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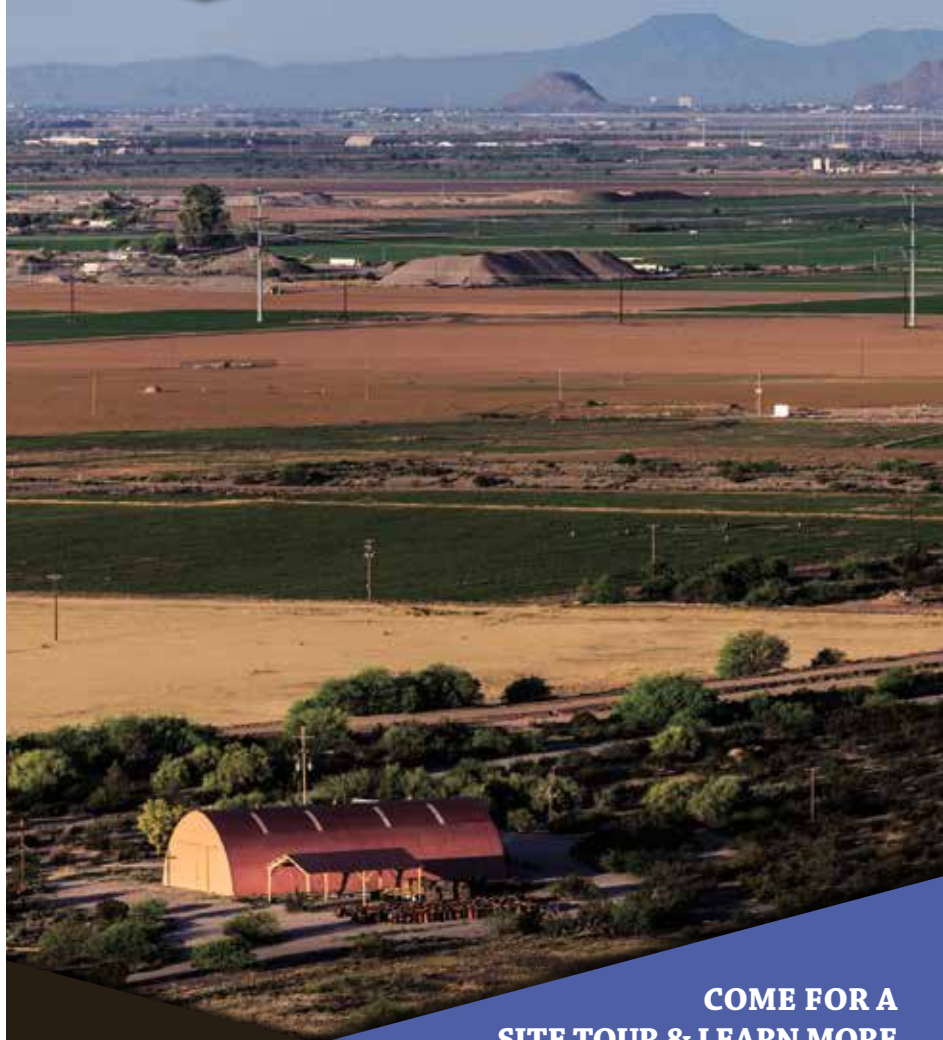
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Obituaries

Marjorie Lucille Richardson Liles

Marjorie Lucille Richardson Liles was born in Kusa, Okmulgee County, Oklahoma on Dec. 1, 1922. She passed away on Jan. 17, 2016 in Chandler, Arizona while in an assisted living home.

Marjorie married Curman Severson and had four children. Later she married Jerry Shultz for a short time, and then she married Evan Zedford Liles (deceased), by whom she felt loved, and loved in return. Her close friend at this time was her sister-in-law, Estelle Womach. During her early adult years, Marjorie became a beautician, and she carried this skill throughout most of her life, frequently doing hair at home or at her clients' homes. She also worked for the telephone company for 25 1/2 years, while taking on the responsibility of raising her family.

