Disc golfers are enjoying 19 new colorful tee signs at the Riverbend Disc Golf Course, thanks to the coordinated efforts of the Grand Valley Disc Golf Club and the Town of Palisade. Town Parks employees and Club volunteers installed the signs in concrete on Dec. 9th.

Avid disc golfer Nigel Bibler designed the signs, which indicate distances and pars to each basket location. Most of the holes have up to three pin locations. They also show distances from the short tees if a hole has one. These are tee pads that amateurs, kids, and less competitive players can use. The cost of the signs was covered by $200 sponsorships of each hole, provided annually by local businesses and organizations in exchange for the advertising. Sponsor information is printed at the bottom of each sign.

Sponsors included the Grand Valley Disc Golf Club, Columbine Liquors, 357 Bar & Grill, Kester Electric, Palisade Chamber of Commerce, Discontent, Atlanta Solar Center and the Blue Pig Gallery, Diorio’s of Palisade, Palisade Brewing Company, the Men’s Club, the Palisade Café 11.0, Triple Play Records, Peachwood Liquor, Wine Country Inn, the Feisty Pint, Colorado Alternative Health Care and the Colorado Weedly, Peach Street Distillers, and the Spoke and Vine Motel.

Two unique features that separate these signs from those at other local disc golf courses are the brooms clipped on the backs of each sign that allow players to sweep off the tee pad and pin indicators that show the current position of each basket.

In the near future, the Town and Disc Golf Club are working to install new benches, picnic tables, and two course signs that will include a course map, playing instructions, and other information on the course.

**Election Open House to Inform Candidates for Mayor and Trustees**

The Town of Palisade will host an Election Open House on Tuesday, Jan. 7th, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the Palisade Board Chambers for all potential candidates who would like more information on running for the Mayor, Board of Trustees, or the Planning Commission.

The Town will hold an election on April 7th to fill the mayor position and three trustee positions. Mayor Roger Granat is term limited, as well as Trustee Robin Sundermeier. The seats of Trustees Jessica Bond and Thea Chase are open, but they can run again for their seats.

To qualify as a trustee or mayor, candidates must be at least 18 years old, be a registered voter, and have lived in Palisade town limits at least 1 year.

Petitions to run for these positions will be available at the Open House or at Town Hall starting at 8:30 a.m. on Jan. 7th.
Town Hall will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 24th and 25th, for the Christmas holidays and on New Year’s Day.

Palisade Historical Society Gets New Home

On Dec. 11th, the Palisade Historical Society showed the public its new permanent location, where it will open the town’s first Palisade Historical Museum in 2020.

The historic log structure is located at 3740 G Road, near Highway 6 and Elberta Avenue.

“We are excited to have a permanent home and for the opportunity to open a museum in Palisade,” said Society Founding Chairwoman Priscilla Walker.

The Historical Society has been looking for a place to showcase its collections, including historical photos and memorabilia, since January 2017.

The Bunte family were aware of the Historical Society’s dilemma, so when Kirk inherited his grandfather’s property, he thought the shop in the back would be a perfect home for the Society.

“Members of my family have resided in Palisade since 1910, and I’m positive that if they were still with us, they would support this effort,” Kirk said, who now lives with his wife in Virginia.

His grandfather George Bunte, Jr., was a fruit grower and headquartered his Grand Junction Palisade Freight Lines in the log building, which he called his “shop.” He built the home and shop pre-1939.

The Historical Society is now in the process of raising $120,000 to renovate the building and open it to the public. They have already raised two-thirds of the funds, thanks to donations from private donors, contributions from the Goodwin and Bacon Family Foundations, and a $15,000 pledge from the Town of Palisade.

Micah Berg, general contractor and principal of MIB Construction, has begun renovating the building.

For more information, go to www.historicpalisade.org or call the Society at (970) 464-2177.

Soup and Gingerbread Winners Chosen at Olde Fashioned Christmas

The Palisade Chamber of Commerce successfully heralded in another holiday season on Dec. 6th and 7th with Olde Fashioned Christmas.

For the 5th year in a row, Community Hospital took home first place in the Soup Challenge with its cheddar cauliflower soup. The Wine Country Inn came in second with its creamy mushroom soup, and 357 Bar & Grill took third place with its corn chili chowder.

As usual, the gingerbread house contest produced amazing creations (see some of the winners to the right).