

## Updates from the Palmer Golf Course...



This year's Palmer Invitational was a huge success. There were 17 golf professionals playing for a total purse of \$14,000 and 63 amateurs competing in the gross and net divisions of the event.

Friday, July 28th was Free Kid's Day Clinic. Each of the 50 youth golfers were treated to golf instruction from both, the professionals and top amateurs in the tournament. The Palmer Golf Course also had 4 of the Mat-Su Miners baseball team join in to help. Every kid received a golf cap, a sleeve of golf balls, and a gift card. One of the golf pro's put on a wonderfully entertaining trick shot show.



All the kids had fun and learned quite a bit about golf and golf etiquette. (Article courtesy of Greg Collum)

### Proud to be From Palmer...

All summer long the MatSu Miners work hard competing for the chance to go for the Alaska Baseball League championship. This year was not different. On July 26<sup>th</sup>, on the Hermon Brothers field in Palmer, the Miners battled with the Bucs. Over 400

spectators were witness to their victory. The Miners game always attracts a lot of

people from the valley and surrounding area that

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support their team. The game was accompanied by cheers, the friendly atmosphere and the picturesque scenery



of Pioneer Peek in the background that is found nowhere else in a state. By J. Mazurkiewicz

### Palmer Pride – Summer Fun

On July 28<sup>th,</sup> the Palmer Depot held the anniversary of Palmer Pride. Regardless our busy lives, this event always brings the community together and provides a perfect opportunity for chatting and celebrating our city. The Palmer Summer Youth Band entertained the audience with an amazing repertoire. The free food



provided by the local businesses and local farms created atmosphere for conversation, laughter, and relaxation. The culmination of the Palmer Pride celebration was the award of certificates



to local businesses, to residents of Palmer for beautification and the award to the citizen of the year. This year the title of



the 'Citizen of the Year' went to John Combs for his outstanding civic role, hard work and dedication to our community. Thank you, John Combs. City of Palmer wishes you the best.

By J. Mazurkiewicz

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### 2017 Palmer Pride Awards

#### **Beautification Awards:**

- Ruth Allen, Fern Ave.
- "Doc" Henry Blatchford, S. Cobb St.
- Mary Boyd, Ronda Way
- Doug and Marlin Prins, N. Loyd St.
- Mary Maxwell, N. Bonanza St.
- Barbara Johnson, S. Gulkana
- J. Griffin & D. Wilson, S. Williwaw
- Alfred & Barbara Nault, Remple Ave.
- Mountain Rose Estates, Palmer

#### **Innovative Business Award:**

Active Soles, S. Alaska St.

#### **Cheechako Business Award:**

• Alaska Pickers, S. Denali St.

#### **Sourdough Business Award:**

B&B Bargains, S. Alaska St.

#### Longest Serving Commision/Board Member Award:

**Jeff Helmricks** 

#### **Longest Serving Election Official:**

Gerry Keeling

# Prelude to Fall...

It is never a good time to farewell a friend as it was not easy to farewell our



good friend; the Friday Fling which entertained us all summer long. Saying, "Good bye" to the



the summer. On July 18th, Palmer Downtown hosted the Friday Flings market for the last time this summer. A lot

of people visited the market for their last purchases of the season.



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they gathered to eat lunch with families and friends, and just have a walk and listen to the live music. We look forward to the next May with Friday Fling return! By J. Mazurkiewicz

> Best Wishes on Your

### **R**etirement!

The month of August was the last month for Sandra Garley. Sandra has

worked for the City for the past 9 years! She was hired in February 2008 as Community Development Director and remained in that position until her retirement. Her knowledge and experience



served the City for years and were greatly appreciated. Certainly, the City will miss her dedication, hard work, expertise, and her personal charm. Sandra, the City would like to tell you 'Thank you' for all you did for the City and wish you the best on a new chapter of your life. By J. Mazurkiewicz



(Photo courtesy of N. Alley)

### Coming up...

Sep	2-3	Alaska Team Match Play –
		Palmer Golf Course
Sep	4	Library CLOSED
Sep	4	Palmer Golf Hall of Fame
		tournament – Golf Course
Sep	4	Alaska State Fair – Last day
Sep	11	MTA Events Center Opens
Sep	6 &	10
		Open Room Crafts – 2pm –
		Library
Sep	8	Foreign Film – 7pm – Library
Sep	9	CHILL Stranger Things – 6pm –
		Library
Sep	Tues	& Thurs
		Story Time – 10am and 11am –
		Library
Sep	11	Valley Quilters Guild – 10am –
		Library

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Sep	13	Mat-Su Birders – 6:30pm –
		Library
Sep	18	Friends of Library Meeting – 7pm
		– Library
Oct	1	OKTOBERFEST Tournament –
		Golf Course

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