

# Local Happenings

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**AJ Elks 2349**  
September hours-Closed Labor Day, Sept. 7. Will be open on Mondays, beginning Sept 14. Mon thru Sat: 12:00 - close. Meatball sandwiches for \$2, hot dogs for \$1 12-4 everyday. Happy Hour specials 3-5, Sunday: open 8am for breakfast - Mimosa & Bloody Mary Specials all day. Mon: Monday nite Football w/ bucket of beer specials & food available, Tues: chili hot dogs & hamburgers 5-8 & karaoke 7pm, Wed: open darts 1pm, Thurs: Texas hold-em 7pm & open horseshoes at 6:30, Fri: Fish or Chicken Tender dinner \$6 from 5-8pm, Sept 18 live music, Sat: 75 cent hotdogs and Happy Hour all day, Sat: Sept 26 Potluck, raffle, & live music 1-5. Every month Birthday Special for members. Shuffleboard and horseshoe pits available to all. We welcome you to come and visit our Lodge. 2455 N Hwy 88 at Lost Dutchman. For more info, call 480-982-2349.

**AJ Kiwanis Club**  
The Kiwanis Club of AJ is currently looking for new membership. Meetings are scheduled at 5:30 pm on the 2nd and 4th Mon of each month at The Feedbag restaurant off Phelps and south of Apache Trail. All interested parties are welcome. Call 480.982.4543 for info. "Changing The World One Child And One Community At A Time."

**AJ Moose Lodge #2039**  
Open daily 9am-11pm; Lunches daily; Fish Fry-Fri.; Bingo - Mon, Thur & Sun 6:30pm (open to public); Bar Bingo - Wed. 4pm (members only); Live Music - Fri. 6:30-10:30pm; Shuffleboard, Pool, Darts; 350 W. 16th Ave. Call 480-982-0400 or 982-2828 for info.

**AJ Mounted Rangers**  
AJ Mounted Rangers, along with their horses & quads, are a 501-3c nonprofit organization known for their black uniforms & cowboy hats, are proud sponsors of the Lost Dutchman Days & are devoted to helping the children of AJ. Past donations: Boys & Girls Club of AJ, CAAFA, Reach Out Food Bank, AJ Elem. Music Dept., SM Rotary Club & Dare to name just a few. Monthly meetings are held the 1st Fri of the month at the Elks Lodge (2439) on Hwy 88 in the Fireplace Room. Officers meet at 6:30 p.m., the general meeting begins at 7 p.m. Guests are always welcome. For information, e-mail Rich Sterba: richandlucy@msn.com or 480.734.7421. Visit our website www.ajmountedrangers.org .

**Al-Anon Meetings**  
AJ: Mon. - 10:30am: St George Catholic Church, 300 E 16th Ave; 7:30pm: Desert Chapel 462 N Palo Verde. Gold Canyon: Mon. - 7 pm Methodist Church,

6640 S Kings Ranch Rd. Thurs. - 5:45pm Fire Station on Hwy 60; . For more info 480.288-9549 or 480.753-4747.

**Alcoholics Anonymous**  
Weekly meeting Mon, 7:30p, Desert Chapel UMC, 462 N Palo Verde Dr. For more info Tony Lambrecht 480.983.8151.

**Alcoholics Anonymous**  
New Mon night A.A. closed discussion and chip meeting and Sat night open discussion at Epiphany Lutheran, 1050 W Superstition Blvd, AJ, will be held in the kitchen from 7:30-8:30 pm. Join us in good old back to basics A.A. Come and check us out!

**American Legion Post #27**  
Mon. at 4pm Post Bar Bingo and Monday Night Football and Sat. S.A.L. Bar Bingo at 1:30pm. Lunch Tues. thru Fri. 11am-2pm; Sat. 12-3pm, Summer Dinner Menu: 1st Tues. BBQ, 2nd Tues. Italian, 3rd Tues. Mexican, 4th Tues. Chef's Special, 5th Tues. Steak. Broasted Chicken is available 5 nights a week. Weds Burger night & full menu, Thurs, Fri & Sat full menu plus Fish Fry Fri only. Dinner served 4-8pm. Music Tues thru Sun. Check out our web site [apachepost27.org](http://apachepost27.org) or call 480.354.2571 for more info. 1018 S Meridian Rd, AJ. Smoker friendly.

