

The Warm Springs Nation majors softball team swept through its bracket at the Oregon District 5 Tournament last weekend in Redmond with wins over Crook County and Redmond twice. Alexa Martinez (right) scored one of the team's runs in an eventual 19-7 win against Redmond on Saturday.

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To commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Todd Beamer Memorial Run, runners and walkers sported T-shirts with a poster of Todd Beamer on the back. Beamer died in June 1997 after getting trapped in the Willow Creek canal trying to save his dogs. The Fourth of July run was renamed to honor him in 1997, and has been going every year since.

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In an 18-0 shutout win over Hood River Valley, Jefferson County starting pitcher Tristen Symons picked up the win, while also hitting a home run, one of four Jefferson County kids to clear the fence.

Rangers take home gold

BY JOHNATHAN COURTNEY
BestCare Treatment

On June 17, Jefferson County Special Olympics attended the Regional Softball competition down in Medford.

This was the first time in a long time that Jefferson County has participated in a spring/summer sports competition. The county offers fall (bowling) and winter (basketball) sports competition but the coaches and athletes of Jefferson County wanted to have something to carry us throughout the year.

This year, the team had a wonderful season that ended in Medford with the Jefferson County Rangers placing first and bringing home the gold medals.

A special thank you to the Warm Springs Indian Head Casino, Portland General Electric, Back Street Construction Corp., and several local community members for their generous donations that helped our county provide this sport-



The Jefferson County Special Olympics team attended a regional softball tournament June 17 in Medford and concluded their season by winning it all. The team consisted of, top row, right to left, Liza Paul, Bradford Courtney, Stuart Paul, Lance Stormbringer, Emily Martin, Mitch Alley, and front row, right to left, Jessica Peles, Talon Stormbringer, Janet Raines, Julie O'Neal and David Maness.

ing event. We would also like to thank the Identity Zone for designing our uniforms.

If you have an individual

— 8 years old and up — that would like to participate in Jefferson County Special Olympics, contact Ellen Courtney at 541-325-1179.

COMMUNITYEVENTS

Tour des Chutes scheduled for July 8

Tour des Chutes will mark its 13th straight year of raising funds for cancer survivorship programs in Central Oregon by hosting its annual cycling and running/walking event at High Lakes Elementary School in Bend on Saturday, July 8.

Participants can choose to ride one of five distances, from seven miles up to 100 miles. A 5K run/walk will also be held supporting the Pediatric Foundation, a local nonprofit that supports families who have a child with cancer.

The 100-mile ride begins at 6 a.m., with shorter distances of 75, 50 and 25 miles starting each hour after that. The seven-mile ride — the final of the day — will start at 9:30 a.m.

The cost of adult registration for cycling is \$55, while those who participate in the 5K run/walk pay just \$25.

Participants can register online at www.tourdeschutes.com.

Registration underway for July golf fundraiser

The Clubs for Kids Golf Classic, benefiting the Kids Club of Jefferson County, will be hosted at Crooked River Ranch on July 22.

The format of the event is a four-person team scramble. The cost is \$100 per player, which includes 18 holes, a cart, gift bag and lunch.

The scramble also offers a chance to win a cash reward for closest to the pin and longest drive, \$1,000 for sinking a long putt, and a new car for a hole in one.

Registration forms, found on Page B8, can be turned in to the Kids Club, Madras Pioneer or Madras Aquatic Center.

Registration will also be accepted on the day of the event, beginning at 8 a.m. However, due to limited space, early registration is recommended.

COSOA to hold introductory referee course July 29

With an ongoing shortage of soccer referees nationwide, the Central Oregon Soccer Officials Association is holding an introductory soccer referee course at St. Charles Bend July 29, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The course is open to anyone aged 14 and older, and costs \$85 to attend.

Interested people can register at www.oregonreferee.com.

Apex Physical Therapy to host series of hikes

For a second year, Apex Physical Therapy will once again host Burning Glutes for Lakes and Buttes this summer.

A series of four hikes to Central Oregon destinations will take place between July and September: Black Butte on July 15; Broken Top on Aug. 5; Green Lakes on Aug. 19; and Maxwell Butte on Sept. 9.

Those interested in attending one or more of the hikes are asked to call Apex Physical Therapy at 541-475-1218 to sign up. There is no cost to sign up.

