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All-Girl Stunt Team Heads To 'State'



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New 4A-I Desert Sky Region

The 4A-I Desert Sky Region will have two new faces for the next two-year scheduling block that includes the 2009-10 and 2010-11 school years. Replacing Scottsdale Chaparral, which is moving up to 5A-II, and Paradise Valley, which is moving down to 4A-II, will be Queen Creek and J.O. Combs. Cave Creek Cactus Shadows, Tempe McClintock, Scottsdale Saguario, Phoenix Shadow Mountain and Apache Junction are all Desert Sky Region returning teams.

Queen Creek and Combs will both be playing their first year of 4A-I ball although there is a question about whether Combs, which opened this year with an all-freshmen class, will even compete at the varsity level in the next two years.

The schools projected enrollment figures shows Cactus Shadows with 1,794, McClintock with 1,778, Apache Junction with 1,764, Combs with 1,735, Queen Creek with 1,700 and Saguario, which petitioned to stay up in 4A-I, with 1,476.

B-Ball Tourneys

Both the AJHS boys and girls basketball teams will be competing this week in holiday tournaments. The boys will be playing in the Mesa Skyline Holiday Classic on Monday at 4:30 p.m. against Buckeye, Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. against Williams Field, Wednesday at 3 p.m. against Maricopa and Wednesday at 6 p.m. against Skyline with all games played at Skyline

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AJHS girls to compete January 17, 2009 in Prescott Valley at the 2008-09 AIA State Spiritline Championships

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Congratulations to the Apache Junction High School All-Girl Stunt Team of Alissa Govert, Chenise Quiroz, Courtney Jackson, Desiree Stinnett and Nikki Dillon for earning the right to compete at the 2008-09 Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA) State Spiritline Championships after placing 5th overall at the Agua Fria Regional qualifier held November 15 at Barry Goldwater High School in Phoenix.

The AJHS girls scored 232 points at the qualifier to finish in 5th place behind Cave Creek Cactus Shadows (277), Tucson Sabino (269), Glendale Sandra Day O'Connor (259) and Goodyear Millennium (233), and will now com-

pete in the 2008-09 AIA State Spiritline Championships on Saturday, January 17 at Tim's Toyota Center in Prescott Valley.

Also at the November 15 qualifier, the AJHS girls Show Cheer squad of Govert, Quiroz, Jackson, Stinnett, Dillon, Chyna Gade, Lauren Stewart, Brittany Rials, Elizabeth VanDyke, Tiffani Hernandez, Brittany Weese, Nicole Schmidt, Shawna Coolidge and Kara Geil gave a solid performance and ended up placing 10th overall.

It has been quite a year for the AJHS cheerleaders. In addition to their solid performances at the Agua Fria Regional, this Summer, the AJHS cheer squad picked up several team and

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Apache Junction High School's All-Girl Stunt Team of (left to right) Desiree Stinnett, Chenise Quiroz, Nikki Dillon, Courtney Jackson and Alissa Govert will be competing at the Arizona Interscholastic Association State Spiritline Championships on January 17, 2009 after qualifying for State by placing 5th overall at the Agua Fria Regional competition held on November 15 at Barry Goldwater High School in Phoenix. The 2008-09 AIA State Spiritline Championships will be held at Tim's Toyota Center, 3201 N. Main Street in Prescott Valley. Also at the Agua Fria competition, the AJHS girls Show Cheer squad of Stinnett, Quiroz, Dillon, Jackson, Govert, Chyna Gade, Lauren Stewart, Brittany Rials, Elizabeth VanDyke, Tiffani Hernandez, Brittany Weese, Nicole Schmidt, Shawna Coolidge and Kara Geil gave a solid performance at ended up placing 10th overall. The AJHS all-girl stunt squad and the Show Cheer squad are coached by Holly Dalby. You can catch the girls this Winter cheering at all home AJHS basketball games.



The Apache Junction boys soccer team came up with a pretty solid effort in last Tuesday's scrimmage against Mesa Skyline, particularly on defense, in a 1-0 unofficial score in favor of the Skyline Coyotes. The Prospectors open the 2008 season on December 10 at Marana. Pictured from last week's scrimmage are Matt Horton (top left) in great defensive position, Jesus Godinez (top right) battling a Skyline player with a header, Casey Althoff (bottom left) playing a difficult ball off of the face, and Antonio Juarez (bottom right) dribbling toward the goal. The Apache Junction boys are coached by Jeff Roach. The AJHS girls, coached by Norm Hoefler, also open their season December 10 at Marana and their scrimmage game with Skyline scheduled for last Tuesday was cancelled.



Register For A.J. Little League This Saturday

There will be an in-person registration this coming Saturday, November 28, for the 2009 season of Apache Junction Little League. The registration will be held at the Apache Junction Walmart from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Parents can register their child (children) for T-Ball, Coach Pitch, Minors, Majors and Seniors in both baseball and softball. The cost is \$95 per child with a \$10 discount for each additional sibling.

You can also register online for the 2008 season of Apache Junction Little League at their official website which is www.ajll.org.

AJHS Band Rates SUPERIOR

Congratulations to AJHS Band Director Joe Little and to all of the Prospector Marching Band members for the "Superior" rating they received performing at the A.I.A. Band State Championships held Sat-

urday, November 15, at Mesa High School. The band also received caption awards for "Visual Performance" and "Overall General Effect" while performing various selections by The Temptations.



Photos by Bob Mohle

The 2008-09 members of the award-winning Prospector Marching Band from Apache Junction High School are Lindsay Adair, Ty Adair, Alex Barnett, Amanda Bell, Joe Bell, Dakota Boldt, Kayla Brown, Josh Brownlee, Katy Bryant, Clair Callahan, Aaron Chacon, Luke Chalfont, Zoe Cockrill, Garrett Cranmer, Darrien Croom, Myles Crothers, Darren Cruz, Logan Davis, Alejandra Escanuela, Ole Gabrielson, Charis Garcia, Kayla Gillman, Rachel Golemon, Linsey Goodwin, Ashlyn Hanohano, JJ Hayes, Kylee Heflin, Jena Hills, Darcy Hughes, Cathryn Hurlbert, Zeb Jessup, Ashton Johnson, Marissa Johnson, Mike Justice, Jacob Keller, Chayla Langley, Miranda Leen, Angie Lilley, Chad Lowe, Kayla Luis, Ben Marcus, Ian McMillian, Dana Messinger, Kayla Messinger, Ben Miller, Clarissa Mohle, Shelby Moore, Olivia Ochoa, Kayla Payne, Mackenzie Pederson, Abigail Potersnak, Christina Richardson, Khadijah Sidique, Samantha Steffen, Erin Stout, Sarah Sykes, Keaton Tenborg, Katie Turner, Devin VanDeLaare, Nicole VanDeLaare, Eric Vaughn and Andy Wyman. The AJHS band is directed by Joe Little.

