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NOVEMBER 12TH HISTORY TALK - LEIGH JEREMIAS COLORADO VIRTUAL LIBRARY

The November 12th History Talk will be Leigh Jeremias, Digital Collections Senior Colorado Consultant at the Colorado State Library. She will show tips and tricks for searching the Colorado Historical Newspaper Collection website.

Currently there are 5,191 issues of *The Palisade Tribune* on the database of eight million digitized pages representing more than 1,000 individual newspaper titles published in Colorado from 1859 to 2025! This important community history is often not recorded in any other source for students, teachers, genealogists, and general research.



The November History talk is open to the public and will begin at 6 p.m. on Thursday, November 12th at the Palisade Community Gym (711 Iowa Ave.) Free admission. No reservations required. Donations welcome. Attendees are welcome to bring food and beverages to enjoy during the presentation. Come early to get a seat.

DECEMBER 10TH HISTORY TALK VINTAGE PHOTOS OF PALISADE

Join us Thursday, Dec. 10th at 6pm, as we explore our collection of vintage photos, colorized to show Historic Palisade's vibrant past and showcased in the brand new 2027 Calendar, along with bonus photos, too!

The limited edition 2027 Calendars are available now, while supplies last! See information on the next page of this newsletter & on the website. Get yours today!

OCTOBER'S HISTORY TALK

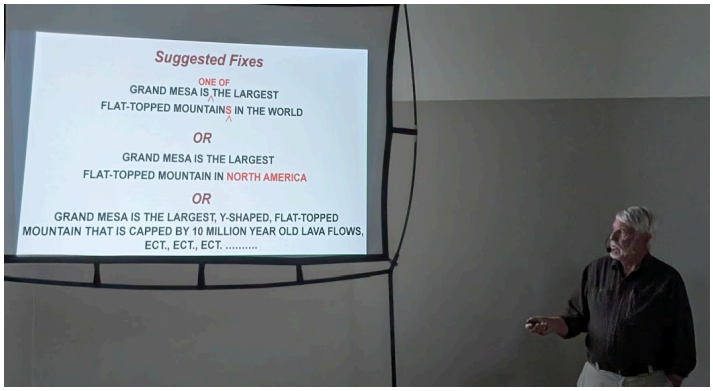
The Palisade Historical Society's October 8th History Talk was *Geology of the Grand Mesa* with Dr. Rex Cole, Emeritus Professor of Geology. Dr. Cole's presentation was based on his recently published (2022) general-audience book of the same name.



The crowd enjoys Dr. Rex Cole's fascinating presentation.

We learned the Grand Mesa is NOT "the" largest flat-top mountain in the world, but it IS "one of the" largest ones!

Dr. Cole suggested some "fixes" to that description to correct that long-held belief!



Among other facts, we also learned about the layers of stone visible from Palisade, and how important these geological features are to geologists who come from various locales to study them.

2027 PHOTO CALENDAR IS NOW AVAILABLE



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MEMBERS OF THE PHS CLASS OF '86 CAME TO THE HISTORY MUSEUM



The Palisade High School Class of 1986 held their 40th Class reunion here in September and included the Palisade History Museum as one of the stops. Pictured above, left to right were class members Julie Stewart Wentzel, Gerald Ryan, Melodie Jordan Morrison, Gerald Mayne, Malena Moore, Michelle Haptonstall Jacobsen, Leah Gonyeau, Rhonda Graham-Cole, Kevin Butler, and Shane Jacobsen.