Marjorie is preceded in death by her father, Charles Murry Richardson, and her mother, Lillie Agnes Torbett. She had two brothers, Cecil (deceased), married to Kay Givens, and Jack (deceased), married to Mary Stancil. Marjorie had four wonderful sons, Randy, Myron, Jim (deceased) and David.

Included in Marjorie's family are ten grandchildren: Randy and Sharon had Michael; Myron Sr. and Phoebe had Myron Jr. (Myron Sr. is currently married to Sharon Sonnenberg-Severson); Jim

Sr. and Lois had Debbie (married to Larry Winchester), Jimmy Jr. (married to Teresa Williams), and Amy (married to Ross Taylor); David and Nancy had Daniel (married to Lilly Garza), Aaron (married to Sherita West) and Luke (married to Biliana Iacsin). Marjorie's family also included 24 great-grandchildren: Jessica, Nicholas, Kenny, Joseph, Benjamin, Leah, Logan, Elijah, Alexandra, Abigail, Gabriell, Simon, Camille, Kayla, Kelsy, McKenzi, Kimberly, Eric, Jacob, Shawni, Tamra, Tyler, Hanna, and Chandler; two great-great grandchildren, Cole and Chloe; a niece, Karen DeBernardo, and four nephews, Mark Richardson, Ronny Richardson, Dennis Richardson, and Jimmy Richardson. She will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Services were held on Friday, Jan. 22, 2016 at Resthaven Park Cemetery, 6450 W. Northern Ave, Glendale, AZ.

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David Brinkley

Fred C. Ruiz Jr.

Fred C. Ruiz Jr., 56, of Queen Creek, AZ, went to be with the Lord on Jan. 21, 2016.

He was a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather to his family.

He is survived by his loving wife of 32 years, Janet; their children, Casey, Nick, Alex, Janelle, Jarred, Joell; daughter-in-law, Ashley Ruiz; and grandchildren, Alexis and Brady.

Fred taught math at Mountain View High School in Mesa. He loved teaching and loved his students very much. He will be missed.

There was a viewing on Thursday, Jan. 28, at San Tan Mountain View Funeral

Home. A memorial service was held on Friday, Jan. 29, at Calvary Chapel of Queen Creek. Following the service, Fred was laid to rest at Mountain View Cemetery, 7900 E. Main St. Mesa, AZ 85207.

Fred devoted much of his time to serving at Calvary Chapel of Queen Creek Food Bank and would appreciate donations if possible; he loved serving others.



Brian Paul Turnbull

Brian Paul Turnbull, 37, passed away on Jan. 26, 2016.

Brian was born to Terry Turnbull on Feb. 23, 1978. He lived in Queen Creek, AZ as a child, then moved to Gilbert, AZ. Brian attended grade school at Burk Elementary in Gilbert, then attended Gilbert High School in Gilbert. Brian made many friends growing up and continued to keep in touch with them.

Brian chose to be in the food industry and has worked at several popular restaurants in the Mesa area. He loved to be around people and loved his job.

Brian had the honor of becoming a father to three beautiful children: Asia, Mason and London. His children were his life and he was their life. Brian would light up when he was with them, or talking about them. Brian enjoyed watching movies with his children; he would cover the living room floor with lots of comforters and pillows and make popcorn. He made his children feel good and they were always laughing together.

Brian had a love for music, movies and Dragon Ball Z. He loved cars, especially Hondas, and loved to roller blade. Brian loved to collect knives, hats and tools.

Six years ago Brian got brain cancer. He always kept a positive outlook and his motto was “Keep on Keepin’ on.” Brian fought his battle with much courage, and his strength came from those he loved the most: his children, his mom, and all of his family. He loved to see people happy; even though Brian was in pain, he would make sure to tell a joke or two. His wit and banter will long live on in our hearts.

Brian is survived by his three children, Asia, Mason and London; his mother, Terry Turnbull Jericho; his father, Robert Jericho; his sister, Mandy Jericho; as well as many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Brian, we love you to the moon and back.



