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Time Out



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• The Red Mountain Little League Majors (11 and 12 years) Softball All-Stars with two Apache Junction players, Bailey Klitzke and Katie Reid, on their team roster, were scheduled to play the Rio Rico All-Stars this past Friday night in Maricopa in All-Star "sectional" play with the winner advancing to the Arizona finals.

Bailey is one of the team's top pitchers and Katie is a second baseman and both have had terrific All-Star outings at the plate.

A third player from Apache Junction, Amber Casarez, was the starting catcher for the Red Mountain All-Stars but she broke her leg and is unable to play

We'll keep you posted if the girls from Apache Junction advance to the State finals;

• The Lady Prospector volleyball team went 3-0 this past Thursday in the Phoenix College Summer Prep League and is now 6-3 overall with one more week to go. They play three more matches this Thursday, July 29. For starting times and opponents for this Thursday, visit the AJHS volleyball website at www.ajhs.ajusd.org;

• There isn't much time left to reserve an ad in the 2010 AJHS Fall Sports Program sold at all Prospector home football games. If you would like to reserve an ad, contact *The News* at (480) 982-6397.

10 More Tourney Wins For AJHS Volleyball

By Chuck Baker
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For the second Summer tournament in a row, the Lady Prospector varsity volleyball team won double-digit matches, this time going 10-4 overall in the Florence Tournament played July 17. Officially, the AJHS girls placed seventh overall out of twenty teams.

Apache Junction also fielded two other teams in the Florence Tournament. The junior varsity girls went a combined 5-8 overall and placed 10th, while a third AJHS team of mostly incoming sophomores and incoming freshmen went 6-9 overall and placed 13th.

For their efforts in the tournament, setter Norelle Justice was chosen "athlete of the week" on the AJHS volleyball website, Erin Herbert picked up the nod for junior varsity players, and Selena Quiroz, who will be a sophomore this Fall, earned the nod playing for the youngest team in the tournament.

Apache Junction was also scheduled to compete this past Saturday in the Payson Tournament but results were not yet available.

The Lady Prospectors continued their Phoenix College Summer League play this past Thursday and swept all three of their matches, defeating Hori-

zon Honors 20-25, 25-18, 15-12 (tie-breaker), topping Glendale Independence (25-21, 22-25, 15-10 (tie-breaker), and crushing Phoenix St. Mary's 25-9, 25-15.

In the match with Horizon Honors, the AJHS girls rallied for the win after dropping the first game. Monica Geer had a solid all-around match with seven service points, five kills and three digs. Alissa Harmon added seven service points, including two for aces, and had four assists, Bailey Reid had six kills, Siobhan McKay had six service points and five assists, Morgan Myers also had six service points, Rikki Newman contributed with four service points and a kill, Danielle Quintana had three service points and two kills, Mackenzie Miller added a kill and three digs, and Taylor Harvey handed out three assists.

Against Independence, Newman led the way with nine service points and three kills, Reid and Geer each came up with six kills, Harvey pitched in with six service points, two assists and a kill, Harmon handed out eight assists and added five service points, Myers had five service points and three digs, McKay added five assists and three service points, Quintana had two kills and Miller had

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Siobhan McKay (at net, left) and Rikki Newman (dark shirt) team up for a block attempt in last Thursday's Phoenix College League match against Horizon Honors



With Coach Jake Heermans (middle, arms folded) looking on, Lady Prospector outside hitter Mackenzie Miller (green shirt) pounds down a kill in last Thursday's Phoenix College League

A.J. Parks & Recreation
Programs-At-A-Glance

7/26-7/29 - Hip Hop - Jam out with a professional Choreographer as you groove to today's hottest tunes and hip hop techniques! We will practice and build on the skills you already have and learn more to build upon. A structured, yet fun class taught with age appropriateness being the #1 element. Class is 7/26-7/29 Monday through Thursday. 45 minutes classes split up by ages. Fee: \$20.00. Ages: 5-14

5:30 pm-8:30 pm 7/30 class
9 am-12 pm Fee: \$50.00.
Ages 16 and older.

