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Time Out



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Turkey Leg Drum Roll, Please...

Now you know why I prefer to use just a head-shot of me each week in the paper. Some might say, looking at my photo above, that Queen Creek football fans were right when they called me fat, ugly and lazy after I picked on their team following a 52-14 loss to AJHS.

It has been awhile since I last handed out the traditional Turkey Legs the week of Thanksgiving. Of course the last time I did this, I spent the next few weeks of my column apologizing. But there goes, anyway.

To the Queen Creek football fans who called me fat, ugly and lazy and have nothing better to do than to clog up our freeway on-ramp all day long. Get your own freeway entrance! (In related news, head coach Curt LeBlanc was fired last week after nine seasons at QCHS. Well, that leaves one less driver on Ironwood Drive.)

To the guy I see quite often outside the Circle K at Idaho and Superstition smoking a cigarette and drinking a cup of coffee while scratching off lottery tickets on top of the gas propane cage hoping his luck will change.

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McCarthy: Elks Soccer Shoot State Champion

Mia Richardson 3rd in girls 7-and-under division



Clayten McCarthy (left) of Apache Junction was crowned an Elks Soccer Shoot State Champion when he captured first place in the boys 10-11 age group state finals held on Sunday, November 14. Also at the Elks Annual Soccer Shoot State Finals, Mia Richardson (right), also from Apache Junction, captured third place overall in the girls 7-and-under age division. Both Clayton and Mia had qualified for the State Finals by winning their Local and Eastern District competitions held in October. The annual event is co-sponsored locally by the Elks Lodge #2349 and the Apache Junction Unified School District. Congratulations to both Clayton and Mia.

Powerline MTB Race

On Saturday November 7th, Apache Junction Parks and Recreation hosted their first local mountain bike race at Prospector Park. The dirt course follows the power lines by the park, hence the name of the race - Powerline MTB Race.

This race was created to appeal to first time racers as well as seasoned professionals who wanted something different. A total of 41 people came out to give this course a try and all left the race with smiles on their face. It was a beautiful day for a race and a great way to enjoy some fun exercise with great people. The results are as listed to the right.

Due to the turnout of this event, the Apache Junction Parks and Recreation Department is planning another race in April. For more information about outdoor activities in the community, please contact Apache Junction Parks and Recreation office at (480) 983-2181.



Submitted photo from the November 7th MTB race

Open Division (18-39)

- Men's**
1st- Lee Stephenson Time: 55:05
2nd- John Shafe Time: 58:55
3rd- Davis McNeil Time: 59:40
Women's
1st- Melissa Stephenson Time: 1:13:40
2nd- Jill Ruot Time: 1:29:39

Masters Division (40 and up)

- Men's**
1st- Greg Schultejeann Time: 54:43
2nd- Scott Hembree Time: 59:50
3rd- Dino D'romero Time: 1:02:20
Women's
1st- Angela Parris Time: 1:25:10
2nd- Kaye Lautzenheiser Time: 2:09:42

Apache Junction, Imagine Prep Scrimmage In Boys Basketball

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The Apache Junction Prospectors and the Imagine Prep Panthers held an impromptu scrimmage this past Tuesday in a modern day David versus Goliath



Apache Junction Prospector center Lawrence Johnson puts up a jump hook shot with Imagine Prep's Luis Kuracia defending. The two schools, located about a mile apart from one another, held an impromptu scrimmage this past Tuesday. Johnson scored 14 points and grabbed seven rebounds in the scrimmage for the Prospectors while Kuracia scored seven points and blocked seven shots for the Panthers.

match-up, only this time the underdogs didn't fare too well as one might have expected. Although no official score was kept for the scrimmage, the bigger, faster and deeper Prospectors held a 94-33 edge but the smaller Panthers did

get some solid individual performances from four of their second-year players.

Imagine Prep @ Superstition is a charter school located off of 16th Avenue and just west of Ironwood Drive that opened in the Fall of 2008 with a class of freshmen and sophomores. The Panthers are beginning just their second season of boys basketball as a member of the Arizona Charter Athletic Association. In their first season of basketball in 2008, Imagine Prep posted a respectable 9-11 record during the regular season and won a first-round playoff game.