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On Saturday, Feb. 13, Produce on Wheels Without Waste will return to the San Tan Valley Farmers Market. Buy 60 pounds of produce for just \$10. And you get to pick it out! Artisan breads will also be available for purchase. The Farmers Market is located at Combs High School, 2505 E. Germann Rd., San Tan Valley. For more information please call 602-684-5489.



FULL ‘SNOW’ MOON HIKE

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Head over to the San Tan Mountain Regional Park on Saturday, Feb. 20, 7:30-8:30 p.m. for the full moon hike along the 2.2-mile Stargazer loop trail. Guaranteed to keep you satisfied. Wear closed-toed shoes, dress comfortably, and bring water then meet at the main trailhead area. No registration required. Event is free with \$6 per vehicle park entry fee. For more information, please visit www.maricopa.gov/parks/santan. The park is located at 6533 W. Phillips Rd., Queen Creek.



Arizona Workforce Connection Job Fair Feb. 17

more than 60 employers to attend

Are you ready to change careers? Been laid off recently and need to find a job? Want to see what ELSE is out there?

Plan on attending the Pinal County Community Job Fair on Wednesday, Feb. 17, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Job Fair is open at 10 a.m. for all veterans.

The event will be held at the Promenade Mall, 1005 N. Promenade Pkwy., Ste. 130, Casa Grande, AZ (Interstate 10 and Florence

Blvd. east of I-10). Sponsors include Arizona Workforce Connection, CAHRMA, Greater Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce, City of Casa Grande, Goodwill Industries of Southern Arizona, HOHP, Linkages, Phoenixmart, Promenade Casa Grande and Sam's Club.

Some of the positions employers are hoping to fill include: Material Handler, Operations Engineering, RN, LPN, Correctional Officers,

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Area businesses host image and income event for women

Stacy Foust, two-time Million Dollar Business Woman in her Company, and Mary Lynn Ilnitsky, Professional Image Consultant welcome Lora Newman, M.S., LPC, Founder of Zero2Sixty Performance Coaching based in Southwest Missouri, for a day-long event designed to boost participants' image and their bottom line. Image and Income: It's An Inside Job,

will take place on Saturday, Feb. 13, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Legacy Center Community Building (5625 East McKellips Road, Mesa, Arizona, 85215.) This all-inclusive event consists of three educational interactive presentations, catered lunch, and prizes.

Men and women will get the opportunity to update their look during Stacy Foust's

morning presentation, Simple Steps to Putting Your Best Face Forward. Stacy will offer advice to simplify your skin care regimen, achieve the look you desire, and boost confidence at any age. This will be followed by Get Dressed On Purpose, presented by Mary Lynn Ilnitsky, Certified Image Consultant. Attendees will discover their personal style, and be offered insight about everything from color choice, incorporating current trends into their wardrobe, to what to wear in various settings.

After lunch, Lora Newman will lead attendees through Your Money Mindset.

During this session, attendees will learn how to empower their voice when discussing money in any situation, and identify steps they can take to own their value with confidence and clarity.

"Image and Income is a great opportunity for professionals and business owners of all ages to recharge and redefine their goals for 2016," said Lora Newman, M.S., LPC, and founder of Zero2Sixty Performance Coaching. "I am thrilled to be coming to Phoenix to be part of this event and meet leaders in this community."

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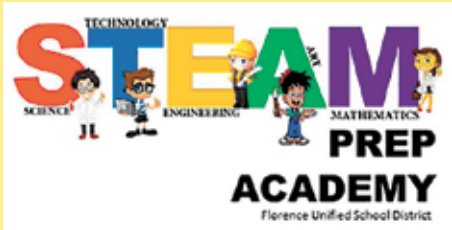
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When Roberta Met Max: a love story for the ages

By Jennifer Carnes
Southeast Valley Ledger

Max and Roberta Jerman have been together since their first day of college. "The first day of school," Roberta said, "we were standing in line to register and I saw this tall guy up front and I told my friend that if I could get a date with that guy, I'd buy some three-inch high heel shoes, which I had never been able to wear before. I was 5'10"."