**Apache Loners on Wheels**  
The Apache Loners on Wheels, singles camping group, meets for breakfast every Mon at 8am at the Feed Bag, NW corner Sosaman/Main, and meets monthly

for campouts. Call 480-983-2347 or 480-964-7128 for info.

**CAAFA (Community Alliance Against Family Abuse) Offers Counseling**  
CAAFA provides a support group for victims of domestic violence. If you need individual counseling or the support of a group, call 480.982-0196. All services are free.

**Celebrate Recovery**  
A CHRIST Centered Recovery Program for Hurts, Habits and Hang-ups. Regular meetings held Tues eve 6:45-9pm, dinner served 6pm. Child care avail 6-9pm. The First Baptist Church, 235 S Thunderbird Dr, AJ. For more info Matt 480.529.1239 or Bill 480.654.3199.

**Central AZ College Lifelong Learners**  
C.A.L.L. sponsored by Central Arizona College, offers the following classes for the adults of the Apache Junction/Gold Canyon community: Sept 28: All about Quail, Hummingbirds, Ravens, Owls & Ducks, Rm 212; Sept 29: MS Word 2007 Essentials, Rm 313; Sept 30: Save \$\$ on your car (or How Not to get Ripped off on your Repairs), Rm 441. For a Fall Catalog or more information, contact Vera Walters, CAC 480.677.7707.

**Cocaine Anonymous**  
The Steps meets each Weds 7:30pm at Epiphany Lutheran Church, 1050 W Superstition Blvd., AJ, for more info Bill H. 602.956.3660 or cocaine anonymous hotline 602.279.3838.

**Diversity Singles Club**  
Stressing fun and friendship, ladies and gents, ages 60+, meet on Mon, 9:00am for breakfast (dutch) and to introduce newcomers to our club. Activities include bowling, golfing, dining, dancing, plays, trips, cards, games and much more. Let us share our experiences and tell you about our future goals with a copy of our in depth newsletter. For location, call our hotline 480.648.6709.

**Dolce Vita**  
Dolce Vita 3301 S. Goldfield Road 480.982-3563 Country music jams every Fri 1-3pm. All instruments welcome including voice.

**Goldfield Ghost Riders**  
Meetings held 1st Mon. of each month at 7:30pm at Mammoth Steakhouse, 4650 N Mammoth Mine Rd. (Goldfield Ghost Town). Call 480.650-7586 for more information.

**Gold Canyon Helping Hands**  
Volunteers meet on the 3rd Mon of each month at Mountain Brook Village. Helping Hands offers assistance to Gold Canyon residents who have temporary illnesses and need additional support. If you would like to volunteer or if someone you know can use our services, call Doug Waltz at 480-671-3839 or access web site at <http://www.mdb-drb.com/hh/> for additional information.

**Grief Support Group**  
Helping hands of Gold Canyon sponsors a grief support group

in Gold Canyon every Tues. at 2:30 pm and every Fri. at 2:30 pm in Central Mesa. Group is open to all who have suffered loss through death, divorce, job or financial. Call 480.671-3839 for more info.

**Hope Women's Center**  
Free education classes, mentoring and biblical counseling for women 13-75 years of age on Tues. 12-8pm, Weds. 12-5pm, and Thurs, 12-5pm. Call 480-983-4673 to sign up for classes or to make an appointment to meet with a mentor of biblical counselor.

**Hospice Of The Valley**  
Hospice of the Valley is offering a free grief support group at Horizon Bay, 2080 S. Ironwood Dr, 9a-10:30a, the 2nd & 4th Mon of the month. For more info 602.530-6970.

