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SPORTS Briefs

Special Olympics Arizona events comes to Surprise

The 2010 Special Olympics Arizona Fall Games, featuring aquatics, bocce and softball, and more than 1,000 athletes, will be played 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15 and 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16 at the Aquatics Center, 15831 N. Bullard Ave., Sun City Grand Recreation-Bocce, 285 Remington, and Surprise Farms Community Parks softball field, 17894 W. West Park Blvd., all in Surprise.

Additional events include the opening ceremonies, appearances from professional mascots, a victory dance and an official Olympic village.

The opening ceremonies will be emceed by CBS5 meteorologist Paul Horton and will feature fireworks, a parade of athletes, the Law Enforcement Torch Run, visits from the Arizona Cardinal's Big Red, the Arizona Diamondback's Baxter and the Phoenix Sun's Gorilla and a post event dance.

There will also be Healthy Athletes Clinics sponsored by Walmart Oct. 16 featuring Special Smiles, Health Promotions, Fun Fitness and Fit Feet. Healthy Athletes exams will be held at no cost for competing athletes as well as non-competing athletes.

Additionally, on Saturday, families with children, ages 2-7, are invited to the Young Athletes Carnival. RSVP to tracy@specialolympicsarizona.org.

Visit www.specialolympicsarizona.org/2010-fall-games.

Ashton Ranch PTA hosts first golf tournament

Ashton Ranch Elementary School's PTA is set to host its first golf tournament Saturday, Nov. 13 at the Falcon Dunes Golf Course, 1500 W. Northern Ave., Waddell. All proceeds from the tournament will benefit

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Submitted Photo

From left, Justin Reyna, Andrew Chill, Joshua Dunnivant, Wyatt Entzminger, Shelby Nelson, Jasmine Malone and coach Cliff Hymel display the second place team plaque earned at the Gilbert Early College Invitational.

Imagine Prep at Surprise's first ever cross country team qualifies members to state meet

By Kacie Buzzard
Special to the Independent

Imagine Prep at Surprise's first ever cross country team has already qualified members for the state cross country meet.

"This is Imagine Prep's first cross team and we are off to great start," stated Coach Cliff Hymel. "The kids are working hard, learning how to run as a team, and setting personal records at every meet."

On Oct. 2, the Imagine Prep at Surprise cross country team competed in the eighth annual James Madison Prep Patriot Invitational in Tempe. Four boys and three girls participated, including Tyler Prowell, who finished with a team leading time of 17:15 for the 2.2 mile course. Justin Reyna also finished in the top 15, with a time of 17:25. Finishing out for the boys is Joshua Dunnivant and Andrew Chill with times of 19:40 and 23:17, respectively, leading the boys' team to a fifth place finish. Kayleigh Sanson led the

girls to a third place team finish with a 20:31 performance, followed by Shelby Nelson (21:33) and Lourdes Torres (23:38).

On Sept. 25, the girls team earned second place honors at the Gilbert Early College Invitational. Kayleigh Sanson was the team leader with a time of 18:52 for the 2.05 mile course. Shelby Nelson (19:29), Lourdes Torres (22:12) and Jasmine Malone (28:35) finished for the Lady Storm. Justin Reyna finished with a time of 16:12 leading the boys to a fifth place team finish. Wyatt Entzminger (16:53), Joshua Dunnivant (19:51), and Andrew Chill (27:33) also finished for the Storm.

The teams will participate in the Desert Heights Invitational at Victory Lane Sports Complex in North Phoenix to finish the regular season. Joshua, Justin, Shelby, Kayleigh and Lourdes are now eligible to compete in

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Games This Week

Shadow Ridge

Boys Cross Country

Junior varsity: at Buckeye Union High School 4 p.m. Oct. 13.
Varsity: at Buckeye Union High School 4 p.m. Oct. 13.

Girls Cross Country

Junior varsity: at Buckeye Union High School 4 p.m. Oct. 13.
Varsity: at Buckeye Union High School 4 p.m. Oct. 13.

Football

Freshman: at Cactus High School 6 p.m. Oct. 13.
Junior varsity: vs. Cactus High School 6 p.m. Oct. 14.
Varsity: vs. Campo Verde High School 7 p.m. Oct. 15.

Boys Swim/Dive

Varsity: vs. Raymond S. Kellis High School at Rose Lane Pool 3:30 p.m. Oct. 14.
vs. Youngker High School at Rose Lane Pool 3:30 p.m. Oct. 14.

Volleyball

Freshman: at Desert Edge High School 4 p.m. Oct. 14.
vs. Verrado High School 4 p.m. Oct. 19.
Junior varsity: at Desert Edge High School 5 p.m. Oct. 14.
vs. Verrado High School 5 p.m. Oct. 19.
Varsity: at Desert Edge High School 6 p.m. Oct. 14.
vs. Verrado High School 6 p.m. Oct. 19.

Valley Vista

Girls Cross Country

Junior varsity: vs. Willow Canyon High School at Boulder Creek High School 4 p.m. Oct. 13.
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vs. Willow Canyon High School at Boulder Creek High School 4 p.m. Oct. 13.

Girls Volleyball

Freshman: vs. Deer Valley High School 4 p.m. Oct. 13.
at Kingman High School 4 p.m. Oct. 14.
vs. Boulder Creek High School 4 p.m. Oct.

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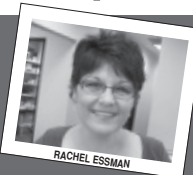
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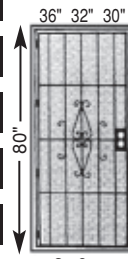
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