7/26-7/29 - Theatre - Love being the center of attention? Love getting up in front of people or maybe you want to get better at it? This class offers theatre games, improvisation, and acting skills to guarantee fun and laughs. Class is 7/26-7/29. Monday through Thursday 11:15am-12pm. Fee: \$20.00. Ages: 7-11 year olds.

7/30 - Teen Night
Attention Teens: Join Parks and Recreation at Superstition Shadows Aquatic Center for the Back to School Beach Bash on Friday July 30th from 6:30-8:30pm. Pizza, volleyball, games, music and fun just for teens! Call 480-983-2181 for info.

7/29 OR 7/30 - Advanced Microsoft Publisher
Customize color and font schemes, create tables, and design original publications including Master Pages. Must have a working knowledge of Publisher or have taken our Basic Publisher Class. 7/29 class from

8/7 - Youth Baseball - The deadline to receive your discount on T-Ball and Coach Pitch registrations is rapidly approaching. The leagues are quickly filling up so don't wait to register your child. Leagues start with a clinic on August 7. T-Ball is ages 4-5 and Coach Pitch is ages 6-8. Boys and girls welcome.

8/9 - Cool Kids Club - Join parks and recreation after school for sports, games, crafts, homework help time, and much more. This program starts once school is out and runs until 6pm each day. The site will be at Desert Vista Elementary School on days school is in session. SMES will be transported to DVES. This program is open to all 1st through 6th graders and kindergartners who attend afternoon or full day classes. The next session will start on August 9th and run until December 17th. The cost is only \$200 for the entire 5 month session. Space is limited, so sign up now.

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No Tontozona, But Summer Football Camp Goes Forth For Prospectors

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Remember the movie Hoosiers when Coach Norman Dale, played by Gene Hackman, uses a tape measure to show his

players that the basketball rim inside the gym where the Indiana high school state championships will be played measures ten feet from the floor just like the rim back in their small, rural Indiana town?

Now picture Prospector head football coach Rich Milligan picking some blades of grass from the practice field at Apache Junction High School and holding them up in the air trying to convince his players that it's just like the grass you might find up on the rim, say at Camp Tontozona in Payson.

No matter the reason why the Prospectors did not make the trip to Camp Tontozona this Summer for football camp, the recipe for a successful camp is pretty basic. You need a patch of grass, a few blocking dummies, coaches who can scream and yell a lot, and a group of energetic players who can buy into what the coaching staff is preaching, and can bond with one another no matter the temperature or the humidity.

So with that in mind, the Prospectors ran their annual Summer camp this past week on the practice field of the school's campus. They did catch a break of sorts this past Tuesday morning with cloud cover and slightly cooler temperatures, but it was also downright steamy.

There was some more good news in the Prospector camp. Running back and linebacker Harrison Pomeroy was in attendance after undergoing what doctors say was "successful surgery" in Pennsylvania for a rare sports hernia injury. There is optimism that Pomeroy, who was second on the team in rushing a year ago with 501 yards while averaging a team best 8.35-yards-a-carry, and third best with 59 tackles while leading the team with three sacks,



Tucked in behind two of his offensive linemen in Tyler Bivins (in white shirt) and John LaChapelle (right), Prospector quarterback Roy Machuca is about to unload a pass during last Tuesday's Summer Football Camp

may be back in time for the season opener on August 27 against Bradshaw Mountain up in Prescott Valley.

There was more good news. A nice looking prospect who goes by "J.D." has joined the team after transferring to AJHS from

Texas. J.D. was working out with the running backs.

But not all the news is good for Prospector football. Johnathan Converse, who looked so good during the Summer Passing

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AJHS assistant coach John McCalister watches two of his linebackers, Tyler McCullen (white shirt) and Parker Rathjen (right), work on a blocking drill