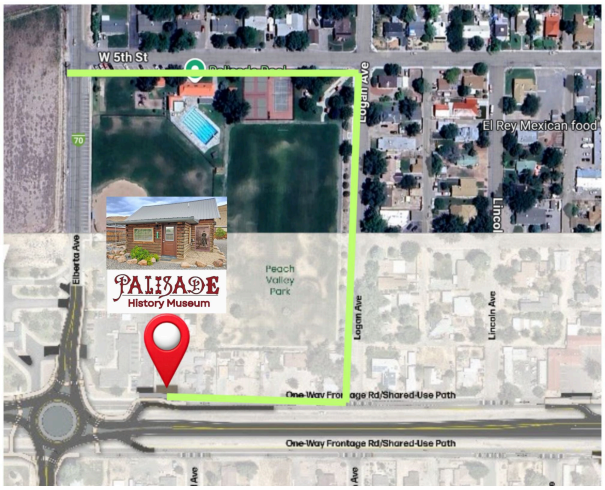
2026 WESTERN COLORADO HISTORY FAIR



Volunteer Dave Cecuga, right, at the Historical Society's booth at the 2026 Western Colorado History Fair, with two attendees interested in Palisade history. The Palisade Community Gym was the perfect location for 30+ history-oriented organizations and authors on the Western Slope which participated in the day-long History Fair which drew more than 200 people.

PALISADE HISTORY MUSEUM

The Palisade History Museum is open four days a week: Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 10 am to 2 pm. **We will be CLOSED for Thanksgiving on November 26th AND 27th!** Be sure to check the website HistoricPalisade.org for up-to-date info!



BEST ROUTE TO THE MUSEUM

This graphic ***(above)*** from CDOT superimposed on a Google Map shows the best way to get to the Museum. *PLEASE NOTE:* This area is under construction, and the road conditions change. The north frontage road (8th Street), which is in front of the Museum, is now a one-way street heading westbound to the roundabout.

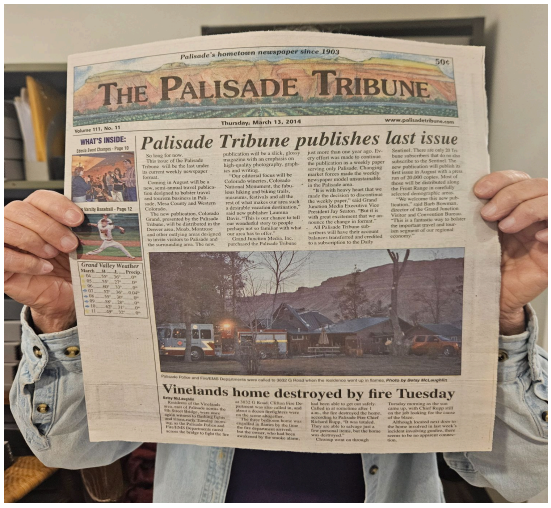
NEW ISSUES ADDED TO FREE SEARCHABLE DATABASE





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 for more information!

Barb Hampton ***(below)*** holds the last issue of the Palisade Tribune - March 13, 2014 - which will be sent to be digitized this month. When it's available on the Colorado Historic Newspapers Collection database later this year or early in 2027, the Palisade Historical Society will have completed the project to digitize 111 years of archival copies and make them available free online for research! Barb, Priscilla Walker, and other volunteers have spent tireless hours organizing and preparing the archival copies of the original newspapers for the digitizing process over the last ten years. Ralph Branch also helped transport the issues to and from Denver. The CHNC staff - especially Leigh Jeremias - has made this daunting task easier. We are still encouraging donations from those who appreciate the ability to read Palisade's interesting past and the work that was done to preserve this history.



COLORADO GIVES DAY EARLY GIVING BEGINS NOV 1ST



The Palisade Historical Society is proud to be a participant again this year in Colorado Gives Day.

Colorado Gives Day is Tuesday, December 8, and early giving begins November 1.

Colorado Gives Day is the biggest 24-hour giving movement in the state of Colorado and one of the most successful giving days in the nation.

In 2025, more than $56.6 million was raised for Colorado Gives Day to support Colorado nonprofits. Colorado Gives Foundation, with presenting sponsor PNC, started Colorado Gives Day in 2010 to increase charitable giving to support Colorado nonprofits, raising over half a billion dollars to date.

To donate to The Palisade Historical Society through the Colorado Gives organization, go to our Colorado Gives page:

https://www.coloradogives.org/organization/Palisade-Historical-Society

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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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Memberships

Palisade Tribune **Digitization Fund**

We have raised funds to digitize 5,191 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!

$1,000 ❑ $100 ❑ Other ❑ $ _____

Palisade History Museum

Please help us at any level.

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$2,500 (receive a "Proud Supporter" sign) ❑

$5,000 (advertise in the Museum for your business) ❑

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Any amount is appreciated! ❑ $ _____

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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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