**Lost Dutchman F.O.E. #3850**  
Lost Dutchman F.O.E. #3850, 2315 S Coconino, AJ is an organization of People Helping People with functions to raise funds for various charities. The Aerie meets the 1st & 3rd Tues 7:30pm. Auxiliary meets 2nd & 4th Tues 7:30pm. Sunday breakfast served from 8-11am. Call 480.983-5701 for more info.

**Mind Menders Support Group**  
Mind Menders Support Group for Caregivers of loved ones with Alzheimer's. Every 2nd & 4th Fri 10am Gold Canyon UMC, Educational Bldg. Contact Jeanette 480 671-9888 or Nancy 480 982-3686 for more information.

**MOMS Club AJ/East Mesa**  
We are a support group designed just for you, the at-home mother of today! You are interested in the world around you, want a variety of activities for you and your children, and are proud of your choice of at-home mothering for your families! Call Valerie 480.671.4917 or e-mail AJMOMSClub@yahoo.com for info.

**MOMS Club Gold Canyon**  
Offering support for stay at home mothers. Activities include playgroups, Mom's night out, philanthropic pursuits and more. For more info: Kristi 520.463.1949 or Therese 602.315.3859.

**Narcotic Anonymous**  
Meets Fri & Sat 8pm; Sun & Mon 6:30pm; Weds 7pm: Prospector Park, 3015 N Idaho Rd; Tues 7pm: Desert Chapel Church, 462 N. Palo Verde, Rm2; Thurs 8pm: John Calvin Church, 1130 E Broadway Rd. NA Helpline 480.897.4636.

**Optimist Club of AJ**  
Devoted to "Bringing out the Best in Kids," meets every 2nd & 4th Tues., 6pm at Horizon Bay, 2080 S. Ironwood. 480.288-9215.

**Pregnancy Testing Clinic**  
Pinal County Health Department, 575 N. Idaho #301, Apache Junction, AZ will be holding a Pregnancy Testing Clinic the first 3 Weds of each month from 1pm -4pm. Cost for pregnancy testing is dependent upon income and

family numbers. AHCCCS clients please bring your AHCCCS card. Donations appreciated.

**S.C.O.R.E.**  
The Senior Core of Retired Executives offers free counseling for people who want to start their own business or expand their existing business. A counselor will be available at the AJ Chamber of Commerce 10am-2pm, Thurs. For appt call 480.982-3141.

**Soroptimist International of AJ**  
SIAJ improves the lives of women and girls locally and globally through hands-on community projects, education seminars, fund-raising and advocacy. Meets every Weds, 7:30am, at AJ Multi-Generational/Senior Center. Continental breakfast provided. For more info call hotline 480.890.1446.

**Superstition Mtn. Rotary Club**  
Superstition Mountain Rotary Club meets every Weds, 12pm at the Gold Canyon Golf Resort 6100 S Kings Ranch Rd. Contact Len LaFleisch 480.987.4011.

**TOPS AZ 308**  
Come lose weight with us every Mon. 4:15p-5:45p at Desert Chapel UMC in the kitchen door, 462 N Palo Verde Dr. We have a lot of fun and facts about losing weight. Call Sharyl 480.983-4784 for info.

**TOPS AZ 315**  
Meets every Mon 12:30pm at the AJ Active Adult Center, 1035 N Idaho Rd. Call Millie Stout 480.288.1444 for more info.

**TOPS AZ 337**  
The TOPS #AZ337, AJ chapter meets every Mon 7:30 am - 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall at Desert Chapel UMC, 462 Palo Verde Dr. AJ. Call Betty at 480-984-9075.

**VFW Post 7968**  
All new menus and entertainment on Tues., Fri. and Sat nights. Patriotic burgers on Tues., great fish, some baked on Fri with our steaks on Sat for your enjoyment. Sun morning breakfast-brunch till noon with a new menu. Meetings on the 2nd Tues of each month. We are also collecting tattered flags at the post, 725 W Apache Trail, AJ. Call 480.671.6239 or [vfw7968@msn.com](mailto:vfw7968@msn.com).

