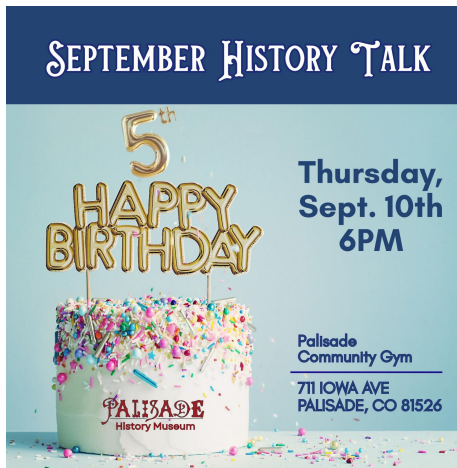


## PALISADE HISTORY MUSEUM IS FIVE YEARS OLD!



The Palisade Historical Society's September History Talk will be a celebration of the Palisade History Museum's 5th Birthday!

The official ribbon cutting ceremony

was held August 18, 2021. Can you believe it's been 5 years!?

The History Talk will begin at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 10th, 2026 at the Palisade Community Gym (711 Iowa Ave) and will include interesting photos and background information about the building's transformation. What was originally George Bunte, Jr's shop for his freight hauling and peach packing shed is now the History Museum. You will see a virtual tour with information about our current displays and artifacts. Since its official opening, almost 3,000 people have come to the Palisade History Museum and learned about Palisade's unique agriculture and coal mining history.

The Palisade Historical Society will be serving a 5th Birthday cake from Palisade's Slice o' Life Bakery, so come early to get a slice and a seat!

## NEXT MONTH'S HISTORY TALK

Here's a sneak peek of October's History Talk! Rex Cole will be sharing the Geology of the Grand Mesa on Thursday, October 8th at 6pm. Mark your calendar today!

## AUGUST 1ST COLORADO DAY COMMEMORATIVE ACTIVITIES

The Palisade Historical Society had a booth at the Atomic Legacy Cabin for the Colorado



Day event at 2795 Legacy Way in Grand Junction. **(Pictured above: Priscilla Walker, Dave Cecuga, Nancy Eighmy. Photo by Mercedes Wills, our CMU Intern.)** There were 169 attendees who celebrated the opportunity to learn more about local history. Beside the booths, items from our WWII collection have been on display at the Atomic Legacy Cabin this year.



Also on August 1st, 150 years after Colorado became the 38th State, Palisade Historical Society volunteers Mike Kennedy and Charlene Weidner, and Greg Schneck, American Legion Commander, hiked up the Stagecoach Trail early in the morning to visit the American Flag on top of the palisades. **(Pictured: Greg S., Charlene W., and Mike K. at Reeder's Point above Palisade.)**

The flagpole has been atop the palisades since May 5, 1915, when a group of Palisade men led by John D. Reeder installed the original pole. Commander Schneck donated the large flag in June, and it was still in good shape and did not need to be replaced.

## DATE MEETS ZIP PARADE

The Date Meets Zip & Peach Days Parade was on 8-15-26 in Palisade, whose ZIP Code has been 81526 since they were introduced on July 1, 1963.



Ty from the Post Office alerted the Historical Society of the special coincidence, which can only

be celebrated in certain U.S. locations.



For the Parade, **(above)** Pete and Wanda Robinson led with the banner, while Charlene Weidner and Dave Cecuga handed out 81526 stickers and postcards created by the Town to parade viewers. The 1923 Star Delivery Truck was driven by Tom Schaffer, and Ralph Branch drove Dale, the 1951 Chevy Orchard Hoopie. Bruce and Priscilla Walker also walked along the parade route holding 81526 stickers and postcards.



**Left: Pete & Wanda Robinson in the background, as Priscilla Walker shows the special 81526 license plate sticker.**

**(This and the next two photos are courtesy of Molly Nelson.)**

## MORE PARADE PICTURES



**Above: Ralph driving the Hoopie all decked out with stilts, ladders, and historical items.**

**Below: Tom driving his 1923 Star Delivery Truck.**



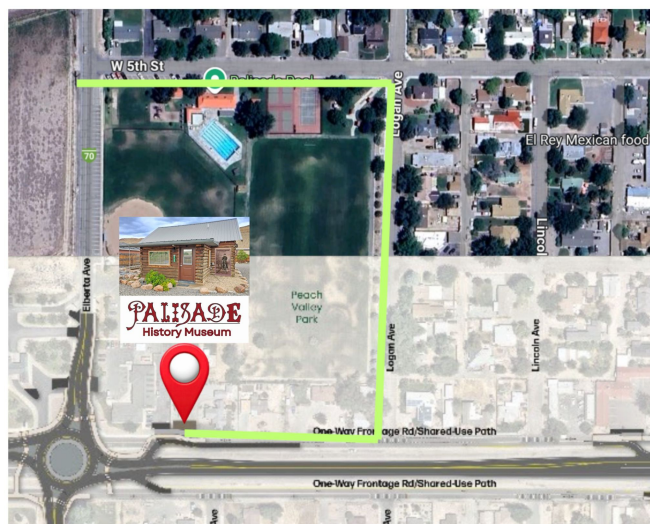
Below is a bonus historical parade vehicle! While it wasn't part of the Palisade Historical Society group, the end of the parade featured The Town of Palisade's very own 1939 Original W. S. Darley Firetruck, driven by Palisade Fire Chief Charles "Chuck" Balke, with JoAnn Rasmussen, who is the Chair of the Palisade Historical Society and also a Trustee on the Town Board.



**(Photo courtesy of Dancing in My Head Photography.)**

## VISIT THE PALISADE HISTORY MUSEUM

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!



## 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 completed Roundabout will be. **PLEASE NOTE:** This area is under construction, and the road conditions change daily. The north frontage road (8th Street), which is in front of the Museum, will be a one-way street heading westbound, eventually. Please be patient as we all navigate these changes!

## SAVE THE DATE!



The Palisade Historical Society will be participating in the **2026 Western Colorado History Fair** on Sat., Oct. 10, from 10am to 3pm. This free event hosted by MCHS will be held at the historic Palisade Community Gym (711 Iowa Ave). It will feature organizations, speakers, authors, and more from all around Western Colorado. Join us!

## LAST CHANCE TO SEE THE PEACH QUILT AT THE BLUE PIG

The Peach Quilt will be on display at The Blue Pig Art Gallery at 3rd and Main until mid-September, so if you haven't seen it this season, now is your chance!



The 90 squares on the Peach Quilt were 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.

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!

## NEW ISSUES ADDED TO FREE SEARCHABLE DATABASE



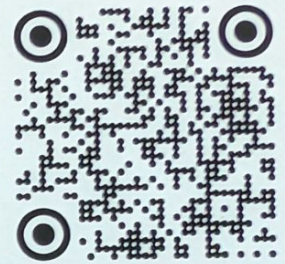
There are now 5,191 issues of *The Palisade Tribune* available on the Colorado Historic Newspapers and Plains to Peaks Databases. All available issues from June 6, 1903 to December 28, 2006 are accessible for searching, with more on the way! Check out our Newspaper Tab on [HistoricPalisade.org](http://HistoricPalisade.org) 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.

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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:

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