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Palmer Pride...

Palmer is a modest town known for its traditions and Palmer Pride is one of them. This year Palmer Pride Picnic celebrated its 27 anniversary and as every year the Palmer Pride celebration was hosted at the Palmer Railroad Depot. Despite rain; residents of Palmer and the surrounding areas gathered in downtown



Palmer to celebrate "the birthday" of their community. The friendly atmosphere and community spirit were evident at the Noodle Chute brought to Palmer by Saroma Kai and was accompanied by live music, free hotdogs and cake, all



sponsored by local businesses and volunteers. A special "Thank you" is directed to City Council Member, Linda Combs for the hard work and heart she put into the preparation of the event. **Thank You, Linda**

Combs! Palmer Pride Picnic ended with the award ceremony during which Mayor DeLena Johnson awarded certificates to the residents of Palmer for their dedication to the City. Citizen of the Year Award went to Pat Lawton. Lorie Koppenberg received Business Person of the Year Award. Carla Swick received a special recognition for her commitment and contribution to the sister



Council City Members. From the left; Linda Combs, Steve Carrington, Brad Hanson, Richard Best





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city program. Home Beautification awards received; The Andersons, the Bakers, the Hudsons, the Summers, the Campbells, the Kirchers, the Lindstroms, Sun Aiying, and Eller Donald. Commercial Beautification certificates were awarded to Sustainable Design Group, Joe Hawkins and Dee Rieke. **Congratulation to All!**

“Go Miners!”

On July 27th our favorite team the Miners battled the Bucs. Over 700 people came out



to the Hermon Brothers Field in Palmer to support their favorite team. The City of Palmer handed out 200 baskets and posters to all spectators. After the National Anthem, sung by Devon McClure, Mayor of Palmer, DeLena Johnson threw out the first pitch



Mayor, DeLena Johnson

opening the “Celebrate Palmer” baseball game. Mat-Su Miners’ fans supported their team with fantastic enthusiasm which gave them the boost to win the ABL Championship a few weeks later! Everybody had a wonderful time. **Great Season, Miners! You were unstoppable!**



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the Cold War” said airport manager, Frank Kelly. What else...? In the first week of June, New Horizons Telecommunications Inc. hosted the 24th annual FAA “Fly In” and breakfast program. Over 100 people attended the event with numerous pilots



*Airport
Through the
Passenger
window...*

flying in. The FAA Fly In program helps to keep the flying public informed about safety topics and new FAA initiatives. Jeni Hunter with the Palmer Flight Service Station has always been the back bone of the event in helping to make preparations and keep things running smooth”, confessed Frank Kelly. At the end of June, we hosted Lt. Commander David Shook and his crew from Kodiak with their C130.



Let’s take a peek at the airport and ask Frank Kelly what has happened around the airport since April of this year. On May 31st the Warren “Bud” Woods Palmer Municipal



Airport and Mayor DeLena Johnson welcomed approximately 20 Aviation Enthusiasts from Manchester England with “The Aviation Society”. The Aviation Society visits airports in Alaska every couple of years and Palmer is one of their preferred stops. They are particularly interested in our unique and historical aircraft located here. We have a 1944 DC 3 and two C-119’s flown in World War II and a DC-4 that was flown in the Berlin Airlift at the beginning of



Info and photos courtesy of Frank Kelly

City Manager, Nate Wallace was there to greet them. And last but not least. As of June 1st, the Warren “Bud” Woods Palmer Municipal Airport implemented its new “Fly Friendly” Program to help mitigate disturbances over our local neighbors. The





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Palmer Airport web page “Fly Friendly” is now activated and the new “Fly Friendly” program information is located at the Transient Parking Area and both aircraft fueling stations at the North and South ramps. For more information, you can call 907-761-1334

Library Notes...