Max, for his part, thought Roberta was pretty special. At 6'7" he decided he was tired of going out with short girls.

"He saved me a seat in Bible class," Roberta said. They went steady on Halloween night.

The next summer he asked Roberta's father for her hand in marriage.

They married Sept. 3, 1948. She was three months shy of her 19th birthday. He was 19.

This year, they will celebrate their 68th wedding anniversary.

After the wedding, the couple settled in Garden Grove, California, on a dirt road where there were groves of orange trees all around them. Max's parents gave the couple a plot of land and working weekends and nights, Max built them a two-bedroom house.

Not long after they moved into their new house, Max was called up by the draft board. He wasn't too worried about being drafted. "They were not taking anyone over 6'5"," Roberta said. "Well, they said he was 6'5" and made him join."

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Mr. and Mrs. Max Jerman on their wedding day.



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FAMILY PHOTO

Meet the Jermans: Roberta, Max, Cynthia, Ronald and Richard

He went first to Fort Ord, California, and then to Fort Belvoir, VA where he received extra training as an engineer. They sold their house and after paying back a loan to her parents, they were able to buy a brand new Studebaker car; but it was necessary to pick it up at the factory back east. Roberta and her mother took the train east to pick up the car and drove it down to Virginia, near Fort Belvoir, which was to be her home during Max's training. Roberta bought a small trailer and settled in a park near where Max was stationed. She got a job as a typist at Phillips Machinery and Tractor Co. in Maryland and commuted daily from Virginia through Washington, D.C.

After Basic Training, Max was deployed to Europe. This was during the Korean War.

"He had a week to get me home to California," Roberta said. "Pulling our trailer gave us car trouble and we only made it to Missouri, where his mom and dad had a farm."

Roberta remembers that she was really sick on the trip. "But I thought it was because Max was leaving me."

She continued, "We had been told that we would never have any children of our own – but I found out later that I was pregnant."

Max wasn't able to make it home for the baby's birth. "He never saw me pregnant," Roberta said. She explained that as an Army Private he couldn't get space on a plane and he had to return to the United States by ship. Their daughter, Cynthia, was six weeks old by the time Max was

back in California.

The Army transferred Max to Fort Ord in Monterey, California, to finish out his time before discharging him.

After leaving the Army, Max and Roberta moved to Quincy, California where they helped build a vacation trailer park. The small family settled into a house on the property as managers of the park. Soon after Max received a phone call from Seattle Pacific College and a coach who Max had played basketball under in California. The coach told Max that he had three weeks to pack up and head to Seattle. Their rent and Max's tuition was provided if Max would come up and play center on the basketball team.

So the next three winters were spent in Seattle and summers in Quincy working at the park. Max graduated after three years and was hired as a teacher and basketball coach in Quincy.

While in Quincy, the family adopted two little Native American boys, Richard (3) and Ronald (2).

"I heard about them at a teachers' meeting at church and volunteered to babysit them," Roberta said.

The boys' mother was dying of cancer. "She had become a Christian," Roberta said, "and was delighted for us to have the boys. I took them most every day to see her for over a year before she died."

Roberta remembered the day they arrived at their home. When they drove up into the driveway, their daughter

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opened her arms up and called them “my brothers.”

Max’s career took him to Stanford University to work on a math program called Setts and Numbers and while working there, he earned his doctorate in math. The family headed to Pennsylvania for a teaching job at Penn State. From there, they headed back across the country to Seattle Pacific College and then the couple opened an educational software store, which lasted several years.

When they finally retired, the couple purchased a 5th wheel and joined a group called SOWERS (Servants On Wheels Ever Ready) who went from church to church helping them build and repair projects,

which Roberta called “a lot of fun.”

They followed a large group of their church members to Arizona one summer and really liked it. They relocated to the Southeast Valley permanently, eventually building a home at the Links Estates, where they have lived for 14 years.

