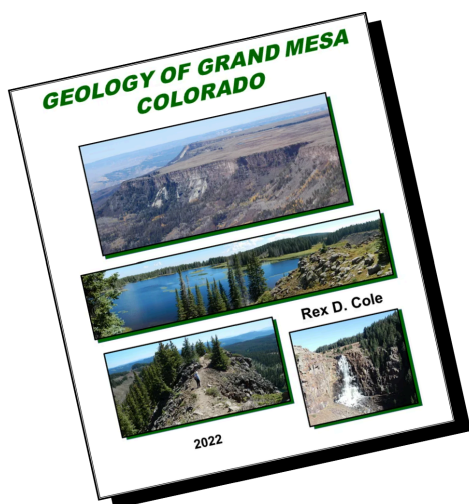


OCTOBER 8TH HISTORY TALK

The Palisade Historical Society's October History Talk will be Geology of the Grand Mesa with Dr. Rex Cole, Emeritus Professor of Geology. Dr. Cole's presentation will be based on a recently published (2022) general-audience book.

Is the Grand Mesa really the largest flat top mountain? Learn the answer to this question and more!

The History Talk will begin at 6 p.m. on Thursday, October 8th, 2026 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!



SEPTEMBER'S HISTORY TALK

The Palisade Historical Society's September History Talk celebrated the Palisade History Museum's 5th Birthday!



The Birthday cake from Palisade's Slice o' Life Bakery was much appreciated.

The official ribbon cutting ceremony was held August 18, 2021. Can you believe it's been 5 years!?



Our CMU Intern, Mercedes Wills & her husband, Eldyn Molina, (pictured)

NEXT MONTH'S HISTORY TALK

Here's a sneak peek of November's History Talk - Thursday, Nov. 12th! Leigh Jeremias, Digital Collections Senior Consultant at the Colorado State Library, will share information on how we can "read yesterday's news online today." She will also show how to more easily search the site. She has helped us digitize 5,191 issues of our *Palisade Tribune* newspaper of record from June 1903 to March 2014. Her encouragement and ability to make it easy for us to send off the archival copies of the newspaper has made what we thought was an impossible task in the beginning into one of our greatest accomplishments.

guided the audience through a virtual tour of the Museum with photos and stories about their acquisition. There were also displays of interesting photos about the log building's transformation from George Bunte, Jr's shop for his freight hauling and peach packing shed. Volunteers also shared what inspires them to be part of the Palisade Historical Society and their favorite display or item at the Museum. Since its official opening, almost 3,000 people have visited the Palisade History Museum!

GOVERNOR POLIS VISITED PALISADE HISTORY MUSEUM

On Colorado Governor Polis' August 25th trip to Western Colorado, he made two stops in Palisade, primarily because of his interest in stilts. He also enjoyed receiving a box of peaches from Town Manager Janet Hawkinson, as well as looking at the Lyle Nichols bronze statue of Palisade Lions Club members on stilts, and photos of stilt walkers from the Palisade Historical Society at the Municipal Building. Pictured are Palisade Historical Society's Priscilla Walker, Town Trustee JoAnn Rasmussen, Governor Jared Polis and Town Manager Janet Hawkinson



At the Palisade History Museum, he learned more about Palisade's U.S. Congressman Wayne Aspinall, commented on the Cameo exhibit, appreciated the pair of wooden stilts on display, as well as the videos of stilt walking and packing peaches. We again pitched the idea of making peaches Colorado's State Fruit!



Governor Polis and Janet Hawkinson at the History Museum with the news crew from Channel 11

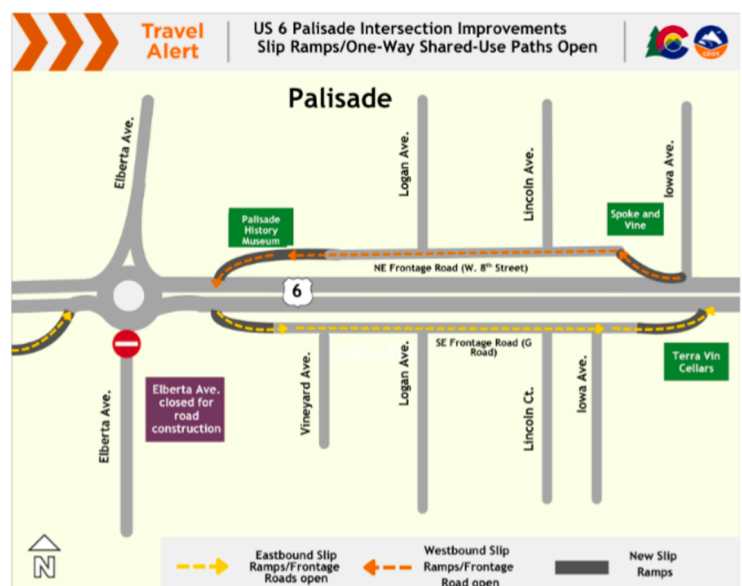
PALISADE HISTORY MUSEUM

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 for up-to-date info!



BEST ROUTE TO THE MUSEUM

Here is a general map on how to reach us. 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 daily. The north frontage road (8th Street), which is in front of the Museum, is a one-way street heading westbound (**CDOT graphic below**). Please be patient as we all navigate these changes!



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!



SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE CLASS TOUR (Continued)

Mark Gable, who is a Palisade fruit grower and Max Sawyer, professor at Western Colorado University in Gunnison, brought a dozen students from his Sustainable Agriculture class to the Palisade History Museum. They were interested in the Aspinall Room, as the Aspinall Unit is the largest water storage facility in the Gunnison Basin, consisting of three dams/reservoirs, including Blue Mesa Reservoir, the largest body of water in the State of Colorado.

The students spent a lot of time learning about The Grand River Diversion Dam, the roller dam in DeBeque canyon which diverts Colorado River water to the Government Highline Canal which supplies water to all the fruit orchards and vineyards in Palisade. Also of interest was the water rights for the canals in the Grand Valley. The oldest current rights are the Grand Valley Canal's which dates to 1883. The Government Highline Canal was operational in 1915, but acquired earlier rights from the Price, Stub, and Orchard Mesa Irrigation Districts when it began providing irrigation water to those canals.

The class toured the Palisade area, visiting orchards with pickers harvesting peaches, packing sheds, and other agriculture attractions as part of their day-long trip.

WEBSITE ACCESSIBILITY UPGRADES

We have a fun & exciting update about HistoricPalisade.org! Our website is the one-stop-shop for all things Historic Palisade, and now it is ADA Accessible!



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SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE CLASS FROM WESTERN COLORADO UNIVERSITY VISITS THE MUSEUM



Students from WCU Sustainable Agriculture Class paused at the end of their visit to the Palisade History Museum, with Max Sawyer, WCU professor (*third from the right*), Mark Gable, local grower and owner of the Stone Fruit Company (*second from right*), and Historical Society Chair JoAnn Rasmussen (*right*). (continued)



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