food & beverages to enjoy during the History Talk! Some tables & chairs will be set up for your convenience. No reservations are needed. Admission is free, and donations are appreciated. We hope to see you there!

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!](#)

BEACH PARTY COMMUNITY PICNIC APRIL 8TH

Riverbend Park looks a lot different these days! *(photo courtesy of the Town of Palisade)* The Town of Palisade has been working on revamping

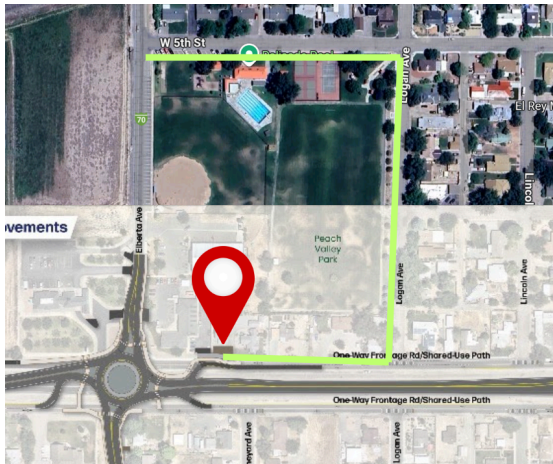


Harky's Launch and The Beach! Mark your calendar, and celebrate the ribbon cutting at 5pm on April 8th. The Beach Party will be from

4:30pm to 7:00pm. Wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt and a fun hat! Pack a picnic and join in the fun!

BEST ROUTE TO THE MUSEUM

The Elberta Roundabout Construction Project is underway! The roads may be closed, but the Museum is accessible! 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, "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!

APRIL HOURS

PALISADE
History Museum
HOURS
APRIL 2026

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

*Our Monthly History Talk is at
The Palisade Gym - 6pm - 711 Iowa Ave*
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NEW GROWHOUSE DEDICATED TO BRANT HARRISON



At the Ribbon Cutting on March 23rd, Dr. Dan Bean from the Palisade Insectary (**left**) presented a plaque to Brant Harrison's older son, Aaron (**right**). Per the press release, from the CO Dept. of Agriculture, the new growhouse "is dedicated to the life and legacy

of Brant Harrison, a Palisade peach farmer and local community and agricultural leader." Brant, who passed away on September 7, 2023, was a longtime supporter of Palisade history, and the family's Kokopelli Farm Market has been a Palisade Historical Society business member since its inception in 2010 as well as a Legacy Donor for the Palisade History Museum.

FREE SEARCHABLE DATABASE

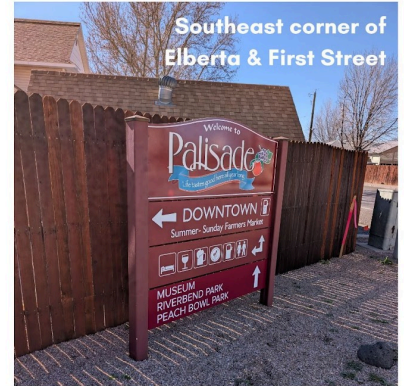
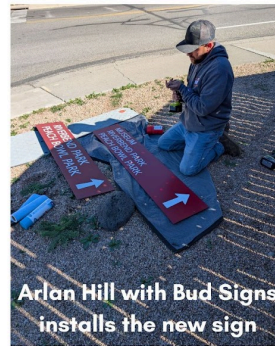


There are 5,034 issues of *The Palisade Tribune* available on the Colorado Historic Newspapers and Plains to Peaks Databases. All available issues from June 6, 1903 to December 25, 2003 are available for searching, with more on the way, and look at these exciting



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

NEW WAYFINDING SIGNS!



The Town of Palisade contracted Bud Signs to create and install new wayfinding signs for the Palisade History Museum! On March 4th, Arlan Hill of Bud Signs (**pictured above**) replaced the panel on the existing sign at Elberta & First Street, and added new panels to both sides (northbound and southbound) of the existing wayfinding sign by Peach Bowl Park at Elberta & Fifth Street.

The Elberta Roundabout Project has prompted the need for better wayfinding signage, as the Palisade History Museum will only be accessible from the east on the soon-to-be one-way-only westbound 8th Street (the north frontage road for Highway 6) - see map on the previous page.

We send out a special thanks to Devan Aziz, Director of Community Development, and Janet Hawkinson, Town Manager, for their help in getting this project rolling!

PRISCILLA WALKER HONORED LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

At the Legends of the West Annual Awards Banquet on Friday, March 6th, our very own



Founding Chair - and current Secretary on our Board of Directors, Priscilla Walker (photo by *Dancing in My Head Photography*), was surprised with an award! She was presented with the Lifetime Achievement

Award for her hard work, countless hours, and selfless dedication to the Palisade Historical Society and the importance this organization has to the Palisade Community and beyond.

PALISADE HISTORICAL SOCIETY ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

At the March Meeting, the Palisade Historical Society elected new officers for the 2026-27 term. Are you interested in volunteering with the

**PALISADE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2026-27**

JoAnn Rasmussen, Chair
Steve Scroggins, Vice Chair
Priscilla Walker, Secretary
Jaime Cox, Treasurer
Ralph Branch, Director
Nancy Eighmy, Director

Palisade Historical Society and joining a working board? Contact us for more details!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FISH RELEASE - MAY 1ST

The annual Palisade High School Fish Hatchery release will be held on Friday, May 1st at 11:15 a.m. It will be at the new and improved boat launch (Harky's Launch) at Riverbend Park in Palisade.



This event is free and open to the public and is a fun way to be a part of history in the making!

Save the date!

SAVE THE DATE! PALISADE FARM FEST - MAY 2ND

Join the Palisade Historical Society and other organizations at Palisade Farm Fest 10am to 4pm on May 2nd at Veteran's Memorial Park!



Visit downtown Palisade on Main & Third Streets to explore a delightful array of local vendors, food trucks, kids' activities, and community initiatives. Engage in the vibrant downtown market and free educational sessions!

The Market at Farm Fest is free to attend, and families are encouraged to enjoy a fun-filled day experiencing what makes Palisade so special! Tickets for the Beer Garden (optional) are available along with more information here:

<https://www.palisadefarmfest.com/>

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Heritage Donors to the Museum

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Our Publications Available Here

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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>	
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For credit card payments, use the QR codes above, or call 970-812-3064.
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