When asked what the best thing about Max, Roberta cited their lack of differences. “He’s been very encouraging and very easy to get along with,” she said.

Max cut in at that point and said, “That’s because I say, ‘Yes, Dear.’”

Max offered some advice to other couples who want to stay married for as long as they. “Have a common faith,” he said, “so you both believe the same things.”

They wouldn’t have changed much about their life together, except maybe he would have gone to school more.

“We’ve been very compatible,” Roberta said.

They laughed over a memory from their wedding.

“My dad said, ‘Don’t bring her back,’” Roberta said.

Max laughingly added that Roberta was “out of warranty.”

But after 67 years together is the fire still there? Are they still in love?

Absolutely, they said. And even more so. Happy Valentine’s Day!

Congratulations to Roberta and Max on their long marriage. The *Southeast Valley Ledger* and Olive Mill in Queen Creek are pleased to name them as San Tan Valley’s Longest Valentine. Olive Mill presented the couple with a gift certificate for a meal which Max and Roberta said they would share with the friends who nominated them.

Editor’s Note: Carrie Ribeiro contributed to this story.



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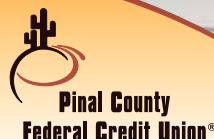
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PBHS Cheer headed to Disney World

By Andrew Luberd
Southeast Valley Ledger

The Poston Butte Cheer Team is getting ready to fulfill its biggest goal of the season at the place known for making dreams come true: Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida.

After accomplishing other season goals of winning the Cactus Cup and competing for an AIA State Championship – where they

finished as State Runner-Up – the Broncos’ cheerleaders are leaving Feb. 4 compete in the Universal Cheerleading Association (UCA) 2016 National High School Cheerleading Championship.

“Every cheerleader watches the UCA nationals on ESPN and dreams of getting there,” Poston Butte Cheer Team member Kassie Noriega told the Ledger. “That dream for me, and the rest of the team, is finally coming true.”

The Broncos will have two of the 38 teams competing in the

Small Varsity Coed Division, beginning with the semi-finals on Feb. 6. Teams advancing to the finals will compete later that same day.

The UCA event is widely regarded as the premier cheer competition. The best of the best hope to qualify for this annual event, which is televised each year on ESPN.

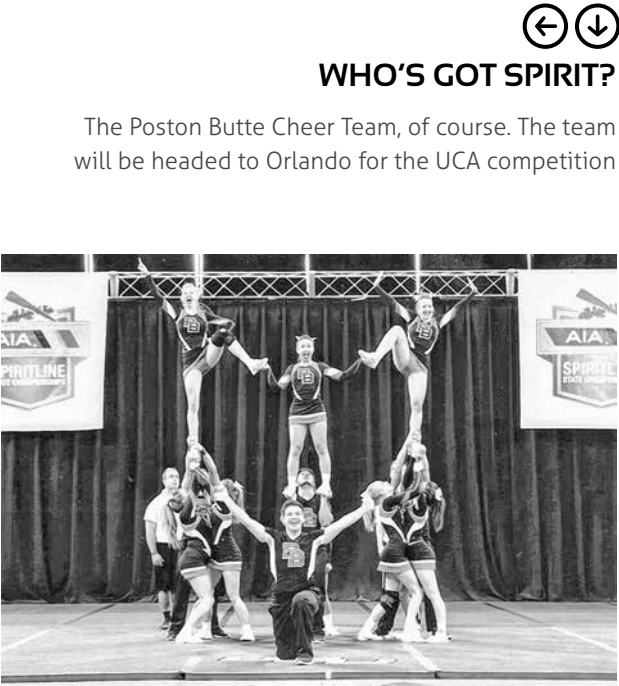
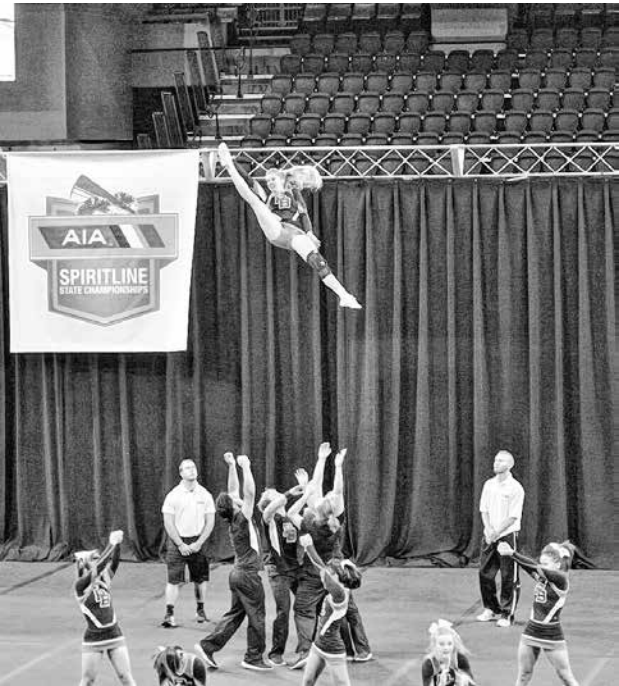
“Our (main) goal this year was nationals in Florida because that’s the biggest competition out there,” said Noriega, one of six seniors on the 24-member team. “We want to be one of the first coed teams [from Arizona] to go to UCA.”

