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EAGLE FAMILIES ON PARADE

50 years of Statehood and 23 years of "Skatehood"! The patriotic Mat-Su Eagles were out in full force at the Wasilla 4th of July parade.

Proudly showing their civic pride, the Eagles treated the adoring crowd to candy, MAHA t-shirts, MAHA Mud coffee, and their best parade smiles and waves. Two Mat-Su Eagles proudly carried the banner that asked, "What's Alaska's Best Resource"? The float was festooned with possible answers. Fish? Timber? Oil? But we here at MAHA know the answer and it was proudly displayed on our float...Our own Alaskan Youth!

Chaired by Misty Holler, the float committee put together an eye-catching float featuring a giant oil pipeline and towering oil derrick complete with

hockey sticks gushing from the top! Kim Carney and Polly Koivunen, two hockey moms who are as adept with power tools as Crosby is with a hockey stick, led the construction team at our annual civic funfest.

great fun being a part of the city parade, it was yet another MAHA moment where we were able to showcase our civic and State pride.

A heartfelt thanks to all who spent the sunny 4th of



The turnout for the parade was phenomenal and uplifting. The boys and girls looked so darn cute in their jerseys and were the perfect ambassadors for our hockey program. The Eagle got her groove on with some dance moves never before seen from a winged creature. Kurtis Doscher was our "driving force" with his skills behind the wheel of his sparkling truck. Not only was it

July on the MAHA float, and a big salute to all the behind the scenes contributors. It was an added bonus that we came away with the 3rd place ribbon! Champions on and off the ice – that's our Mat-Su Eagles.



MAHA 1st Annual Gear Swap



Do you have a bunch of gear taking up room in your garage that doesn't fit anymore?

Why not donate that gear to MAHA to be used in our first annual gear swap?

The gear swap will be on September 12th at the Brett Ice Arena. Bring your gear in to drop it off between 12:00 and 2:00, at 3:00 you will be able to purchase dropped off gear at garage sale prices.

Bring your skates and enjoy an hour of free skating to try out your new gear from 4:45 to 5:45. Players must have a current USA hockey registration to participate in the free skate.

"You will miss 100% of the shots that you don't take"
Wayne Gretzky

MAHA House Evaluations & Registration

It's time to sharpen those skates and come play some hockey. MAHA will be hosting the 2009-10 house evaluations on September 18th and 19th at the Brett Memorial Ice Arena.

The cost is \$25 and all players must have a current USA Hockey registration prior to evaluations. If your player

doesn't have a current registration for the upcoming season please go to www.usahockey.com



to register.

A complete schedule broken down by age groups can be found on our NEW website

www.matsuhockey.com.

Players will also be able to register during evaluations, however it is much faster and easier for you to register online. Registration is quick and easy and league fees can be paid easily online as well during the registration process.



IN THE SPOTLIGHT, YOUR KID

YOUR KIDS PICTURE HERE

- Birthday:
- Favorite Food:
- Favorite Movie:
- Favorite Hockey Team:
- Favorite Player:

That's right! Your kid can be in the spotlight for scoring their first goal, getting their first hat trick, first shutout, straight A's, community volunteer work. Kids can be submitted for any reason you think is worth bragging about.

The nomination process is easy, all you have to do is write a description of why you think they should be "In The Spotlight", have the player answer the questions at the left and then email that information along

with a current photo to Mike at fishing@mtaonline.net

We will feature 3 players for each newsletter. If we don't pick your kid right away we will keep the information you send us for possible use in future newsletters.

Check out the eagles "In The Spotlight" below and then get your nominations emailed in for the next newsletter.

"...winning the Bantam State Championship in 2007."

IN THE SPOTLIGHT, PEEWEE TIER III

The peewee tier III coaches stated from the beginning of the season how important school grades were and that they came before hockey. As adults, we know how important those grades are and we are proud to have so many players on our team striving for and reaching those grades. The peewee's currently have 15 players rostered with them and out of those 15

players, 10 of them made the honor role (3.0-4.0) in the 2nd quarter. The following players are listed in order as seen in the photo. Back row: Maddy Shotenski, Kevin Hale, Isaac Vincent, Carleigh Longoria. Front Row: Dakota Mayo, Austen Park, Stephen Srebernak, Kiana Verplancke. Missing in photo: Amanda Engan, Timothy Far-

ring. Congratulations and keep up the great work!



IN THE SPOTLIGHT, MEGAN WHITLATCH



- Birthday: [April 26, 2001](#)
- Favorite Food: [Moms Pasta](#)
- Favorite Movie: [102 Dalmations](#)
- Favorite Hockey Team: [Colorado Avalanche](#)

Favorite Player: "Super" Joe Sakic

Megan won the Presidents Day Tournament, Skills competition, with her exceptional shooting skills. A skill she says has improved this year since she has been practicing so much in her parents garage.

Megan was one of four Eagles that competed in the competition, but was the only one to win and she was the only girl to win either shooting or skating competitions. She was very nervous going into the competition, "But It felt good to beat the boys," she said.

She said her heart was beating really fast as she heard her name announced on the loud speaker. It was the first time she had ever heard that with her hockey gear on, but in the end she was just really excited to see what she had won.

She started playing as a first year mini-mite and is now a first year mite. She says her favorite part about playing hockey is having fun and learning new things at practice.

