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OBITUARIES

John A. Hance

John A. Hance, 48, of Queen Creek, AZ, entered into eternity on Sept. 26, 2015 after being involved in a motorcycle accident.

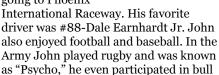
John was born Jan. 10, 1967 in San Jose California, to Gary and Rita Imler-Hance. John grew up in Phoenix and graduated from Deer Valley High School in Glendale. After high school John served his country for 8 years in the Army, during that time he fought in Desert Storm. After the military, John continued on as an advocate for all veterans.

In 2001 John met Paula Olinger-Hand and in 2003 they were married in Galena IL. John and Paula had many favorite songs but two favorites were, Kenny Chesney's, "You Had Me From Hello" and George Strait's, "I Cross My Heart."

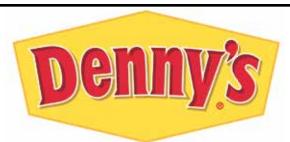
John was an accomplished author of the book called "Chaos, Confusion and Political Ignorance" published in 2014. He was also an American World History buff and loved correlating history along with the Old Testament. Two of John's favorite Bible verses were "Ecclesiastes 10:2" and "John 14:6."

John was active in his church and loved the friends he had made through Calvary Men's Bible Study group and he even baptized his daughter Sophia on September 20, 2015.

John was an avid NASCAR fan and loved going to Phoenix



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HANCE OBIT

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riding and was able to hold on for eight seconds.

Hobbies were a must for John. He had a workshop in the garage where he enjoyed building projects. John also loved to make from scratch his "famous" spaghetti. John would order spaghetti from restaurants and then comment "It wasn't as good as mine." We also don't want to forget how he would complement his dinner with Mountain Dew.

John was very sociable and a self-navigator, he knew his way around wherever he was. He always made light of situations, and loved teasing his children and grandchildren; playing with them and making them laugh.

John is survived by his wife, Paula, daughter, Sophia, and children from a previous relationship, Jessica and Joshua, step children, Erin, Emily and Jacob, grandchildren, Olivia, Cassius, Kloie and Peyton, siblings, Ronnie,

Bobby, Tonya and Tracy, stepbrother, Chris Anstead, and stepparents, Jim and Deb Anstead and his father, Gary Gordon Hance.

John was preceded in death by his mother, Rita Imler-Hance.

The Funeral Service with Military Honors for Mr. John A. Hance was held Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2015 at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona, in Phoenix.

The Celebration of life for Mr. John A. Hance was held, Thursday, October 8, 2015 at Calvary Church of Queen Creek Az.

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OCTOBER



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17 Home, Garden, Health & Lifestyle Show

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Youth Roundup – Oct. 3 Results

PW Sun Devils - 6 PW Eagles - 13

The Eagles came away with a hard-earned 13 - 6 in their season-opening victory thanks to a strong defensive effort that was led by Hunter Masterson, who had a sack in the game, and Cameron Lewis.

The Eagles' "silver" offense started the second half with a long scoring drive that contributed to the win.

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Kyle Alexander and Luke Nelson each scored a touchdown in the game while Ammon NeVille converted a PAT. Jared NeVille and Grady Burns performed well in the passing game.

Burns was extraordinary in the game despite playing with a heavy heart after the passing of his grandmother only a few days previous.

MM Sun Devils - 12 MM Eagles - 6

The Eagles' defense held the Sun Devils to only 12 points in the season opener for both teams, but their offense struggled in the 12 - 6 loss.

Kyle Moffat, Scott Fisher, and Charles Rodriguez led the Eagles' defense. Linebacker Duke Harris stuffed both Sun Devils' PAT

The offense didn't get rolling until the fourth quarter, when Tait Reynolds and L.J. Williams broke off long runs. The Eagles' lone scoring drive was capped off with a two-yard touchdown run by

Head coach Mike Dorian was pleased with the performance of linemen Cavne Ramirez, Blake Cortez, Nick Osinga, Beau Porter, and Aidan Arnett on the scoring drive.



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Bulldogs overcome early deficit to win high-scoring game

By Andrew Luberda Southeast Valley Ledger

Third-ranked Ironwood Ridge and No. 5 Queen Creek combined to score 91 points last Friday night in a game ultimately won by the Bulldogs, who dugout of an early 14 – 0 hole to pull out the 49 – 42 victory.