The Broncos competed at the UCA qualifier in December at Verrado High School for its one and only chance to make it to Florida. In their first-ever UCA-qualifying competition they finished in first place and are one of only two coed teams in Arizona – Chandler is the other – headed to Orlando.

“We’re kind of breaking the mold with going to UCA,” third-year Poston Butte Cheer head coach Erica Duckett said. “There aren’t very many teams from Arizona that go to UCA.”

According to Duckett, who competed regularly at the UCA

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WHO’S GOT SPIRIT?

The Poston Butte Cheer Team, of course. The team will be headed to Orlando for the UCA competition

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Queen Creek DECA wins big at district

Queen Creek High School’s DECA chapter recently competed in their 2016 Eastern District Competition, bringing home big wins against new competitors. Students have been practicing since the beginning of the

school year, with the club’s officer team offering training sessions and competition prep lessons. This year, Queen Creek received 48 medals, with 20 testing medals, 19 roleplay medals, and 9 overall champion medals. Having previously been in a different district, the wins are especially satisfying since the new schools they competed against were tougher competitors.

DECA’s District competitions are a chance for members to hone their skills and participate in events that challenge their business and marketing skills, along with their ability to think on the spot and prepare new ideas. Contestants are given a problem in the form of a roleplay and must find a solution and create a business plan. At the end of the event, competitors anxiously wait at an awards ceremony to see if they performed well enough to win any of the coveted medals.

“It’s great to see members come out of their roleplays,

excited about their performance, and then see that excitement multiply once they find out they’ve won an award. They know what skills they need to be successful, and their hard work is what gets them their win,” said the club’s competition trainer, Megan Lopenen.

Queen Creek’s DECA chapter is part of an international organization that helps prepare young people for careers in marketing, finance, business management, and hospitality. The next event Queen Creek is preparing for is their State competition, held February 29-March 1, which will qualify members for the international conference.

To learn more about Queen Creek DECA, please contact Deidre Myers at dmyers@qcusd.org or visit the school’s website at <http://www.qchs.qcusd.org/>

For more information on this event, or about QC DECA’s competitions, you can contact Megan Lopenen at mloponen@msn.com.

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event during her high school years, qualifying for this event is the evolution of the Broncos’ cheer program in addition to the fulfillment of a goal she had for the team when she first took the head coaching position.

“My first two years we were close [to being ready for UCA competition], but I didn’t see the desire from every team member,” she said. “At the beginning of this year, as I watched the team, I told myself, ‘You know what? They’re ready.’”

Exactly what did Duckett see that provided such confidence?

“I saw them genuinely love each other,” she responded. “We have such a smaller group that these kids were able to build relationships with one another, they’ve earned respect from each other, and they work extremely hard.”