SCOREBOARD

CALENDAR

July 5
Baseball
Oregon District 5 All-Star Tournament, Redmond

Jefferson County vs. Loser of Bend North vs. Bend South (8-10), 8 a.m.

Jefferson County vs. Loser of Redmond vs. Bend North (Majors), 2 p.m.

July 7
Drag racing
Madras Dragstrip

High Desert Auto Supply Racing Series, 10 a.m.

July 8
Auto racing
Madras Speedway

PHRA Dwarf Cars, Modifieds, Late Models, Sportsman, Mini Trucks, Juniors and Hornets, 6:30 p.m.

Drag racing
Madras Dragstrip

High Desert Auto Supply Racing Series, 10 a.m.

COMMUNITY

Todd Beamer Memorial Run
July 4
At Sahalee Park, Madras

Six-Mile Walk
Overall winner

Sara Decker, 1:13.

Females
39 & Under

1. Sara Decker 1:13; 2. Kortney Stacona 1:26; 3. Emma Buckle, 1:52.

40-59

1. Anita Goodwin, 1:21.28; 2. Janell Smith, 1:26; 3. Michelle Stacona, 1:26.05

60 & Over

1. Janice Alexander 1:21.28; Cheryl Leterman, 1:26.05.

Male
40-59

1. Lee Goodwin, 1:21.25.

60 & Over

1. Chip Sweeney, 1:54.58; George Hawes, 1:54.59.

Two-Mile Fun Run
Overall winner

Jarren DeWhitt, 16:10.

Female
5 & Under

1. Brooklyn Downing, 28:10; Alessandra Norton, 25:39; Nova Hornung, 32:47.

6-10

1. Mylanea Norton; 2. Aspen Toman; 3. Cadence Tippet (times unavailable)

11-15

1. Jаланey Suppah; 2. Alexis Williams; 3. Elli Williams (times unavailable).

20 & Over

1. Andrea Hamada, 17:21; 2. Jennie Beamer, 18:49; 3. Sandra Busch-Smith, 20:32.

Male
5 & Under

1. Tommy Norton, 25:02; 2. Corbin Searcy, 25:27; 3. Silas Vaught, 34:17.

6-10

1. Michael Evan, 29:54; 2. Isaiah LeClaire, 33:28.

11-15

1. Jarren DeWhitt, 16:10; 2. Alex Motley, 23:12.

20 & Over

1. Brian Miller, 16:49; Jayson Forte, 17:47; Tyler Stumph, 18:58.

5K Run
Overall winner

Emma Knepp, 21:39.

Female
14-19

1. Emma Knepp, 21:39

20 & Over

1. Brandee McNamee, 24:10; 2. Sara Nelson, 24:24; 3. Whitney Stubblefield, (time unavailable).

Male
13 & Under

1. Cole Rahi, 25:22; 2. Tyler Rahi, 31:24; 3. Shaw Stork, 31:39.

14-19

1. Beau Stork, 22:52; 2. Christian Courtney, 24:15.

20 & Over

1. Jordan Gemelas, 23:23; 2. Brad Padgett, 24:15; 3. Marti Rahi, 25:23.

10K Run
Overall winner

Jasper Gerhardt, 40:39.

Female
20-29

1. Ashley Hamada 46:01; 2. Victoria Jacobsen, 52:12; 3. Jamie Harner, 53:15.

30-39

1. Carol Schryer, 40:43; 2. Jamie Hurd, 43:31; 3. Ardis Clark, 48:02.

40-49

1. Tia Powell, 54:59; 2. Heather Williams, 55:00; 3. Karen Affeldt, 1:13.

50-59

1. Nancy Richards, 53:15; 2. Mary Stumph, 57:24.

60-69

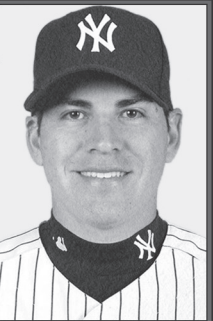
1. Jeanette Groes, 53:15; 2. Lisa

JACOBY ELLSBURY

Ellsbury's status as a full-time starter appears to be solidified — at least until Aaron Hicks returns from a right oblique strain. In five games last week, Ellsbury compiled four hits, including his first triple of the season, and also registered three RBIs. He also tied Pete Rose as the all-time leader in catcher's interference calls, with 29, after he drew the call June 27 against the White Sox.

