

**LOCAL CALENDAR**

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 2**

**PREP FOOTBALL**  
 • V - Potter Valley at Cloverdale, 6 p.m.  
**PREP VOLLEYBALL**  
 • JV/V - Deep Valley Christian at Santa Rosa Christian, 5:30 p.m.  
**PREP GIRLS SOCCER**  
 • V - South Fork at Potter Valley, 6 p.m.  
**UKIAH SPEEDWAY**  
 • Test-and-tune (all divisions), 4-8 p.m.

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 3**

**JC FOOTBALL**  
 • Santa Rosa JC at Mendocino, 1 p.m.  
**PREP FOOTBALL**  
 • JV/V - Anderson Valley at Willits (scrimmage)  
**JC VOLLEYBALL**  
 • Mendocino at Yuba College Tourn., 8 a.m.  
**UKIAH SPEEDWAY**  
 • Race - late models (qualifying and 40-lap main), I-4 modifieds, legends, bombers, modifieds, pure stocks (qualifying and heat races), 6:30 p.m.

*Calendar listings are culled from the most recent schedules provided by the schools and organizations in our coverage area. Please report schedule changes or incorrect listings to The Daily Journal Sports Department at 468-3518.*

**TV LISTINGS**

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 2**

**MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL**  
 Reds at Braves, 4:30 p.m. (TBS)  
 Giants at Diamondbacks, 6:30 p.m. (KTVU)  
 Yankees at Athletics, 7 p.m. (FSN)  
**COLLEGE FOOTBALL**  
 Arizona at Utah, 5 p.m. (ESPN)  
**WNBA PLAYOFFS**  
 First round, 5 p.m. (ESPN2)  
**BOXING**  
 Cora Jr.-Cunningham (cruiserweights), 7 p.m. (ESPN2)  
**GOLF**  
 Women's: State Farm Classic, Noon (ESPN2)  
 Deutsche Bank Championship, 2 p.m. (USA)  
**TENNIS**  
 U.S. Open: Early-round play, 8 a.m./4 p.m. (USA)

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**COLLEGE FOOTBALL**  
 Miami (Ohio)-Ohio State or TCU-Oklahoma, 9 a.m. (ABC)  
 Bowling Green at Wisconsin, 9 a.m. (ESPN)  
 Rutgers at Illinois, 9 a.m. (ESPN2)  
 Teams TBA, 12:30 p.m. (ABC)  
 Colorado State at Colorado, 12:30 p.m. (TBS)  
 Boise State at Georgia, 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)  
 Southern California at Hawaii, 4 p.m. (ESPN2)  
 Louisiana (Lafayette) at Texas, 4 p.m. (FSN)  
 Notre Dame-Pittsburgh or Texas A&M-Clemson, 5 p.m. (ABC)  
 Georgia Tech at Auburn, 5:45 p.m. (ESPN)  
 UCLA at San Diego State, 7:15 p.m. (ESPN2)  
**GOLF**  
 Deutsche Bank Championship, Noon (USA)  
 Women's: State Farm Classic, 12:30 p.m. (ESPN)  
**MOTORSPORTS**  
 NASCAR Busch Series in Fontana, Calif., 5:30 p.m. (NBC)  
**TENNIS**  
 U.S. Open: Early-round play, 8 a.m. (CBS)  
 U.S. Open: Early-round play, 4 p.m. (USA)  
**WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL**  
 AVP Chicago Open, 1:30 p.m. (NBC)

**COMMUNITY DIGEST**

**Special Olympics Softball**

Mendocino County Special Olympics is set to start its summer practices and competition. The remaining practice will be held from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. on the following day: **Sept. 8 at Bechtol Field (North Ukiah Little League Field)**. The state championship will be held in Sacramento on Sept. 10. Bring a glove, sunscreen and plenty of water to practices. Wear appropriate clothing (tennis shoes, hat, etc.). Don't wear sandals or open-toed shoes. Be at practice 15 minutes earlier if you are picking up and giving a ride to an athlete.

Call the Mendocino County Special Olympics hotline at 468-1282 for more information.

**UHS Boosters Club: dinner/auction, next meeting**

The annual Ukiah High School Boosters Club dinner/auction is set for **Monday, Oct. 3**, at Broiler Steakhouse. The next club meeting is slated for **Tuesday, Sept. 6**, at 5:30 p.m. at the UHS Career Center (Building A). The meeting is Tuesday instead of Monday because of the Labor Day holiday.