**VFW Post 9399**  
Kitchen is open Mon, Fri & Sun 5-7p, & Weds 4-6:30p. Sun: Bar Bingo at 1-2:30p, Jam Session 6-10p Mon: Karaoke 6-10p. Weds: Bar Bingo 4-5:30p, Texas Hold'em 7p. Fri: Men's Auxiliary Meat Raffle 5:30p, Music & Dancing 6-10p Happy Hours Daily 8-11a Dart Tournaments Tues & Thurs 2p, 500 cards at noon Weds & Sat, Euchre Mon & Thurs 7p. Post & Ladies Auxiliary meetings 2nd Tues of each month at 7p, Men's Auxiliary meeting 1st Tues of each month at 6:30p. Call 480 982-5039 or visit our web site at [www.vfw9399.org](http://www.vfw9399.org).

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## Prospector J.V. Edges Higley 22-19

By Chuck Baker  
The News



Prospector junior varsity running back Arthur Ramirez (#25) gets a block from a lineman (at left) allowing Ramirez to get around the corner for a good gain in the September 10 game against Combs. (photo by J.J. Digos)

The Prospector junior varsity squad rallied from a 19-8 deficit in their game with Higley last Thursday and pulled off an exciting 22-19 victory, the winning score coming with just forty-four seconds left in the fourth quarter.

Higley scored first with a 44-yard touchdown yard for an early 6-0 lead but Apache Junction came right back to tie the game, 6-6, on a 33-yard Chase Converse-to-Jared Kraps touchdown pass.

The Prospectors then grabbed an 8-6 lead when defensive lineman Chris Stein busted through the Higley offensive line and recorded a defensive safety. That is where the score stood at halftime.

In the third quarter, Higley went up 13-8 on a 30-yard TD run and the stretched its lead to 19-8 in the fourth quarter on a 20-yard touchdown run.

But on the ensuing kickoff, Kraps got the A.J. comeback rolling with an 89-yard kickoff return for a score, closing the gap to 19-14.

Following a defensive stand, the Prospectors got the ball back with forty-four seconds left to play, Converse again

hooped up with Kraps on a 44-yard touchdown pass and Arthur Ramirez tacked on a two-point conversion to make the final score 22-19 in favor of Apache Junction.

Parker Rathjen led the AJHS rushing attack with 75 yards on 14 carries. Converse went for 54 yards on 10 attempts, Ramirez added 47 yards on 10 tries and Richie Pagels rushed eight times for 23 yards.

Converse completed 8-of-17 passes for 184 yards and the two touchdown tosses to Kraps, who finished the night with six catches for 161 yards. Pagels added two receptions for 23 yards.

On defense, Pagels came up with two interceptions plus a fumble recovery. Nicho Ortega came up with 13 tackles, Rathjen and George Aguayo both had seven tackles, Danny Fuller, Stein and Tyler O'Reilly were all in on six tackles, Jacob LaChapelle, Tyler McCullen and Pagels each had five tackles, and Kraps tacked on a forced fumble plus a fumble recovery.

The Prospectors return home to Davis Field this Thursday, September 24 hosting Sierra Linda with kickoff scheduled for 6:00 p.m.

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Going into halftime, Apache Junction had a comfortable 28-0 lead.

In the third quarter, the rushing attack continued to sting the Higley Knights defense play after play. The floodgates finally broke open when Eytcheson received a handoff from Machuca, found a hole in the defense and broke away into the night. It was a 66-yard touchdown run for Eytcheson, his first of the 2009 season for the Prospectors.

Late in the 3rd, after the defense forcing another stall by the Higley offense, the rushing attack continued to pound away at the Knights defense. Play after play, the Prospectors chipped away yards until finally, Harrison Pomeroy found the end zone on a five-yard touchdown scamper that put the game away for Apache Junction.

