

**JUNE HISTORY TALK
THURS., JUNE 11, 2026 AT 6PM
“An Overview of the Water Center
and Understanding the Current
State of the Colorado River”**

June’s History Talk is Shannon Wadas from the Ruth Hutchins Water Center at CMU. She will provide information about the Water Center including its rich history and legacy, current programming, and a vision for the future, followed by an overview of the current hydrology of the Colorado River and the challenges communities are facing with a shrinking water supply.

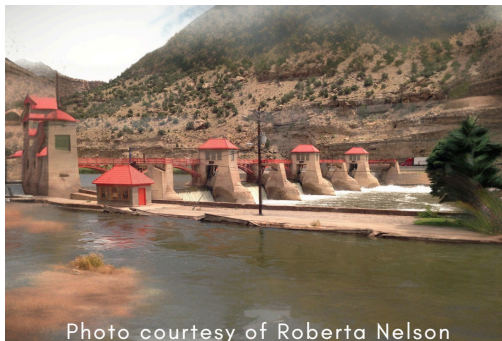


Photo courtesy of Roberta Nelson

As June is also the 111th birthday of the Grand River Diversion Dam, the “Roller Dam” in DeBeque Canyon, there will be a

birthday cake from Slice o’ Life Bakery for guests to enjoy.

The History Talks are open to the public. The talk will begin at 6 p.m. on Thursday, June 11th at the Palisade Community Auditorium/Gym (711 Iowa Avenue) in Palisade. **You are welcome to bring other food & beverages to enjoy during the History Talk!** Admission is free, and donations are appreciated. We hope to see you there!

Please note: With the Elberta Roundabout Construction Project affecting US Hwy 6 and Iowa Street, use an alternate route from 5th Street & Peach Street to 7th Street.

**JULY’S HISTORY TALK - THE
ATOMIC LEGACY CABIN**

The Atomic Legacy Cabin has a rich and unique history beginning with the Manhattan Project and leading to the present. Ashton Andrade, Interpretive Specialist and Contractor for the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Legacy Management, will explain how uranium changed Grand Junction at a critical time in the nation’s history. She will also explain the mission of the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Legacy Management today. The Atomic Cabin celebrated its 80th anniversary in 2023. One of the current displays feature items from World War II on loan from the Palisade Historical Society’s collection.



**Historic photo of the Log Cabin and Refinery at
2597 Legacy Way in Grand Junction**

July’s talk will also begin at 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 9th at the Palisade Community Gym in Palisade.

**LAST MONTH’S TALK - RAILROADS IN
PALISADE**



Matt Darling spoke about the interesting history of Railroads in Palisade to an attentive audience at the May History Talk.

TEMPORARY MUSEUM CLOSURE - WILL BE OPEN STARTING JUNE 5TH

Due to the CDOT Construction for the Elberta Roundabout Project, the Palisade History Museum will be closed from May 26th through June 4th.



We will be resuming our normally scheduled hours on Friday, June 5th. Typically, the Palisade History Museum is open four days a week: Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 10am to 2pm. Be sure to check out the website HistoricPalisade.org for up-to-date info!

JUNE HOURS

JUNE 2026 HOURS

PALISADE HISTORY MUSEUM

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

Our Monthly History Talk is at
The Palisade Community Gym - 6pm - 711 Iowa Ave
HistoricPalisade.org

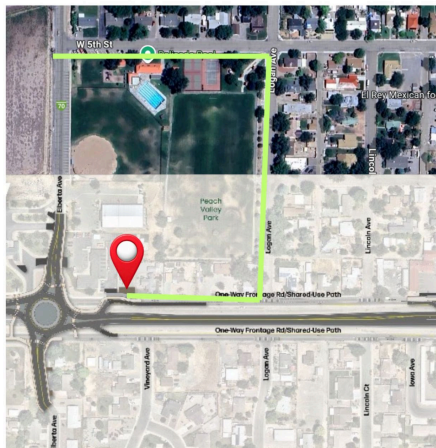
BEST ROUTE TO THE MUSEUM

When we are open, 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. **PLEASE NOTE:** The north frontage road (8th Street), which is in front of the Museum, will be a one-way street heading westbound. Please be patient as we all navigate these changes!