“These kids have passion for what they do, they have passion for each other,” she continued. “It was that closeness that I saw with them that I knew they would fight for each other all season. That’s what made me say, ‘It’s time, let’s just do it.’”

Duckett’s own experience at the same competition makes her suitable to assess her team’s chance at success this weekend. She admitted her team, like most, does some things better than others and would rate it no less than an eight on a scale of 10.

Noriega and Rivers McFadden, another senior on the team, said the team’s strengths include stunting, technique, timing, and synchrony. Both say the team must nail its Cheer performance to have a chance to advance as a finalist because that’s where judges are typically the most critical.

The Poston Butte Cheer Team, which won the AIA State Championship in 2013, has been one of the most successful in the state over the past few years. Maintaining the level of excellence is important to team members, especially the seniors. It takes a significant commitment to achieve the type of success the Broncos have had.

“It all starts with the coaches,” McFadden said. “They push us day in and day out, they have do two-a-days, they have us at school at 6 a.m. They push us harder than I have ever been pushed and I’ve played football and volleyball. The coaches have a goal and a desire for what they believe we can achieve and they instill that in us.”

The architect of the magical place where the Broncos are headed once said, “If you can dream it, you can do it.”

Words everyone can adhere to, indeed.

Athlete of the week

Caitlin Evangelesta

SOPHOMORE – POSTON BUTTE HIGH SCHOOL
SPORTS – CHEER

The team has experienced a lot of success so far this season and, as a result, received some notoriety as well, including an appearance on the Channel 10 Morning Show. How are you and the team enjoying the newfound fame?

Yes, in response to our success this season, my team and I have received some notoriety. We all enjoy being able to experience new opportunities such as appearing on the Channel 10 Morning Show and find it motivating to know that our team’s success is known beyond the boundaries of our school. While we all enjoy the recognition, it is important to both myself and my team, to never get comfortable with our performances and to always strive to push ourselves, our potential, and hit a perfect routine on the mat.

For those who don’t know or perhaps underestimate the training you and the team goes through, please describe the team’s practice/workout schedule. What is the hardest part and why?

With the goal of delivering a perfect performance at each of our competitions, our team’s practice schedule has a major influence on our success. Monday through Friday, we practice from 6 a.m. to around 7:53 a.m. In regards to after school practices, we have weight training after school on Mondays, tumbling class on Thursdays, and if we have a competition approaching, or are in need of the extra practice, a second practice after school on Wednesdays and/or on Saturdays. The hardest part of our practice schedule, in my opinion, is learning how to manage your time wisely and balance your schedule between cheer, school, and family.

How personal is it to you to carry on the tradition of success the Broncos’ Cheer Team has established?

As a sophomore, I feel as though it my responsibility to carry on the tradition of success the Broncos’ Cheer Team has established, through my remaining years with the

program and beyond. I am so grateful for our seniors and the immense influence they have had on both the success of our program and the leadership they brought to our season, motivating me to carry on the traditions in the future seasons to come.

Finish this sentence: “My greatest athletic memory so far at PBHS is...”

Competing in the 2016 AIA State Cheerleading Qualifier, not because our team placed first in our division, but because it was the first performance this season where we could all feel something special on that mat, and truly

came together as one. I believe that this performance had a great influence on the success of the remainder of our season.

What is your favorite sports movie and why?

American Cheerleader because it is inspiring and motivational to see teams who work just as hard as you and have the passion for the sport you love, be successful and fulfill their dreams. With our cheer team competing in the UCA Nationals competition this year, the movie is also a preview for our team of the feelings we will experience when we perform among the bright lights and cheering crowd.

Name one person you’d most like to meet and why?

One person I’d most like to meet would be Burlington Township’s cheerleading coach, not only because she is the coach of a team who is very successful at UCA Nationals, but because she was my coach’s coach. If it wasn’t for my coach being inspired by her coach to love and excel in cheerleading, then our program would not be what it is today.



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