Rushing the ball, Eytcheson led the stable of backs with 128 yards on the ground on 10 carries, including his 66-yard score. Morgan collected 84 yards on nine carries and a touchdown. Pomeroy ran for 72 well-earned yards and a score. Matt Tomasetti ran for 30 yards. Parker Rathjen and

Scola each ran for 27 yards, on six and eight carries respectively. Also collecting rushing yards were Machuca with ten, and George Aguayo with nine yards on the ground.

On defense, the Prospectors suffocated the maligned Higley offense allowing 65 total yards and holding their star running back Kelvin Fisher to 12 yards on nine carries. "Let's make a statement to everyone out here tonight," Scola said, a statement that should be heard across the state.

The Prospectors allowed two first downs the entire game against the Knights, forced an interception and recovered a fumble and simply outplayed the Higley team from start to finish.

Scola led the team in tackles Friday night, wrapping up and taking down Higley players a total of 11 times. Defensive tackle Maugmer clogged the inside holes and collected eight tackles. Pomeroy and Garrett Johnson were once again all over the field; they brought down seven Knights runners. Shane

## AJHS Freshmen Football Plays To 32-32 Tie

By Chuck Baker  
The News

The Prospector freshmen football team was driving for a potential game-winning score in the closing minute of their game with Higley last Wednesday at Davis Field, got the Higley six-yard line and lined up for a 23-yard field goal attempt with 3.8 seconds remaining but mishandled the snap and settled for a 32-32 tie.

Derrick Craig had a big game for Apache Junction, rushing for 139 yards on 15 carries, returning a kickoff 78 yards for a touchdown, catching a pass for 24 yards and coming up with eight tackles while on defense.



AJHS freshmen running back Matt Rouzard has a big hole to run through thanks to some key blocks in last Wednesday's game against Higley.

Quarterback Tate Powsler ran for 44 yards and two scores on eight carries and completed 5-of-8 passes for an additional 90 yards, including a 10-yard touchdown toss to wide receiver Brandon Edwards, who also had a 35-yard reception in the game.

Also for Apache Junction on offense, Matt Rouzard ran for 80 yards on eight attempts, Justin Cowles added 38 yards on 10 rushing attempts, Jacob Diaz went for 24 yards on five carries and wide receiver Travis Turner caught two passes for 22 yards.

On defense for Apache Junction, Dylan Machajewski was in on nine tackles, Mark Blackstone had seven tackles



AJHS freshmen football player Travis Turner (#22 in black) makes a terrific pass defensive play against a Higley receiver in last Wednesday's game at Davis Field.

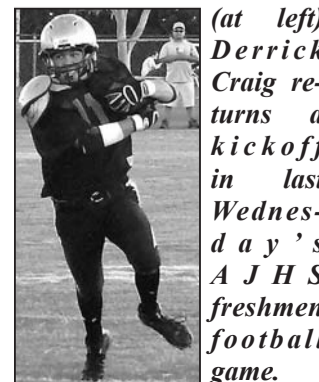
plus a sack for an eight-yard loss, Travis Turner was in on seven tackles and came up with a fumble recovery, Zack Crismon was in on five tackles, and Diaz, Cowles, Josh Mageo, Kegan Green and Donnie Williams were all in on four tackles.

Apache Junction totaled 415 yards in the game while Higley ran for 98 yards on 26 rushing attempts and completed 7-of-12 passes for 226 yards, including touchdown tosses of 61, 59 and 42 yards.

The Prospectors hurt themselves with two fumbles inside the five-yard line, one leading to a short TD run for

the Knights, the other negating a potential scoring drive, and with 14 penalties totaling 117 yards in losses.

The AJHS freshmen team will hit the road this Wednesday, September 23 for a 6:00 p.m. game at (Tolleson) Sierra Linda.



(at left) Derrick Craig returns a kickoff in last Wednesday's AJHS freshmen football game.