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Alaska State Fair- Great Times!

The Alaska State Fair opened on Thursday, August 24 and ran through Monday, September 5th. As every year the Alaska State Fair brought



thousands of Alaskans to Palmer and the event was warmly welcomed by our community. Despite



rain and dark clouds that were hanging above Palmer on opening day, enthusiasm was great! Visitors enjoyed traditional food, musical performances and of course the rides. There was plenty of fun and excitement for every age and taste. And talking about things to see... A new state record was set at the Palmer Fairgrounds this year. A humongous pumpkin of 1,469 pounds took the prize. And last but not least; on August 31, Governor



Bill Walker was a guest at the Alaska State Fair joint luncheon for the Great Palmer Chamber and the Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce. Walker spoke of Alaska's challenges and opportunities. Governor Walker and the First Lady congratulated Palmer City Council Member, Linda Combs on her appointment to the Alaska Commission on Aging. Congratulations Linda Combs! We are proud of you!





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Governor Walker, Linda Combs, First Lady. (Info and photo courtesy of Linda Combs).



Palmer State Fair Parade...

The Alaska State Fair opening was followed by the annual Palmer State Fair Parade. On Saturday, August 27 the parade rumbled through the



streets of downtown Palmer. This year the theme of the parade was "Bee Happy" and we certainly were happy enjoying beautiful weather and watching how the colorful parade flew through our unique city.





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- Agriculture Category: Mat-Su/Copper River 4H
- Business Category: Shear Fire Design
- Community Service Organization Category: Boy Scouts of America
- Family/Children Category: Austin Ervin
- Music/Dance Category: Sonja's Studio of Dance
- Political Category: Sykes for Assembly
- Public Safety Category: Central Mat-Su Fire Department
- Royalty/Fraternal Category: Pioneers of Alaska
- Theme "Bee Happy" Category: Matanuska Valley Federal Credit Union
- Vehicle Category: 49th State Street Rodders

- Overall Winners:
- 1st: 49th State Street Rodders
 - 2nd: Matanuska Valley Federal Credit Union
 - 3rd: Austin Ervin

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Delegation from Saroma...



In September, the City of Palmer hosted a delegation of middle and high school students from our Sister City of Saroma, Japan. Saroma has been Palmer's Sister City for 36 years. The students had a great opportunity to learn about Palmer and



Department where they learned about safety and law enforcement. Then, lunch at Humdingers! They were taught how to prepare their own pizza for lunch. What a great experience! And the kids had a lot of FUN! After lunch, it was time to travel into the past and learn about Palmer's history with a stop in Colony House and The Palmer Museum. The students loved to listen about the settlers and how Palmer grew from a little depot to a

beautiful city. It was the longest stop on their trip around the town.



experience our culture. The students visited Palmer City Hall where they were warmly received by City Manager, Nathan Wallace. After morning snacks, they took a tour of the Fire Station and the Police



City Manager, Nathan Wallace accompanied Saroma student during their cultural experience around the City of Palmer.





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News from the Golf Course...

The Palmer Club Championship was held on August 20-21. 101 people participated in the event. The course was in fantastic shape for the event and everyone enjoyed the weekend.

The American Cancer Society Scramble was held on August 26th. There were 13 teams battling it out to help raise money for this worthy cause.

And Labor Day weekend saw the Alaska Team Match Play, where the state's top golf professionals took on the best amateurs in the Ryder Cup format. This prestigious event is one of the highlights of the season each year.

Golf season is about to end. Take advantage of the day light, last warm days of the fall, and a spectacular view of Pioneer Peak; visit the golf course... For more info, call 907-745-4653 *(Info courtesy of George Collum).*

MTA Event Center

Kick off...

The season is off to a great start at the MTA Events Center! The Saturday Night Public Skate from 7:45-9:15PM has attracted many new faces and has been great fun for all ages. The first session of Learn to Skate classes is currently underway. We have many new and returning students who are advancing their figure skating and hockey skills each week. Have you ever heard of Broom Ball? The sport takes place on the ice, but in tennis shoes (so no skating

experience is necessary) with a small soccer-like ball, and a 'broom.' We introduced Youth Broom Ball as an after-school activity last month and with its growing popularity we decided that the adults shouldn't be left out of all the fun. Adult Broom Ball is now every Wednesday at 9:15PM. Come check it out! It's not only entertaining, but excellent exercise as well. All you need is a pair of tennis shoes and a helmet of any type, we have the brooms. See you at the rink! For



more info, call 907-746-4231. *(Info and photo courtesy of Scott Johnson).*

It's Story Time at the Library...

The month of August was dedicated to Harry Potter. The newest book in the HP universe was recently released. The group took turns reading, after creating their own custom wands. We wound down the summer with a costume workshop. September 13th marked the return of Story Time at Palmer Public Library. Kids were lined up in



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*Invitation From Palmer Fire
Association!*

anticipation before library opening time and were treated to several stories, crafts, and library play time. Story Time themes over the next few weeks



Info and pic courtesy of K. Schweisthal and H. Deadmond

will focus on the changing seasons...colors, foods, and family There's an exciting line up this fall! October brings a Library Murder Mystery. November is Doctor Who, and December is Lord of the Rings Themed Mystery.

Coming Up...

To the end of September – Public Skate – Saturdays
Every Wednesday – Adult Broom Ball – 9pm – MTA
Event Center in Palmer
Sep 20 & 27 (and every Tuesday until December)
Baby Lap Sit at 10am Story Time (for 2
year old) at 11am - Library
Sep 22[&]29 Story Time (for 3-5yrs old) @ 11am-
Library
Sep 30 Hockey Game – UAA vs Simon Fraser –
7:07pm – MTA Event Center in Palmer
Sep 30 Harvest Recycle Fest at 7pm-9:30pm –
Palmer Depot
Oct 1 Oktoberfest Tournament-Golf Course
Oct 9 Foreign Film at 7pm-Library
Oct 9 Scrapbooking at 2pm-Library

Palmer Fire Association
25TH ANNUAL
AUTUMN HARVEST OPEN HOUSE
Monday October 31st
6-8 PM Contini Fire Station (3-1)
All Children are welcome!
Play games and have your photo taken with Sparky the Fire Dog.
For more information, call Joan at 745-3709

Oct 8 CHILL at 6pm-Library
Oct 17 FRIENDS MEETING at 7pm-Library
Oct 21 FRIGHT NIGHT at 7pm-Library
Oct 23 MatSu Orchestra – Free Concert to
benefit Palmer Public Library – Palmer
Depot – 3pm
Oct 29 DENALI Destroyer Dolls-MTA Event
Center at 7pm. For more info, visit
denalidestroyers.org
Nov 11 Foreign Film at 7pm-Library
Nov 13 Scrapbooking at 2pm-Library
Nov 12 CHILL at 6pm-Library
Nov 18 Teen Movie Night at 7pm-Library
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