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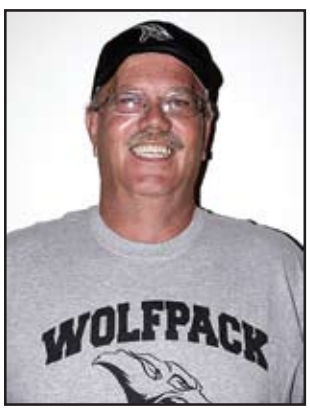

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Change Candidate

You may notice some changes with this week's paper and I'm not just talking about my "more current photo" honoring the Apache Trail Wolfpack as they get ready for their first Homecoming Game this Friday, October 10, at Prospector Park. *The News* is going with a new printer starting this week and we are now just two sections instead of four and local sports will appear on pages B1-B4.

Safety Measure?

Shane McCullen has rushed for 3,888 yards in his varsity football career at AJHS and has scored 41 touchdowns but in the team's last three games, the senior has a total of 19 carries for 40 yards. He is playing a linebacker/monster back position on defense and we all know that he has verbally committed to play safety at ASU next Fall. So, is his lack of carries and lack of offensive production in recent games by design, or because opposing defenses continue to key on him?

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AJHS Girls Golf Team Has Been Busy

By Chuck Baker
The News

From left to right, the members of the Lady Prospector golf team captured on camera last Monday at Las Colinas Golf Course in Queen Creek are Katie Stout, Jordan Grams, Amber Hampton, Lacey Chronister and Presley White. The team's coaches include Bill and Candice Moseley and John LaViolette.

The Lady Prospector golf team from Apache Junction High School has been very busy of late as they prepare for their upcoming Desert Sky Region Tournament.

This past Monday, playing in a four-team match at Las Colinas Golf Course in Queen Creek, the AJHS girls came up with a big team victory, scoring 192 for first place with Queen Creek (195) taking second, Tempe McClintock (209) finishing third and Tempe (259) coming in fourth.

Amber Hampton led the Lady Prospectors with her solid round of 42. Katie Stout posted a round of 46, Jordan Grams shot 49, Lacey-Shea Chronister came in with a 55, and Presley White shot 63.

On September 24, the AJHS girls defeated Williamsfield 211 to 253 as Hampton shot the day's second best round with a 46. Stout came in with a round of 51, Grams shot 56, Chronister shot 58 and White shot 77.

The Lady Prospectors also picked up a victory on September 22 playing at Springfield Golf Course in Chandler, defeating Perry High School 191 to 235.

Stout won medalist honors with an outstanding round of 43. Hampton posted another 46 round, Grams was close behind with a 48, Chronister shot 54 and White posted a round of 61.

Playing in a three-team match September 17 at Paradise Valley Golf Club, Apache Junction tied for second place with Millennium with 185 team scores while Paradise Valley came in first with a 149 team score.

Grams led the AJHS girls this time with a round of 43, followed by a 44 from Stout, a 46 from Hampton, a 52 from Chronister and a 58 from White.

Stout earned medalist honors again in a three-team match played back on September 15 at Encanto Golf Course in Phoenix with a round of 47. It was the first time in her AJHS career, the senior took medalist honors.

As a team, the AJHS girls finished second behind Phoenix Shadow Mountain and ahead of Phoenix

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Prospectors Come Out Flat, Then Roll 47-16 For 5th Win

Junior fullback Garret Johnson goes for 210 yards

By Chuck Baker
The News

Junior Garret Johnson (#2 in the middle) bolts off left guard for a big gain in Friday's game at Independence. Johnson finished with 210 yards on 16 carries and two scores.

Coming off of that emotional and physical Homecoming Game loss to second-ranked Scottsdale Chaparral and minus the services of starting quarterback Nate Scola, who was injured in the game, you could expect Apache Junction might come out a little flat against winless Glendale Independence last Friday night in Glendale. And boy did they.

