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Life Story...

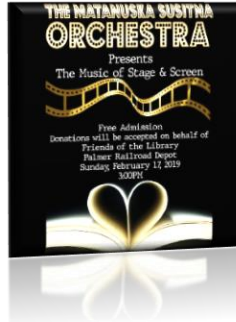
On January 20th the Untold Stories session was a huge success! Eight storytellers regaled a crowd of nearly eighty people with tales of Remembrance in the 49th state. The next Untold Stories event will be on April 7th at the Palmer Depot at 6:00pm with a



theme of "All Shook Up." If you have a story of an earthquake or a time life left you shaken but not stirred, please consider sharing it with the community. Story submissions are due March 8th. If you missed the show, you can find the performance

recorded on Big Cabbage Radio's website at www.radiofreepalmer.org.

(Article & Photo Courtesy of S. Dinges)



Music That Melts the Heart

On February 17th the Palmer Depot hosted Matanuska Susitna Orchestra. Great performance, wonderful repertoire, refreshments and sold out tickets made this event unforgettable. MatSu Orchestra's concert was sponsored by the Friends of Library and the proceeds from the concert were donated to support the Palmer Public Library. We would like to direct a special thank you note to the



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MatSu Orchestra for their generous support, to the many volunteers for donating their time and effort, and to anyone who by participating in the event contributed to that successful day.

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Long-Life Friendship Bounded by Passion and Dedication...

We would like to dedicate this column of the Newsletter to Dave Hanson, our former employee also known as “Hammer”. “Hammer”, known throughout the State of Alaska as a hockey icon had a stroke over a year ago. Recently, “Hammer” joined the Challenge Alaska Avalanche Sled Hockey Team. He was pushed in a sled by his son Cooper Hanson who helped “Hammer” to get into the action. “Hammer” scored a Sled Hockey Goal on his first shift! The return to the ice has been long and hard for “Hammer”. He still has a long way to go in his process of recovery, but the first steps made on “ice” were established. “I got to be on the ice during “Hammer’s” training with his Legendary 80-year-old hockey partner, Jimmy Reese. It was just amazing to see two of my childhood idols on ice. “I watched with admiration as Jimmy Reese pushed “Hammer’s” wheel chair on ice” said Steve MacSwain. If you have ever met “Hammer” you should probably

know that his hands are the size of a large bear and his forearms are like Popeye’s, and when he shot a puck to the net it was sweet hockey music. We continue to pray for “Hammer” on his recovery but just seeing him back on ice was a very special moment for the arena. He is a true hockey legend.

On another note, it has been 30 Years since Palmer High School Hockey has won a State



Hockey Championship. The last Championship was won in 1989 by an amazing group of players known as the “Golden Team” in our arena. Now, Palmer High School Hockey led by coach Dean Wilson has one more High School Hockey Championship banner to hang next to the beloved “Golden Team”. Thanks for the ride Moose –it was something to see!!!

(Info and Pics Courtesy of S. MacSwain)

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Coming Up...

- Mar 8 Foreign Film – 7pm – Library
- Mar 8 Broomball – 11:30am – MTA (EC)
Event Center
- Mar 18 Friends of the Library Meeting –
5:30pm - Library
- Mar 22 Classic Film – 6pm – Library
- Mar 27 Jonathan’s Reptiles – 11am –
Library
- Every **Tue** in **March @ Library**
Baby Lap sit (0-2) – 10am
2-Year-Old Storytime – 11am
- Every **Thu** in **March @ Library**
3 -5-Year-Old Storytime – 11am
- Every **Mon & Fri** in **March @ MTA Event Center**
Public Skate – **12:30pm @ MTA**
Event Center*
- Every **Tue, Wed, Thu & Sun** in **March @ MTA EC**
Public Skate – **1pm** – Please,
confirm time with MTA Event
Center 863-0750
- Every **Tue, Wed, Thu** in **March @ MTA EC***
Freestyle – 12pm
- Apr 7 Untold Story – “All Shook up” –
6pm-8pm. For more info call
Palmer Museum at 746-7668
- May 6-11 Clean up – for more info check the
website at www.cityofpalmer.org
- Jul 12 Wine Walk – For more info call
Palmer Museum at 746-7668
- Jul 13 Midsummer Garden and Art Fair

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