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Program**

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Train For
Special
Forces**



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Public Meetings

**Pinal County
Board of Supervisors
special meeting**
11 a.m. Monday,
April 19, 2010
Administration
Building A,
31 N. Pinal St.,
Florence

**Apache Junction
City Council
work session
cancelled**
7 p.m. Monday,
April 19, 2010
300 E. Superstition Blvd.

**Water Utilities
Community Facilities
District
(Apache Junction
Water Co.)**
6 p.m. Tuesday,
April 20, 2010
300 E. Superstition Blvd.

**Superstition Mountain
Community
Facilities Dist.
(sewer board)**
6 p.m. Tuesday,
April 20, 2010
District Board Room,
5661 S. Ironwood Drive

**Apache Junction
City Council
regular session**
7 p.m. Monday,
April 20, 2010
300 E. Superstition Blvd.

**Pinal County
Board of Supervisors**
9:30 a.m. Wednesday,
April 21, 2010
Administration
Building A,
31 N. Pinal St.,
Florence

AJFD Governing Board
5:30 p.m. Wednesday,
April 21, 2010
Fire District Boardroom
565 N. Idaho Road

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Celebrate National Public Works Week

Coming May 16 through May 22



Roller driver Andy Amado and paver Mel Morris are part of the City of Apache Junction's Public Works Department.

Remember to say thanks to a public works staff member during the week of May 16 through May 22, National Public Works Week.

Since 1960, the American Public Works Association (APWA) has sponsored National Public Works Week (NPWW) across the nation to educate the public on the importance of the contribution of public works to people's daily lives including planning, building, managing and operating the heart of our lo-

cal communities. Some historical early highlights of NPWW include a U.S. Senate resolution affirming the first National Public Works Week in 1960, letters of acknowledgement from Presidents Dwight Eisenhower and Lyndon Johnson, and a presidential Proclamation signed by John F. Kennedy in 1962.

This year's APWA theme is "Public Works: Above, Below, & All Around You." Through NPWW and other

efforts, APWA seeks to raise the public's awareness of public works issues and to increase confidence in public works employees who are dedicated to improving the quality of life for present and future generations.

Mayor John Insalaco and the City Council will present the proclamation on National Public Works Week at their meeting of April 20.

For further information contact the Public Works Department at (480) 474-8511.

Lights May Grace Focal Point Trees

Staff may apply for Yavapai grant

By Christina Fuoco-Karasinski
The News

If the grant specialist at the City of Apache Junction has his way, 12 trees at the Focal Point and 18 along Phelps Drive will be installed with lights.

City of Apache Junction staff, including Roger Hacker, is requesting the adoption of Resolution No. 10-10, authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation during the City Council's regularly scheduled meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 20.

"We had received funding from them back a couple years ago to do phase one of



Twelve trees around the Focal Point and 18 along Phelps Drive will feature lighting if the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation decides to award a grant to the City of Apache Junction.

renovations," Hacker said. "We installed cement work. We installed some lighting with their support and this proposed application is a continuation of the Focal Point renovation." The grant is for \$17,500. The first grant the City received from the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation was in 2007.

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Student Names New Jr. High 'Cactus Canyon' with Cougars as mascot



At left, Devin Koszarek, 11, of Thunder Mountain Middle School created the winning name for the new junior high, Cactus Canyon Junior High. It replaces the name Desert Shadows Middle School.

By Christina Fuoco-Karasinski
The News

Eleven-year-old Thunder Mountain Middle School student Devin Koszarek has won a competition to rename Desert Shadows Middle School Cactus Canyon Junior High.

Woman Hurt At Black Stallion Event



An Apache Junction woman was injured during the Black Stallion Literacy Project event at the Rodeo Grounds on Friday, April 16. Pam Kantowski was driving a buggy pulled by a mini horse, when the horse was reportedly "spooked." The horse bolted and the carriage tipped throwing her out. Unofficial reports say her condition is stable.

The Black Stallion Literacy Foundation helps children discover the joys of reading and the excitement of learning through the wonders of live horses and the Black Stallion books by Walter Farley, according to the foundation's Web site.

The News Kidcast

Mostly sunny, highs in the upper 80's lows in the 50's. Cooler temps, possible rain late week.

This week's
Weather
"Artoonist"

Madalyn
Castelhana

Age 6

Peralta Trail
Elementary
School