Independence, 0-4 on the season and outscored 204-20 in those losses, racked up 147 yards of offense in the first quarter alone and jumped out to a 13-6 lead over the Prospectors.

Apache Junction would tie the game at 13-13 on an 18-yard touchdown run from junior fullback Garret Johnson in the second quarter and that's where the first half ended, leaving some to speculate if the AJHS locker room was one place you didn't want to be during the halftime intermission.

"There really wasn't a lot of yelling and screaming going on," Prospector head coach Rich Milligan said about halftime. "I said to the kids if we are the emotional kind of team that needs to be yelled at in order to get up for a game, then maybe we're not the team we thought we were. I told the kids they know what they need to do out there in the second half."

Within the span of eight and a half minutes of the third quarter, Apache Junction scored four times to go

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Apache Junction vs. Shadow Mountain

Friday, October 10
7 p.m. (Davis Field)

Last Meeting: In a very close game from last season, quarterback Nate Scola hooked up with his favorite receiver, Derek Hoffman, for a 36-yard touchdown pass with under two minutes to go, rallying the Prospectors for a 19-14 victory.

Up Next: The Prospectors hit the road for a game on Friday, October 17, at Paradise Valley with kickoff scheduled for 7 p.m.

Schedule Change

AJHS JV & Freshmen Football

The AJHS junior varsity team will play at Shadow Mountain this Tuesday, October 7, while the AJHS freshmen team will host Shadow Mountain on Tuesday, October 7. Both games kick off at 6 p.m.

Lady Prospectors Earn First Region "W" In Volleyball

By Chuck Baker
The News

You could say that the Lady Prospectors served up their first Desert Sky Region victory of the season last Thursday, beating Paradise Valley 25-14, 13-25, 27-25, 25-17. Apache Junction came with 15 service aces to improve to 8-10 overall on the season and 1-3 in region matches.

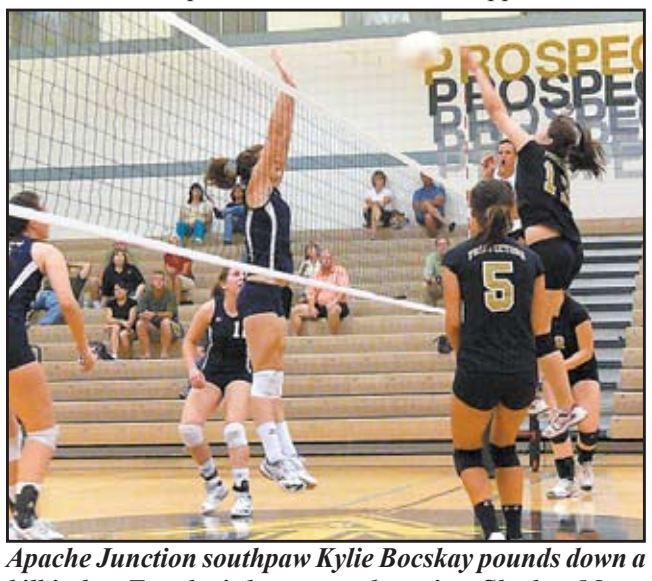
Catalina Ovalle pounded down 10 kills in the victory and also came up with two service aces to lead Apache Junction. Jessica Iniguez added nine kills, five blocks and two service aces, Sierra Aulik contributed eight kills and four aces, Kylie Bocskay had six kills and three blocks, Katie Karbo dished out 17 assists to go with her five kills, Keisha McClincy came up with three kills, Tina Garcia had three service aces and Diana Woodruff had two aces and a kill.

Also last week, Apache Junction dropped a three-game match last Tuesday to region foe Phoenix Shadow Mountain by the scores of 25-23, 25-18, 25-21. Ovalle came up with six kills and 10 digs in the loss.

Also for AJHS against Shadow Mountain, Iniguez had three kills, seven blocks and two service aces, Bocskay came up with four kills and five blocks, Karbo handed out 13 assists and had seven digs, McClincy added a kill and Woodruff and Monica Geer each had nine digs.

