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Team Tamarack stays together despite resort's closure

Despite the recent financial difficulties at Tamarack Resort, members of the Tamarack Sport and Education Foundation's Team Tamarack kept busy over the summer.

The freestyle team traveled to Park City, Utah, to hone jumping skills at the Utah Olympic Park aerial site.

The facility offers freeriders a chance to practice skills without worrying about injuries, because they can jump as much as 50 feet in the air and land in a jacuzzi-softened pool of water.

Freeride coach Kevin Allen described it as "a great training tool for not only learning new skills, but (it) also puts priceless confidence into each athlete's bag of tricks."

"You know you can stick a landing on a particular trick, before you bring it to the snow

in a competition setting," Allen said.

In addition to the ramp training in Utah, many Boise-area members of Team Tamarack train on a trampoline regularly at Tumble Time Gymnasium in Boise. The team itself owns an Olympic-style trampoline, but needs a new site to set it up.

Five alpine racers traveled in late June to Mount Hood in Oregon to work on their technique with head alpine coach/program director Pat Revallier, who made the children all younger than 10 years old work on drills for four days.

"The improvement in everything from simple stance on their skis to turn shape was unprecedented," Revallier said. "I was amazed."

While there, young skiers got to meet Olym-

pic hopefuls Ted Ligety and Andrew Weibrecht. The freestyle and alpine teams hope to return to Park City and Mount Hood for more training this fall.

As the season draws near, Team Tamarack coaches and athletes are hopeful that Tamarack Resort will reopen.

As a contingency plan, the Little Ski Hill has invited Tamarack skiers to train on the slopes just west of McCall.

Organizers there have worked with freeride coaches to improve design for a terrain and rail park, and freeride coaching will be available as an after-school program at the Little Ski Hill.

For more information, call Revallier at 315-2695 or visit the team's Web site at www.tsef.org.

Vandal netters look to rebound with new attitude, fresh approach

BY KYLA SAWYER

For The Star-News

For a second year, the McCall-Donnelly High School volleyball program has been displaced due to construction, but there has been no effect on the Vandals' positive team attitude.

"It's been good, we're kind of use to it; we didn't have our own gym last year and I really like this gym, it's better than the old one," returning senior Brakae Campbell said.

It's that positive attitude second year head coach Mandy Bonilla is counting on to help the Vandals bounce back from the 2008 winless conference season.

M-D won only one game last year against 1A New Meadows from the Long Pin conference. "I feel like we're really rebuilding the program at this point, that's my goal," Bonilla said. "I'm focusing on what needs to be done to make it a stronger program."

She believes adding some new faces to the varsity program will also set the team up for a successful season.

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McCall-Donnelly volleyball coach watches while Emily Mudie gets under a ball in during practice.

Mountaineer netters feel confident in pursuit of Long Pin Conference title

BY MATT MOEHR

For The Star-News

Senior leadership combined with energy and enthusiasm are key to the Meadows Valley High School volleyball team to come out on top of the Long Pin Conference, head coach Scott Rawlings said.

Last year, the Mountaineers finished a roller-coaster season under .500, but Rawlings believes in his core group of seniors.

He also likes the effort they put in during the off season by attending volleyball camps in Weiser and Riggins.

"We were more hesitant than we wanted to be against good teams last year, and I think our seniors will help us with that this year," Rawlings said.

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GOAL ORIENTED: Vandal Curtis Brey works the ball past Lewiston's keeper Jack Taylor to score a goal during the first half of Saturday's game in McCall.

Super Start

M-D boys show they are ready to play with 7-0 win over Lewiston

BY KYLA SAWYER

For The Star-News

Any questions about how the McCall-Donnelly High School boys soccer team would survive losing 16 players from last season's roster were answered Saturday.

In their first game of the season, the 3A division Vandals overpowered 5A Lewiston 7-0 on Saturday at Rich Sabala Athletic Complex.

M-D took control from the start with their first goal scored in the fifth minute of the game. The Vandals kept up an unrelenting offensive pace, adding two more goals before half-time, then shut the door on the Bengals with four additional goals by game's end.

"They obviously did a great job and to get the shut-out was really important," head coach Mike Maini said of his team's efforts against a much larger, non-conference school.

The Vandals had 29 shots on goal against Lewiston. The Bengals were credited with only two

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attempts to get in the net, which Maini attributed to good team field possession.

"Curtis (Brey) did a really good job in the midfield distributing the balls and so did Alex Hamilton," Maini said.

"I was totally impressed with Cesar Montes - he's a freshman and he can literally see the whole field with just a little glimpse and that's really hard to teach someone," he said.

A header in to the net off a corner kick from Montes in the 27th minute gave fellow Vandal John Fronk his first goal of the game.

M-D continues its non-league schedule on the road. The Vandals travelled to 3A Orofino on Tuesday (results were not available), then head south to Ketchum for games against 4A Community School on Friday and Canyon Ridge High School from Twin Falls on Saturday.

Vandal girls fall to Lewiston, 6-0

BY KYLA SAWYER

For The Star-News

It was a tough start for the first game of the McCall-Donnelly High School girls' soccer season on Saturday as the Vandals fell to Lewiston, 6-0.