"This is what we needed to kind of turn the corner," said an emotional Bulldogs' head coach Travis Schureman after the win, which put his team atop the section standings. "I thought our kids just battled – never gave up – and that's what we've been looking for. We took a big step forward tonight."

Already trailing 7 – 0, the Bulldogs fell behind further after Ironwood Ridge's Harrison Beemiller sacked and stripped quarterback Kaleb Honea, picked up the ball, and returned 55-yards go give the Nighthawks a 14 – 0 lead just over midway through the first quarter.

The Bulldogs responded, however, scoring the next 10 points on a six-yard touchdown run by Jace Koester and booming 50-yard field goal by Zach Glaess.

After Ironwood Ridge increased their lead to 21-10 with just less than two minutes left in the half, Honea connected with junior receiver Ian Woods on a 39-yard touchdown pass and catch. The two-point PAT left the Bulldogs trailing at halftime, 21 – 18.

Honea finished the game with over 320 passing yards, three touchdown passes, and no interceptions in what was undoubtedly his performance to date.

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Bulldogs' receiver Armon McGuire makes a diving attempt to make the catch behind two Nighthawks' defenders.

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Sabercats' basketball reloads with core group

By Andrew Luberda Southeast Valley Ledger

San Tan Foothills head coach Joe Galish is quick to point out that his team is not rebuilding after the departure of four-graduated players and an

exodus of players who could've earned playing time this season.

"I refuse to believe this is a rebuilding year," Galish recently told the Ledger. "Rebuilding years are for teams that don't win. Perennial winners

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Members of the Sabercats' varsity basketball team (Lt to Rt) - Head Coach Joe Galish, Thompson Swallow, Johnny Craig, Nick Saults, and Brandon Ventour.

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Glaess drilled a 30-yard field goal to tie the game on Queen Creek's first possession of the second half, which was highlighted by a 39-yard run by senior running back Gavin Danielson.

The game turned in the Bulldogs favor when senior Zane Whiting, who received a scholarship offer earlier in the week to Adams State University, came up with a 35-yard picksix to give his team its first lead of the game, 28 - 21.

The two teams went back and forth after Whiting's big play. The tied three more times in the second half - at 28, 35, and 42 - before the Bulldogs made a few more big plays to decide the outcome.

A Zach Glaess interception with 2:43 remaining in the game setup a go-ahead 36-yard touchdown pass from Honea to Ian Woods, their second of the game. After Glaess kicked the PAT the Bulldogs held a 49 - 42

The Nighthawks wouldn't go away quietly, converting on two fourth-down plays on their final drive, which took them into Oueen Creek territory. But Honea end the threat and ultimately the game when he came up with the Bulldogs' third interception of the game to seal

"From April until the beginning of the season, our coaches pushed us and conditioned us so that we would be ready for games like this," Glaess said after the game.

"They're gutsy. They are gutsy kids who work

hard and the kind of players we love at Queen Creek," added Schureman about his senior trio of Honea, Whiting, and Glaess, who each made key interceptions in the game. "They battle every day and get better. We talk as a team about getting better every week and I think we did this week."

The victory puts the Bulldogs in the driver's seat in the sectional standings. They control their own destiny to win the Section V Championship and the accompanying automatic berth in the state playoffs. They also figure to move up in the division rankings with a chance to host their first two playoff games.

"We don't talk a lot about the section championship," Schureman said. "It was a good win, but we still have a couple of tough section games left with Canyon del Oro and Poston Butte. We're excited for the opportunity (in front of us)."

Perhaps lost in the excitement of the victory was the performance of the Bulldogs' offense, which had been mercurial in its previous six games. They racked up almost 500 yards in their highest-scoring game of the season.

"We played great," Schureman said. "To put that many points up against (Ironwood Ridge) - they haven't given up a lot of points - it was a good all-around performance (Friday night)."

The Bulldogs host Canyon del Oro this week. The Dorados are coming off their second win of the season after defeating Poston Butte last week, 34 - 28.

Kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m.

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don't rebuild, they reload and that's what we're doing; if (anyone) thinks we're rebuilding, (they're) wrong."