Check out our NEW website!

ALL NEW
MAHA
WEBSITE

This year the MAHA website will be sporting a new look on our NEWLY overhauled web site. The website is loaded with new features and you will love the new look and feel of it too.

The new website will be your #1 source for all information about MAHA hockey news as well as other league info.

On line registration and payment of fees is probably the best new feature added to the website. Payment and registration is quick and simple, no more waiting in line at the rink filling out paperwork.

The website will also have an active and up-to-date NEWS section to keep you informed of the latest news in volunteer opportunities, fund raisers and general

team information.

Open your web browser and search for "matsu hockey" our web address www.matsuhockey.com will be at the top of the list.

All MAHA families are welcome to send website content or photos to our new webmaster, Mike Whitlatch. Send information to: fishing@mtaonline.net

UAA Hockey in the Valley

Alaska's very own division 1, UAA Seawolves, will be playing an exhibition game in our neck of the woods on Friday October 2 at 7pm. They will be playing at the Wasilla Multi-use Sports complex and a portion of the proceeds will go to benefit MAHA. So

bring the family out and enjoy some Seawolf hockey.

Freshmen and Alaskan, Tyler Currier, will be suiting up for the Seawolves this year. Currier played for the Valley's Junior A hockey team, The Alaska Avalanche, for the past few seasons and was their leading point scorer last season.

MAHA is looking for some corporate sponsors for this event, if you are interested please contact any of the MAHA board

members or your division representative for more information.

Anybody interested in volunteering to help out with this great fundraising event can attend a planning meeting that will be held on September 8 at 7pm at Tailgaters.

Visit www.goseawolves.com for more news and information about the UAA hockey.





Win a 2009
HONDA RANCHER!

"Have you always
wanted to play
hockey, but didn't
know how to get
started?"



MAHA is giving away another 4-wheeler!

This year at the Alaska State Fair (Aug 27 - Sept 7th) MAHA will be raffling a 2009 Honda Rancher Four Wheeler!! We are recruiting families to sell raffle tickets at the MAHA booth. The pay and benefits are great.....and all registered MAHA players benefit from the profits!! **Each volunteer will receive two fair admission tickets and one parking pass!!**so work 1/2 a day and play 1/2 a day on MAHA!! The schedule will be posted on the MAHA website: matsuhockey.com, and updated daily.

We have 48 shifts to fill so please sign up as soon as possible!! It is only necessary to post the adult name on the schedule. If Mom and Dad are both working that family gets 4 tickets. (Please have the

players wear their MAHA jerseys when possible for them to work.)

If you would like to volunteer send your email and phone number to Susan Elwell so she can arrange to get your admission tickets and parking pass to you ahead of time!! respond to selwell@mtaonline.net or call 373-2520. You can't sign up on the website but we will keep the list updated so people can see what is open!!

Our presales are VERY important. MAHA will pay 3% sales tax on all sales after the Fair starts!! Plus we need to purchase the 4 wheeler!!! If you plan to purchase raffle tickets for yourself please do so BEFORE the Fair if possible. We will collect all "sold" money and remainder of tickets on or before August 26th.

Susan will be at the Brett on August 26th from 7:30-9:30 to collect tickets and money and coordinate fair tickets and parking passes!!

On that note....not all teams are yet formed....the teams that are currently practicing have been given 25 tickets to pre-sell!! **Thank you to all the families who have tickets and are actively selling!!** We would like ALL MAHA players/parents to have an opportunity to purchase or sell tickets. We have 10 days for pre-sales so **please let us get you some tickets to sell or buy!! Just email Susan and tell her when and where!!!**

Susan Elwell
373-2520 232-1236

Hockey's Not Just For Kids Anymore!

If you have ever wanted to play hockey but don't know how, MAHA has a new team for 2009; The Grey Eagles.

The Grey Eagles is a Co-Ed, novice/beginner, group of Moms and Dads that have always wanted to play

hockey but didn't know how to skate or where to start. Skills and drills are taught by some of your highly skilled MAHA coaches.

If you already know how to skate and have been thinking about getting into

coaching this group would be a great place for you to learn basic skating drills that should be taught at all house levels.

For more information contact Mike Whitlatch at: fishing@mtaonline.net or 357-1600



MAT-SU AMATEUR HOCKEY
ASSOCIATION

HISTORY

The Mat-Su Amateur Hockey Association was formed at the end of the 1985-86 youth hockey season. At that time the respective memberships of the Palmer and Wasilla Youth Hockey organizations voted to combine forces through creation of MAHA. Members of the Big Lake Amateur Hockey Association voted to maintain their own Association. However, a substantial number of their members elected to join MAHA. The merging of the organizations was done to create a stronger and more efficient youth hockey program in the Mat-Su Valley by pooling not only the available players, but also the adult volunteers necessary to run a viable program.

PHILOSOPHY

The philosophy and goals of MAHA are not only to provide a viable Youth Hockey Program but to help the kids involved grow and mature into better adults through the opportunity to participate in a program that promotes team effort, sportsmanship, competition, and quality adult leadership. To accomplish this, the association provides an Initiation Program, a recreational league (Tier III, Tier IV), and a competition league (Tier I, Tier II). MAHA will not discriminate against anyone who wishes to participate in this association.

Thank you to all who contributed to the February issue of SCREAMIN EAGLE.
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