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## Golden Heart



## 2018!



## No Place Like Palmer Library!

The Palmer Library has been humming with activities to pique the interest of adults & young adults since the holidays. Alfred Hitchcock's classic thriller, "Rear Window",

was a hit with the audience. It is part of CHILL's year of classic cinema. Next month will feature John Wayne in, "The Searchers". Each month is a different genre.

Foreign film viewings once a month bring a bit of outside culture to our corner of the world. The



library's Open Room craft & scrapbook days have seen several projects completed by attendees. Quilting, sewing, remote control car building, scrapbooking, flower clips, button art, drawing, & card making have all been whirling through the meeting room lately! Everyone, age 15 and up, is welcome to attend any of these events.



*(Courtesy of H. Deadmond)*

On February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 the prominent and dedicated Palmer citizen Linda Combs received the City of Palmer's Golden Heart Lifetime Achievement Award from the Palmer City Council. Linda has served the community in many outstanding ways over the past 30 years and looks forward to continuing to serve our community for many more to come.



The award was conceived and enacted in 2013 by the City Council in an effort to recognize the many individuals that have contributed in multiple areas that have

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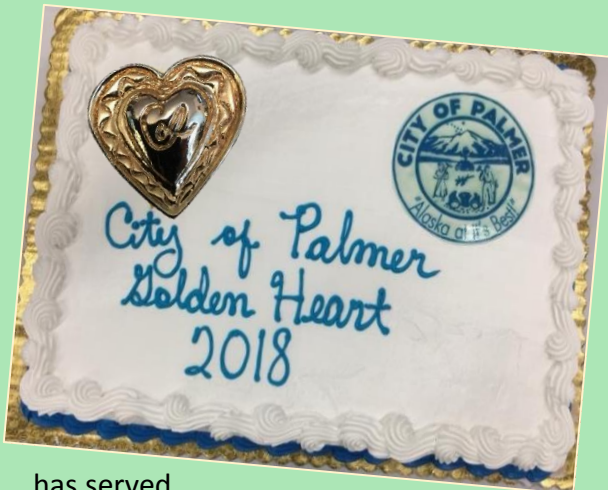
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improved and maintained the high standard of living and quality of life that benefits the entire community. The list of those honored since 2013 is one that contains many familiar names that are easily connected to the good works that have already been done and continue in our city.

Linda Combs over the many years that she has lived in Palmer has been involved in so many wonderful groups and projects. From the Palmer High School Booster clubs to advocacy for Seniors with her current position on the State of Alaska's Commission on Aging. At various times she



has served on the Foundation Board for Hospice and enjoys the multitude of civic projects that are accomplished as a member of the Palmer Lions Club. Add to the list efforts with various events that highlight Palmer's arts,

agriculture, and historic offerings to residents and visitors alike and the list is just endless.

In our community that can easily be defined by the multitude of those who serve with willing hands and generous hearts, Linda was an easy choice by the Council for Palmer's 2018 Golden Heart Award.

*(Article & Pics Courtesy of L. Combs)*

## Former Stars Shine at MTA Event Center...

The MTA Event Center is treated to many levels of hockey from the beginners of youth hockey through adults who have loved the game of hockey for decades. We have three adult groups who regularly rent ice time at the arena. The Hasbeens/Ice Hogs, the Carleton Group, and the Cruz Group. We do host league games for adults on Sundays for the Valley Adult League/Anchorage Adult Women's Hockey League and the popular adult yearly Tournament called the "Suey Cup".

Adult Hockey is well represented at the arena and has been a positive addition to our ice time schedule. The stories of the long love of hockey are always present when these groups arrive. I just keep my ears open and listen and sometimes I even chip in a story of my own at times! It is a treat to see players

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you have seen lace them up for over 40 years and it is always special to shake the hand of an ice friend you have known for so long.

During the Cruz skate a few weeks back one of my idols, 80-year-old hockey star,



Left: Jimmy Reese. Right: Steve MacSwain

Jimmy Reese showed up at the adult skate. Jimmy Reese is like The Gordie Howe of Alaska Hockey. Jimmy and 83-year-old Frank Nosek had just returned from Ottawa, Canada where they represented USA Hockey while winning the Prestigious Canada 150 Cup. As a child, in the 1970's I studied Jimmy's Reese every move. I watched him and admired him for the very special and amazing player he was. And now, seeing him still going strong at his age is a great inspiration and always brings

back good memories. Congratulations to both, Jimmy and Frank from a longtime fan, and thanks for blessing our arena with the beautiful Canada 150 Cup for pictures.

*(Story & Pic Courtesy of S. MacSwain)*

## *If These Mountains Could ★ Talk...*

In February 2018, the USA Board on Geographic Names, approved the proposal to apply the new name, "Gold Star Peak" to an unnamed summit in Alaska.



The name refers to the Gold Star, a traditional mourning symbol used in the U.S. to indicate the loss of a family member in military service.

Find more at <http://geonames.usgs.gov>

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## News from Palmer Museum...

### New Services

Starting this May, the museum will be offering both a self-guided audio tour and daily guided tours of Palmer's historic district. This educational and engaging tour has been



made possible by a generous contribution from the Rasmussen Foundation and through a great deal of hard work by volunteers and staff here at the museum.

Additionally, our Museum and Visitor Services Coordinator, Brooke Steinke, has compiled Palmer's first official visitor guide, printed through Alaska Adventure Media. This guide features numerous Palmer businesses, a walking map of Palmer's historic district, and more information about our town.

### Exhibits

From March 21<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>, we will be displaying art from high school classrooms around the valley in an exhibit called Beyond the Classroom.

On April 14<sup>th</sup>, we will be hosting our 9<sup>th</sup> Untold Stories event, with a theme of "Road Trips." We invite members of the community to participate as an audience and as storytellers in this fun fundraising event.

For more details call Museum at 746-7668

## Coming Up....

Mar & Apr

Every Tue Baby Lap Sit – 1-am  
2-year-old Story Time – 11am -  
Library

Every Thu 3 to 5 years old Story Time –  
11am - Library

Mar 7&21 Open Room Crafts – 2pm -  
Library

Mar 9 & Apr 13

Foreign Film – 7pm – Library

Mar 14 Mat-Su Birders 6:30pm – Library

Mar 16-19 Basket Auction Drop off – 10am –  
2pm – Library

Mar 19 & Apr 14

Friends of Library Meeting – 7pm  
Untold Stories – Road Trips –  
confirm time – Palmer Museum

Mar 20-29 Basket Silent Auction – 10am -  
Library

Apr 6 CHILL Classic – 7pm – Library

Mar Every Mon & Wed & Sat (time vary)  
Public Skate – 1:30pm – MTA

Every Tue & Wed

Adult Stick Time – 12:15pm – MTA  
Event Center

Mar 15, 22 & 29

Youth Broomball – 11:30am –  
MTA Event Center

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