**Self-defense seminar for women**

Body Works Gym in Willits and the Redwood Health Club in Ukiah will be hosting a rape/assault awareness self-defense seminar for women 16 years and older **Sept. 21** from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Redwood Health Club. Space is limited and there is a \$30 seminar fee. Please call 354-0565 for more info or to make a reservation.

**UVAH golf tourney**

The 15th annual UVAH Scramble golf tournament will be held **Sept. 24** at Ukiah Municipal Golf Course.

The four-person scramble will start at 9 a.m.; tee times will be assigned.

A donation of \$60 includes green fees and a chicken barbecue dinner following the tournament. All proceeds benefit the Ukiah Valley Association for Rehabilitation, a non-profit agency. UVAH serves more than 100 adults with disabilities in Willits and Ukiah.

Women are encouraged to participate, as there will be a separate women's division. Golfers can form their own foursomes or be assigned to a team. If interested in golfing or sponsoring a hole, contact Pam Jensen at 468-8824.

**Covelo Ranger District hunting information**

Archery (B zone) deer hunting season for the Covelo Ranger District, Mendocino National Forest, runs from **Aug. 20** until

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**JC VOLLEYBALL**

**Veteran MC squad aiming high in 2005**

**Returning players litter roster**

By **JEFF CASPERSEN**  
 The Daily Journal

Experience is the sharpest tool coach Ed Schweitzer has at his disposal as 2005 junior college volleyball season begins.

With seven returning players and a talented crop of incoming talent, the Eagles are ahead of the game.

"That's a big plus for us," said Schweitzer. "We're way ahead of where we were last year. That's seven girls that already know the system."

Ukiah High products Amanda

Morgensen, an all-Bay Valley Conference setter in 2004, Rachel McCutcheon and Veronica Duran are back for their sophomore seasons. The team's top outside hitter Rachele Cox (Upper Lake), Brandie McRae (Lower Lake), Diane Barrett (Elsie Allen) and Tashi Kilburn (Santa Rosa) are also back from the 2004 team that went 21-9 overall and 7-5 (fourth place) in the Bay Valley Conference.

Fresh faces to the squad include Kelseyville's Becky Suenram, Ariel Iacomini, Lindsay Goodrick (Deep Valley Christian), Audrey Dubin, Rachel Vanderpool (Potter Valley)

and Lisa Morales.

Morales, a sophomore, is finishing what she started back in 1986 by suiting up for the Eagles in 2005. She used up her first year of junior college eligibility that year. Morales then started a family, which she has been raising ever since. Now that her children are reaching more manageable ages, she's back on the court.

"She's doing a great job," Schweitzer lauded.

With a restructured Bay Valley Conference grouping evenly sized

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Jeff Caspersen/The Daily Journal

**Ukiah High grad Rachel McCutcheon is one of seven returners to grace the Mendocino College volleyball roster.**

**MENDOCINO COLLEGE FOOTBALL**



Amy Wellnitz/The Daily Journal

**Mendocino College receiver Robert Kirvin will again be a huge part of the Eagles' offense in 2005. Kirvin was an All-Bay Valley Conference selection in 2004.**

**Eagles eyeing conference crown**

**Gang and company have goal in mind**

By **JEFF CASPERSEN**  
 The Daily Journal

Look out, Bay Valley Conference. The Eagles are reloaded and aiming high as the 2005 junior college football campaign kicks off Saturday.

Regional rival Santa Rosa Junior College — Mendocino College's yearly season-opening foe — visits Ukiah for a non-conference tilt to get things rolling.

As always, the Bear Cubs are cruising along with a roster that loiters around 100 bodies, a luxury not enjoyed by the Eagles.

Still, Mendocino is making strides in

**OPENING DAY**  
 Santa Rosa Junior College  
 at Mendocino College  
 Saturday, 1 p.m.

the numbers department.

Third-year coach Tom Gang had more than 70 players on his roster as practice wound down for the week, the most he's seen since he's been on board at the college.

"The program continues to rise," he noted. "We're continuing to get better. We had to cut some kids out of the program, kids that weren't a good mix with the team, that weren't great kids. We don't want to be held hostage by bad

kids."

Because the talent pool is deeper, the Eagles don't have to take on such potential troublemakers, a luxury they haven't enjoyed in the past.