Four of their returning starters from a year ago, guards Dylan O'Hagan and Michael Bernard, forward/center Luis Kuracia and forward Preston O'Hagan, all showed some pretty good skills in the Tuesday scrimmage. Bernard knocked down three, three-point shots and

finished with 13 points to lead the Panthers. Dylan O'Hagan, their leading scorer from a year ago, tossed in 12 points, Kuracia scored 7 points to go with seven blocked shots and five rebounds, and Preston O'Hagan sank a free throw, pulled down nine rebounds and came up with three steals.

Apache Junction, which played the scrimmage at Imagine Prep after holding a two-and-half hour practice back at their own gym, dominated with an experienced lineup that featured plenty of quickness at the guard position and overwhelming size in the paint.

Guard Colt Grandstaff led a balanced attack with 17 points, five rebounds, five assists and five steals, a very typical scoring line for the senior guard.

Center Paul Miles tallied 16 points and grabbed

AJHS Winter Sports Schedules

Boys Basketball

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Mon.	11/23	Skyline Tourney	Away	6:00
Tues.	11/24	Skyline Tourney	Away	4:00
Wed.	11/25	Skyline Tourney	Away	6:00
Tues.	12/1	Prescott	Away	4, 5:30, 7
Wed.	12/2	Youngker	Home	4, 5:30, 7
Fri.	12/4	Palo Verde	Away	4, 5:30, 7

(for all non-tournament games, Freshmen team plays at 4:00, J.V. team at 5:30 and Varsity at 7:00 p.m.)

Girls Basketball

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Mon.	11/23	Q.C. Tourney	Away	12, 3, 6
Tues.	11/24	Q.C. Tourney	Away	TBD
Tues.	12/1	Prescott	Home	4, 5:30, 7
Wed.	12/2	Youngker	Away	4, 5:30, 7
Fri.	12/4	Palo Verde	Home	4, 5:30, 7

(for all non-tournament games, Freshmen team plays at 4:00, J.V. team at 5:30 and Varsity at 7:00 p.m.)

Boys Soccer

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Wed.	12/2	Coronado	Away	4, 6:00
Thur.	12/3	Copper Canyon	Away	4, 6:00
Fri.	12/4	Des. Ridge Tourney	Away	TBD
Sat.	12/5	Des. Ridge Tourney	Away	TBD
Tues.	12/8	Higley	Home	4, 6:00
Tues.	12/15	Williams Field	Home	4, 6:00

(for all non-tournament matches, J.V. team plays at 4:00, and Varsity plays at 7:00 p.m.)

Girls Soccer

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Wed.	12/2	Coronado	Home	4, 6:00
Thur.	12/3	Copper Canyon	Home	4, 6:00
Tues.	12/8	Higley	Away	4, 6:00
Fri.	12/11	Deer Vly. Tourney	Away	TBD
Sat.	12/12	Deer Vly. Tourney	Away	TBD
Tues.	12/15	Williams Field	Away	4, 6:00

(for all non-tournament matches, J.V. team plays at 4:00, and Varsity plays at 7:00 p.m.)

Wrestling

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Thur.	12/3	Higley	Home	6:00
Wed.	12/9	Coronado, Q.C. Campo Verde, Sag. Poston Butte	Home	4:00
Fri.	12/11	G.C.S.U. Tourney	Away	TBD
Sat.	12/12	G.C.S.U. Tourney	Away	TBD
Fri.	12/18	McCl. Tourney	Away	TBD
Sat.	12/19	McCl. Tourney	Away	TBD

(for all dual matches - 6:00 p.m.; multi-team - 4:00 p.m.)

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Imagine Prep's Dylan O'Hagan (#24) battles several Prospector players for this rebound in last Tuesday's scrimmage. Imagine Prep is a charter school located off of 16th Avenue and just west of Ironwood Drive and plays in the Class B Division of the Arizona Charter Athletic Association. This will be the Panthers second year of basketball. Apache Junction, located about a mile south on Ironwood Drive, is a member of the 4A-I Division of the Arizona Interscholastic Association and opens its 2009 season today playing in the Mesa Skyline Tournament.

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