There were two events during the month of July that the library would like to share with us. On July 14th the Palmer library hosted the Summer Reading Program Fun Run! 82 kids and 56 adults participated in a 1/3 mile



Info and photo courtesy of Katie Schweisthal

and 1-mile race. The race course began and ended at the library and stretched around neighboring blocks. The weather was beautiful and spirits were high as race time began. The success of this race was due to the diligence of our SRP Assistant, Alisha Asplund, FRIENDS of the Palmer Library, Healthy Futures as well as the several volunteers who lent a hand. On July 28th Summer Reading at the Palmer Library culminated with a festive bash. Nearly 300

readers joined the library in celebrating their literacy efforts over the summer. Party goers were treated to a photo booth, bounce house, crazy hair, face painting, crafts, a picnic and more! We would not be able to offer the fun we did without the support of local civic organizations. Special thank you to our local Kiwanis Club, Lions Club, Matanuska Masons, Beta Sigma Psi, and FRIENDS of the Palmer Library. We were also grateful to the MTA Events Center for providing several skating passes as prize giveaways. **THANK YOU!**

Updates From the Golf Course...

In July, the golf course hosted the Palmer Invitational Pro-AM that was sponsored by Delta Construction. Kurt Watkins, a professional from California won overall with local amateurs Greg Sanders winning the Gross Division and Ed Gohr winning the Net Division. The tournament included golfers from Canada and the lower 48. Prior to the tournament MTA sponsored a Free Kid’s Day Clinic where the visiting professional golfers introduced youth golfers to the fundamentals and etiquette of the sport.



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Let's Stuff the Bus!

The first day of school is a very exciting day for students and parents. United Way took



the initiative and made sure that no child from low income families went to school without a backpack and basic supplies! Thursday morning, August 11th the Mat-Su Borough School District parked a school bus at the front of the Palmer Downtown Pavilion. Volunteers "stuffed" it with school supplies and 1,027 backpacks were distributed to Mat-Su Borough School District to benefit Borough School District kids. Thank you to all the local sponsors for the donations, volunteers for the donation of their time and the owner of Humdingers



The City Council Member, Edna DeVries (left), Publisher, Justyna Mazurkiewicz (right)

Gourmet Pizza for donation of food to feed our volunteers. As always, Excellent Job and Way to Go, United Way!

Hot Summer Nights Car Show...



WOW! A "hot" night filled with cars and dresses from the 50's"! On August 13, numerous cars lined



The City Council Members: Linda Combs (right) and Edna DeVries (second from the left)

South Colony Way and the front of the museum and library. 49th State Street Rodders invited us to participate in a gorgeous trip back to the past. The event was breathtaking. The lovers of old automobiles and those that enjoy the





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The City Council Members: Linda Combs & Richard Best

history could admire the models from 1920 to the very futuristic ones, accompanied by great music and free hamburgers and hotdogs. Thank you 49th State Street Rodders for that Saturday evening full of excitement!

Coming Up...

Every Monday of the week at 6pm – walking, biking, running, climbing events for more info call 907-746-0600

- Aug 25 Alaska Fair Opens
- Aug 26 American Cancer Society "The Bob"- Golf course
- Aug 27 Alaska State Fair Parade 11am Downtown Palmer
- Sep 3-4 Alaska (Bomar) Cup-Golf Course
- Sep 5 Hall of Fame at 10am-Golf Course
- Sep 5 Alaska State Fair- last day
- Sep 9 Foreign Film at 7pm – Library

- Sep 9 Skate classes – MTA Event Center 4:30-5:15Ppm. For more info contact Sabra.sturgi@matsugov.us
- Sep 10 Free public skate 7:30-9:00 pm-MTA Event Center
- Sep 10 Palmer Art Walk – Palmer Museum
- Sep 10 CHILL Program at 6pm – Library
- Sep 11 Scrapbooking at 2pm – Library
- Sep 13 Baby Lap Sit resumes at 10am. Story Time (for 2 year old) resumes @ 11am – Library
- Sep 15 Story Time (for 3-5 year old) resumes at 11am – Library
- Sep 17 Annual Charity Tournament 10am-Golf Course
- Sep 18 Untold Stories 6:00pm-8:00pm - Museum
- Sep 19 FRIENDS Meeting at 7pm – Library
- 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
- Oct 1 Oktoberfest Tournament-Golf Course
- Oct 9 Foreign Film at 7pm-Library
- Oct 9 Scrapbooking at 2pm-Library
- Oct 8 CHILL at 6pm-Library
- Oct 17 FRIENDS MEETING at 7pm-Library
- Oct 21 FRIGHT NIGHT at 7pm-Library
- Oct 29 DENALI Destroyer Dolls-MTA Event Center. 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
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