The Lady Prospectors are now 8-10 overall counting tournament play and 1-3 in the Desert Sky Region.

Apache Junction plays just one match this week, hosting Cave Creek Cactus Shadows on Tuesday, October 7. The freshmen team plays at 4 p.m. followed by the junior varsity at 5 p.m. and the varsity at 6 p.m.



Apache Junction southpaw Kylie Bocskay pounds down a kill in last Tuesday's home match against Shadow Mtn.

JV Gets 4th Win

The Lady Prospector junior varsity team defeating Shadow Mountain 25-18, 25-15 to improve to 4-3 on the season.

In the win over Shadow Mountain, Bailey Reid came up with three kills, Amy Meagley, Chayla Langley and Amber Thillmony all added a kill, Danielle Quintana had six service points, Allisa Aranda had

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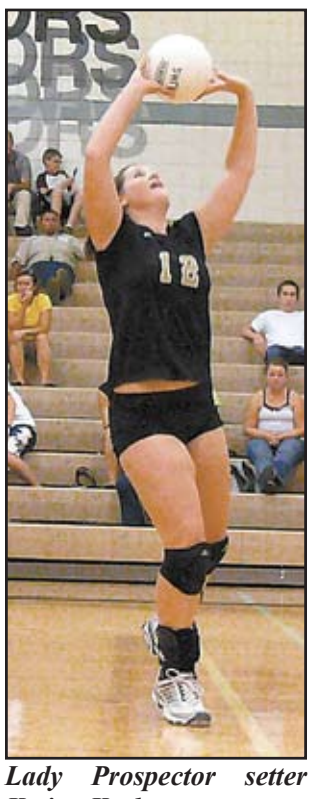

Lady Prospector setter Katie Karbo comes up with one of her 13 assists in last Tuesday's home match against Phoenix Shadow Mountain.

JV Football Defeats Independence, 28-6

By Chuck Baker
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The Prospector junior varsity football team got off to a quick start last Thursday when Tanner Morgan returned the opening kickoff 90 yards to pay-dirt, helping lead Apache Junction to a 28-6 victory over Glendale Independence.

Morgan added a five-yard touchdown run later in the first quarter and came up with a big interception at his own three-yard line in the third quarter to stave off an Independence threat.

Apache Junction led 14-0 after the first quarter but Independence made it a ball game over the next two and a half quarters, scoring their touchdown in the second period and trailing just 14-6.

But midway through the fourth quarter, Parker Rathjen scored a touchdown on a tough eight-yard run to give the Prospectors some breathing room and then quarterback Roy Machuca iced the win with a two-yard

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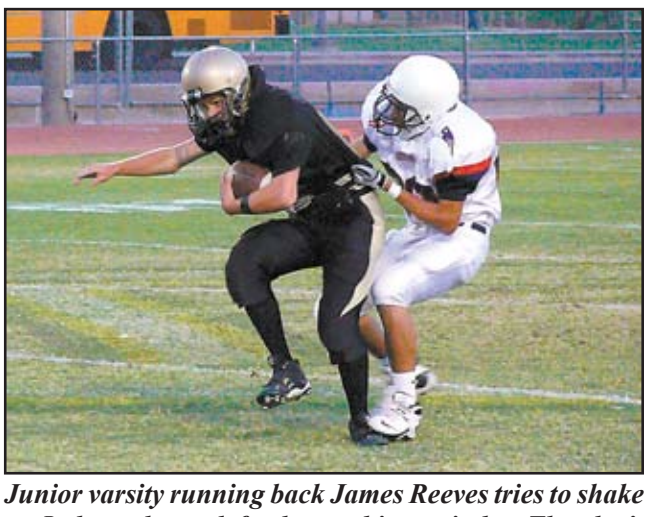

Junior varsity running back James Reeves tries to shake an Independence defender on this run in last Thurday's game played at Davis Field.