Not only are the numbers up in general, but the number of quality athletes in the program is rising.

Mendocino College is deep at numerous positions, with its strongest area probably being its corps of receivers.

All-Bay Valley Conference pass catchers Robert Kirvin, who stands 6-foot-4, and Clint Haglund are back after tearing up opponents in 2004. Joining the returning crew is the 6-6 freshman Marcus Hansen, who'll serve as a book-end at wideout opposite Kirvin and

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**TENNIS | U.S. OPEN**

**Agassi, undaunted by age, slays a giant in N.Y.**

**Karlovic's powerful serve not enough to stop Andre**

By **STEVE WILSTEIN**  
 The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — Size doesn't matter in tennis.

Neither does age. Andre Agassi stood 11 inches shorter than 6-foot-10 Croatian Ivo Karlovic, spun serves about 50 mph slower, and logged far fewer miles on court.

The ace count went to Karlovic, 30-5, as he clocked serves consistently in the 130-142 mph range, but the second-round victory at the U.S. Open on Thursday went to Agassi, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (5), 7-6 (4).

At 35, nine years older than the gangling giant across the net, Agassi came up bigger on the big points to continue his run for one more Grand Slam title in his 20th visit to the Open. His wife, Steffi Graf, and 3-year-old son, Jaden, watched at courtside.

"Listen to that," Agassi said as the

standing crowd in Arthur Ashe Stadium cheered his victory. "How does that get old? Thanks guys."

Agassi, seeded No. 7, couldn't equal Karlovic's power and didn't care. Rather, he settled for cleverness and steadiness, taking advantage of the Croatian's weak backhand and awkward lateral movement. No one on the tour likes to play against the No. 56-ranked Karlovic, Agassi had said before playing him for the first time, because his serves come down from an unfamiliar trajectory, as if fired from the roof. Agassi felt the same way after winning.

"It's an incredible serve," said Agassi. "I'm trying to figure out where it is I would need to stand on the court to have the same trajectory. It's not a function of how fast it is because a lot of guys can serve it 135-plus. The trajectory is the main issue because you're lunging, but then it's up. You're sort of diving, but then you can't reach it, even if you dive perfectly and on cue."

Agassi swung and swished at some serves and stared helplessly as many others sped by. Each time he walked

calmly to the other side, waiting for the ones he could get a racket on, trying to get Karlovic to play on different terms in rallies. There Agassi had the advantage.

"If I was coaching him, I'd fine him \$100 every time he hit a groundstroke," Agassi said. "In his most difficult moments, he was more awkward than I anticipated."

The first-set tiebreak turned in just such a moment, when Agassi drilled a forehand that Karlovic volleyed wide to give Agassi a minibreak at 5-4. Agassi kept taking aim at Karlovic's backhand and watched him hit two straight unforced errors off that side to lose the set.

Agassi had to go to five set-points in the second set before he won it with a deep forehand that Karlovic swatted long. In the third set, serving with a 5-4 lead in the tiebreak, Agassi hit six straight shots at Karlovic's backhand, then ripped a winner to his open forehand side to set up match point. Again, Agassi picked on Karlovic's backhand, hitting three shots to that side and watching Karlovic dump the last one into the net.

**MLB**

**Bonds may take swings in LA**

**Slugger optimistic about working out with Giants next week**

By **JANIE McCAULEY**  
 The Associated Press

**SAN FRANCISCO** — As long as his knee holds up, Barry Bonds believes there's "a good possibility" he could be taking swings with the San Francisco Giants when the club gets to Los Angeles next week.

Bonds, recovering from three operations on his troublesome right knee since Jan. 31, began taking light batting practice this week with no problems and is eager to resume his chase of the home run record and help the struggling Giants make things interesting in the season's final five weeks.

The slugger has been in Los Angeles for the past two months rehabbing his knee under the direction of renowned orthopedist Dr. Lewis Yocum and physical therapist Clive Brewster. He skipped hitting work Wednesday because of a logistical issue, but planned to be back in the batting cage Thursday.

"If things look good and Dr. Yocum and Clive are satisfied in terms of how my knee is responding, then there's a good possibility I might be taking a few work-out swings with the team when they come to Los Angeles next week," Bonds wrote in the latest update on his Web site, www.barrybonds.com.

"There are still a few

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