A core group that Galish believes has the "it" factor includes senior Nick Saults, junior Johnny Craig, and newcomers Thompson Swallow and Brandon Ventour. Each of them figures to log heavy minutes this season. They're also players who played a lot during the summer, including with some players who are no longer in the program.

"We have to work off the court too," answered Saults, a threeyear varsity player, when asked how the team can prepare for the "ironman minutes," as Galish called them. "I guess that's really it."

The loss of those players in addition to the turnover due to graduation will require the Sabercats to pull up talented but inexperienced players to varsity.

"We're a little thin at the varsity level," Galish conceded. "But we have some good young freshmen and sophomores."

Getting the underclassmen acclimated quickly is a challenge the returning players know is a responsibility that falls on their shoulders.

"We have to teach them everything they need to know and get them up to speed really quick,"

Craig said. "I think as the season goes on they'll be ready."

The Sabercats are known for playing tenacious defense - an absolute demand by Galish for players who are going to see the floor - and an up-tempo transition offense.

How can the Cats maintain that style of play with so many new and less experienced players?

"I think I'll be able to keep up with our style of play," Swallow responded. "I'm not used to playing slow and I'm a quick learner."

"(We) have some athletic kids here," Galish added. "They make lack a little bit in skill sets, but they're picking it up quick and they've shown how coachable they are."

Saults believes rebounding will be one of the team's strengths this season and knows the team will play with a chip on their shoulder.

"I think in a lot of games we're going to go in as the underdog," he said. "But I believe we're going to prove some people wrong."

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Manny Armenta

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What are most looking forward to during your remaining twoplus years San Tan Foothills?

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What is your favorite sports movie and why?

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Who is one person you'd most like to meet and why?

Adrian Peterson because I've always wanted to play like him and always looked up to him.



Manny Armenta

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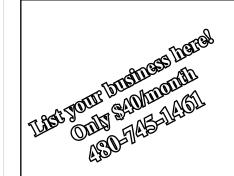
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The Bubbly Hostess Visits The Riviera Maya

e recently spent a week in the Riviera Mava - south of Cancun and just a little bit north of Playa del Carmen, and it was one amazing vacation! The Hubby and I have spent many different vacations touring around Mexico visiting Acapulco, Nuevo Vallarta, along with several vacations in Cabo - one of my faves! But this all happened over 10 years ago....this time was different, now we had kids!

While searching for the perfect vacation spot in Mexico, we wanted to make sure there were lots of activities that our kids would love. We decided to go with another family (also with 2 boys) and it worked out perfectly.

I wanted to share some of our experiences in case you are looking for a getaway in Mexico with your kids (or even without!) and give you some ideas of what you can expect during your visit to the Riviera Mava.

For our lodging, we stayed at The Grand Mayan - Riviera Maya which is through Vidanta Resorts. We have staved at a couple of other Grand Mayan properties and knew how amazing they were. Each family had their own 2 bedroom 2 bath unit with a full kitchen, patio, and even a "cooling pool" outside to refresh your body at the end of the day.

A couple of different days we headed into downtown Playa del Carmen to walk along "5th Avenue" to do some shopping and to enjoy some meals in town.

During our visit, we also enjoyed 3 excursions. The first was to Chichen Itza - this was a fairly long day due to the distance of the Mayan Ruins from our resort, but it was well worth it. Granted, it was crazy hot with WAY more humidity then we are used to - but the tour made it worthwhile.

Another excursion we enjoyed was a visit to Xplor - this was a fun-filled adventure park that we all loved. We did 2 zip

line courses, rafted through caves, swam through caves, walked through caves, drove amphibious vehicles through 2 different circuits approximately 3 miles each that went through both dry and wet caves - it was fantastic!

Xel-Há was pretty cool too. Snorkeling, tubing down a river, obstacle courses over the water - it was amazing. All built around an inlet, this park is made for families!

I was hesitant at first to take the boys to Mexico - but I finally relaxed, only checked my email while at the resort where we had Wi-Fi, and had a very enjoyable time. Overall,



By Heather Sneed Special to the Ledger

this was an awesome vacation - I hope you'll head over to my blog to read more details and see more images.

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