

## JULY HISTORY TALK THURS., JULY 9, 2026 AT 6PM “Atomic Legacy Cabin”



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

The Atomic Legacy Cabin has a rich and unique history beginning with the Manhattan Project and leading to the present. Justin St. John, 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. He will also explain the mission of the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Legacy Management today. The Atomic Cabin celebrated its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2023. One of the current displays feature items from World War II on loan from the Palisade Historical Society's collection.

The history talks are open to the public. The talk will begin at 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 9th at the Palisade Community Auditorium/Gym (711 Iowa Avenue) in Palisade. **You are welcome to bring 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.*

## LAST MONTH'S TALK - COLORADO RIVER DROUGHT & ROLLER DAM BIRTHDAY

Shannon Wadas, Executive Director of Colorado Mesa University's Ruth Powell Hutchins Water Center, updated us on the history and future projects of the Water Center, as well as the current

drought and state of the Colorado River. She noted various responses and actions by local and regional water management

entities as well as the status of the Shoshone water rights acquisition. **Photo: The appreciative audience at the June History Talk at the Palisade Community Gym.** She also emphasized we don't know what the future will look like with water availability and precipitation, but everyone needs to work together to save water.

It was also an official celebration of the Grand River Diversion Dam's 111th birthday with a half-peach and half-chocolate raspberry cake from Slice O' Life Bakery. The "Roller Dam" in DeBeque Canyon was dedicated and water was diverted from what was then the Grand River on June 29, 1915. It now supplies irrigation water to five canals serving Palisade fruit orchards and land all the way to Mack.



## NO AUGUST HISTORY TALK - JOIN US DOWNTOWN INSTEAD

Join us for the Town of Palisade's *Ice Cream Social & Street Dance* on Thursday, August 13, starting at 5:30pm in Downtown Palisade. Don't miss the *Annual Guns vs. Hoses Tug o' War* at 6:30pm!

## HISTORICAL ENTRIES IN 4TH OF JULY PARADE

The traditional July 4th parade commemorating the United State's Declaration of Independence in 1776 is special this year as we celebrate 250 years. The Palisade parade will begin at 10:00 a.m. from 7th and Peach, go north on Peach to 3rd Street, east to Main Street, and south to Veterans Memorial Park where there will be family activities. Look for us in the parade!

## AUGUST 1ST COMMEMORATIVE ACTIVITIES

To celebrate the State of Colorado's 150th anniversary on August 1st, the Palisade Historical Society will be participating in two activities.

The Atomic Legacy Cabin is hosting a Colorado Day event at 2795 Legacy Way in Grand Junction from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Palisade Historical Society is hosting a booth there. There will be guided museum tours at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. as a last chance to see items from our WWII collection which have been on display there for several months before they are returned to the Palisade History Museum.



On the same day, weather & fire conditions permitting, Historical Society volunteers Mike Kennedy and Charlene Weidner will make the challenging hike up the Stagecoach Trail early in the morning to change the American Flag on top of the palisades. The flagpole has been there since May 5, 1915, when a group of Palisade men led by John D. Reeder installed the original pole. **Photo: Flag**

**flying on the palisades north of Palisade**

## WE ARE OPEN!

The Palisade History Museum is open four days a week: Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 10 am to 2 pm. Be sure to check the website [HistoricPalisade.org](http://HistoricPalisade.org) for up-to-date info! (PLEASE NOTE: We will be CLOSED Friday, July 3rd, but OPEN Saturday, July 4th!)



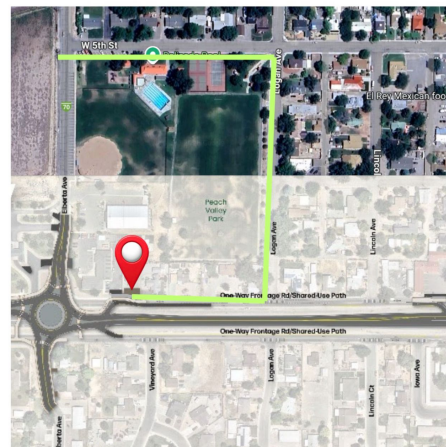
## BEST ROUTE TO THE MUSEUM

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. **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**

## PEACH QUILT IS AGAIN ON DISPLAY AT THE BLUE PIG

As peach harvest is early this year, The Blue Pig Art Gallery at 3rd and Main Street in Downtown Palisade began displaying the unique quilt with 90 varieties of peaches in June. The Peach Quilt was handpainted by Flora Anderson when she was 80, and her daughters, Lori Bennett and Robin McCain, donated this incredibly interesting quilt to the Palisade Historical Society two years ago. Because the Palisade History Museum has limited display area for such a large piece, The Blue Pig has generously made space for it during harvests.



***If you haven't seen this gorgeous and popular peach quilt, it is again on display at The Blue Pig Art Gallery which is now open 7 days a week.***

We still have some commemorative calendars featuring every square of the Peach Quilt. You can pick up a copy for a \$20 suggested donation at the Palisade History Museum or at The Blue Pig, while supplies last, or contact us for more info!

## SIGN UP FOR A HISTORIC GUIDED WALKING TOUR OF DOWNTOWN PALISADE



The Whitehead and Morris family from Colorado Springs came to Bluegrass Fest in June and took the historic "Fire and Brimstone" guided walking tour in downtown Palisade. They posed afterward with tour guide Dave Cecuga, (right).

## FREE SEARCHABLE DATABASE



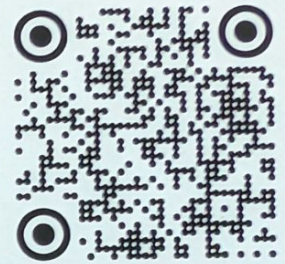
There are 5,034 issues of *The Palisade Tribune* available on the Colorado Historic Newspapers and Plains to Peaks Databases. All available issues from June 6, 1903 to December 25, 2003 are available for searching, with more on the way, and look at these exciting stats! Check out our Newspaper Tab on [HistoricPalisade.org](http://HistoricPalisade.org) for more information!



# Colorado Passport Program

To mark the 150th anniversary of Colorado's statehood, along with the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States, we're inviting you to join the celebration with the Colorado Passport Program. These free, interactive passports reward you for exploring the Centennial State, including local businesses, cultural landmarks and more — all while earning prizes and enjoying discounts along the way.

Learn more at [Colorado.com/Passport](https://Colorado.com/Passport)



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Town of Palisade

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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**
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