VISITING US IS AS EASY AS 1, 2, 3!

1 - TAKE 5TH STREET TO LOGAN



2 - TAKE LOGAN SOUTH TO 8TH

3 - TAKE 8TH WEST TO THE
PALISADE HISTORY MUSEUM

2,564 FRIENDLY PEOPLE AND 1 GROUCH

A new sign honoring the Town Grouches of the past has been placed on the back of Family Food Town! The Town Grouch Sign has joined the Historic Palisade panel and map of the town.



Pop over to 3rd Street to check it out! Our Self-Guided Walking Tour Brochures are there, as well.



ELEMENTARY STUDENTS ENJOY LEARNING PALISADE HISTORY

Palisade Historical Society's Priscilla Walker and Sandra Geer made presentations to students in three 2nd grade classes at Taylor Elementary as well as students in 3rd grade classes and 4th Grade classes at Broadway Elementary, as part of its Colorado Days Presentation. The students received copies of the *Historic Palisade Coloring Book* before the programs, thanks to the Palisade Rotary Club. Students also saw a pair of stilts, a picking sack, a piece of coal, and videos to further explain illustrations in the Coloring Book.

Broadway Elementary students also learned about Palisade's interesting peach growing history including the *Historic Palisade Coloring Book*.



Mrs. Fast (*far left*) with 4th grade students from the Broadway Elementary presentations with Palisade Historical Society's Sandra Geer, (*far right*).

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!



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

PALISADE LIBRARY IS OPEN!

The Palisade Branch Library was closed for nearly half a year for necessary roof and ceiling repairs for the historic former Independent Lumber building. Elise Forte (*pictured*), our wonderful Palisade librarian, was welcomed back for the official reopening on April 31st and grand reopening April 25th! She was greatly missed.



PALISADE HIGH SCHOOL BUS IN THE '20s

Phyllis Bennett Barker's family shared negatives from when Palisade was School District 19 and had its own school buses. Phyllis' father, Earl Bennett, who had the Bennett garage on 3rd Street, drove this school bus in the 1920s.



(Photo courtesy of the Barker Family)

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FUN MAY EVENTS!



FISH
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NOW

AND...

An enthusiastic crowd helped The Palisade High School Fish Hatchery release its 1,500th student-raised endangered fish on Friday, May 1st at the newly re-designed Harky's Launch at Riverbend Park!



PHS Mascots, Spike & Spikette, posed in gloves, rubber boots, and green hip-waders to help with the fish release.

...FISH FUN THEN!

Fish have historically been important to Palisade residents. J C Kester recently shared this interesting photo of his great grandfather John



Kester with a string of large fish in front of a 1930s car. The photo cleverly was taken to show John on both sides of the string of fish.

FIRST ANNUAL PALISADE FARM FEST - MAY 2ND

Dale, the 1951 Chevrolet orchard hoopie with fruit growing artifacts, was parked at the north end of Main Street and made a picturesque site with the palisades in the background for the first Farm Fest.



Historical Society volunteers (*l to r*) Ralph Branch, JoAnn Rasmussen, Priscilla Walker, Dave Cecuga Charlene Weidner, (*not pictured*) Nancy Eighmy, and Brent Kerr greeted visitors to answer questions and explain our fascinating peach growing history.

PIONEER MONUMENT COMPLETION CELEBRATION IN MAY



The Plateau Valley Historical Preservation Society's May 16th celebration of its years-long effort to complete the restoration of the historic Pioneer

Monument at Interstate 70, Exit 47 attracted a larger than expected audience of over 100 people! The Palisade American Legion Post 50 honor guard (*pictured above*) began the formal program which included information about the monument which was originally erected in June 1931 for the completion of the Pikes Peak Ocean to Ocean Highway. It was then moved to its current location in 1965 when the wider interchange from I-70 for Highway 65 to Mesa was required.

THANK YOU!

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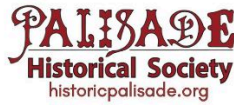
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Become a Part of History - Donate to the Palisade Historical Society.

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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<p style="text-align: center;">Palisade Tribune Digitization Fund</p> <p>We have raised funds to digitize 5,034 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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