The Vandals had held the Bengals to only one goal at the end of the first half at Rich Sabala Athletic Complex.

"They (Lewiston) had superior speed, I think we did real well during the first half and our team kept a good attitude," head coach Greg Pittenger said.

As the Vandals failed to find the back of the net, a much faster and technically stronger Bengal team scored five additional goals in the second half.

"I think it's a law of averages; they (Lewiston) had 26 shots on goal and six of them went in," Pittenger said.

Faced with playing a bigger school, and with only four substitute players, Pittenger says the team set a goal before the game to play hard and competitive throughout the first half.

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Rachel Hall (7) hits a header past a Lewiston defender during the first half of Saturday's game in McCall.

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Vandals betting on the future

Coach hopes decision to keep JV squad together last year pays off

BY KYLA SAWYER

For The Star-News

Vandal fans should have plenty to look forward to as this year's McCall-Donnelly High School football program begins to reap the benefits of last year's reconstruction.

For starters, head coach Mike Jimenez returns for his second year to lead a program that had previously been on a coaching carousel.

"When I came onboard, I was the fourth head coach those seniors had and when you get a constant change of head coaches and philosophies, it's hard for kids," Jimenez said.

While the varsity team finished 0-8 overall last fall, the M-D JV pigskin program hammered out a successful 6-2 season.



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Vandal head coach Mike Jimenez looks on while quarterback Kyle Whalen prepares to hand the ball off during practice.

"It was tempting (last year) to want to bring some of the sophomores up to the varsity level just to see if they could help us get things turned around," Jimenez recalled.

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New Mountaineers football coach brings experience to the table

BY MATT MOEHR

For The Star-News

The Meadows Valley High School football team is going to bring a new team approach to the field this year along with a new coach who has 25 years of experience.

Head coach Rob Campbell, from Battle Mountain, Nev., brought with him a new motto for the team - "Mountaineers climb to excellence."

He believes that slogan a good analogy because an individual mountaineer doesn't get anywhere without a team to support him.

Instead of centering around a couple of key players, Campbell wants to emphasize a total team effort that includes his players going three-deep in every position so the overall team won't suffer if one player gets injured.

"As coaches we're going to tailor what we're doing to the players we have," said Campbell, who is also MV vice principal.

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Valley Academy offers scholarships, hires social studies teacher

Valley Academy, a private, college-preparatory middle school in McCall for grades five through eight, has established a scholarship fund to help qualified families pay tuition at the school.

For the 2009-10 year, the school plans to make awards totaling up to \$5,000.

"While our program is highly affordable already, our goal is to make it available to all students who can benefit, regardless of family income," said Bill Borg, head of school. "Establishing this scholarship fund is one important way to do that."

In addition to the scholarship help, the school also provides flexible payment terms to qualified families.

The deadline for scholarship applications is Tuesday, Sept. 15. Forms, award criteria and more information can be found on the Web at www.valleyacademy.us.

ACADEMY HIRES WALPOLE

Valley Academy has hired Carolyn Walpole to teach English and social studies.

A 20-year veteran of education, Walpole has spent most of her career teaching and administering at the St. Catherine School in Hawaii, where she won a Teacher of the Year award in 1997.

Walpole was graduated from Chaminade University with a bachelor of science in psychology, then earned her master's of science in education at Nova Southeastern.

In addition to her experience in the classroom, Walpole has developed curricula for organizations including ASCAP, Verizon, and the US Patent and Trademark Office, and she has done high-tech consulting for Google and others.

"My husband and I have had a second home in McCall for many years and are so happy to now make this our permanent home," Walpole said.

McCall library sponsors photo scavenger hunt

The McCall Public Library will sponsor a digital photo scavenger hunt during September for children in grades six through 12.

The contest is for individuals or groups of as many as four people, and starts Tuesday, Sept. 1. Photos can be submitted through Wednesday, Sept. 23, and winners will be notified at a party on Wednesday, Sept. 30.

Organizers said the contest is creative, so participants won't have to look for a specific thing, but something that fits a description such as something cuddly, something scary and something scenic.

Participants must provide their own cameras, including camera phones, and no photos of people will be accepted.

To register, visit the library's Web site at www.mccall.lili.org and click on the link entry forms and guidelines to print a copy.

Registration at M-D High School to be held Friday

Registration for all students at McCall-Donnelly High School is scheduled Friday at the new high school commons.

Seniors will register at 8 a.m., juniors at 9 a.m., sophomores at 10 a.m., and freshmen at 11 a.m.

During registration, students will have their photos taken, pick up their student body cards, get their class schedules and locker assignments, pay their fees, and register their cars with the Associated Student Body Senate.

Photo print packages are available in prices ranging from \$9 to \$46.

The first day of school is Monday, and school officials said it is an "A" day with school starting at 8 a.m.

The school is still under construction, so those arriving at the school are advised to use the bus lane entrance off Idaho Street between Heartland High School and Harshman Skate Park and park on the east side of the building, where temporary parking has been established.

For more information, call the school at 634-2218.

Head Start schools accept applications

Applications are now being taken for the Western Idaho Community Action Partnership's Head Start schools in Valley and Adams counties.

The program is intended for preschool children aged 3 to 4 from low-income families.

For an appointment or information, call 325-8512.

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