Season stats summary through July 3

G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	AVG
46	163	25	44	65	7	1	4	17	16	9	.270



DARRELL CECILIANI

Ceciliani got called up to the Toronto Blue Jays May 16. He appeared eager to make an impression in the majors, as he hit three RBIs in a win over the Atlanta Braves May 18, but partially dislocated his shoulder while hitting a home run. As he currently sits on the 60-day DL, the Blue Jays added to their 40-man roster by acquiring catcher Miguel Montero from the Chicago Cubs Monday.

Season stats summary through July 3

G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	AVG
21	76	5	11	12	1	0	0	3	3	1	.145



Jones (time unavailable).

Male
0-19

1. Josh Hocker, 41:07; 2. Justin Plant, 55:01.

20-29

1. Jasper Gerhardt, 40:39; 2. Nathan Gerhardt, 45:58; 3. Joel Buckle, 50:56.

30-39

1. Tilden McDonald, 43:14; 2. Johnathan Courtney, 45:25.

40-49

1. Steve Webb, 49:37; 2. Paul Kenworthy, 52:50; 3. John Powell, 54:35.

50-59

1. Mark Schongalla, 42:12; 2. Trevor Beebe, 50:42; 3. Keith Krueger, 51:11.

60-69

1. Mike Ahern, 56:33; Byron Bileau, 1:03.

70 & Over

1. Rich Lohman, 57:00

LITTLE LEAGUE

July 1
Baseball
Oregon District 5 All-Star Tournament, Redmond

Bend North 34, Jefferson County 0 (Minors)

Bend South 23, Warm Springs Nation 0 (Majors)

Softball
Oregon District 5 All-Star Tournament, Redmond

Redmond 4, Warm Springs Nation 3 (Juniors)

Madras/Prineville/Sisters 18, Redmond 7 (Juniors)

Warm Springs Nation 19, Redmond 7 (Majors)

Warm Springs Nation 20, Crook County 4 (Majors)

July 2
Baseball

The Dalles 11, Jefferson County 3 (Majors)

Softball

Warm Springs Nation 14, Redmond 5 (Juniors)

Redmond 13, Warm Springs Nation 2 (Minors)

July 3
Baseball

Jefferson County 18, Hood River Valley 0 (Majors)

Jefferson County 17, Crook County 7 (Minors)

Softball

Warm Springs Nation 19, Madras/Prineville/Sisters 6 (Juniors)

Warm Springs Nation 11, Redmond 8 (Majors)

July 4
Baseball

Jefferson County 15, Sisters 8 (Majors)

Jefferson County 15, South Central 8 (Minors)

Softball

Warm Springs 15, Madras/Prineville/Sisters 5 (Juniors)

FISHING

ODFW Central Region report
Last updated June 13

ANTELOPE FLAT RESERVOIR: rainbow trout

Access leading to the reservoir is

good. Recent sampling indicated excellent over-winter survival of trout. Most trout were in the 12- to 14-inch range with some reaching 20 inches. The trout were in excellent condition and appeared to be feeding on zooplankton and macroinvertebrates. However, the water was very dirty which could negatively impact fishing.

BEND PINE NURSERY: rainbow trout, bluegill, bass

Anglers may keep two fish per day.

BIKINI POND: rainbow trout

No recent reports.

CENTURY POND: rainbow trout

Pond will be stocked this week with rainbow trout. The pond is located ¼ mile west of the junction of USFS Rd 46 (Century Drive) and USFS Rd 4635.

CLEAR LAKE: rainbow trout

The lake is receiving a bunch of stocked trout this week to catch up from the late snow blocking the road. Also, Clear Lake is receiving an extra load of trophy trout.

CRANE PRAIRIE RESERVOIR: rainbow trout, brook trout, largemouth bass, kokanee

Anglers report good fishing for trout. Wild rainbow trout must be released. Only one trout over 20 inches per day.

CRESCENT LAKE: rainbow trout, brown trout, lake trout and kokanee

Open to fishing all year. One lake trout per day, 24-inch minimum length.

CROOKED RIVER BELOW BOWMAN DAM: redband trout, mountain whitefish

The flows have stabilized to near average. Fishing is expected to be slow with the low numbers of trout present. As a reminder, bait is no longer allowed on the river and all trout over 20 inches are considered steelhead and must be immediately released unharmed.

Flows below Bowman Dam

CULTUS LAKE: rainbow trout, lake trout

Open to fishing all year.

DAVIS LAKE: largemouth bass, redband trout

Open to fishing all year. Restricted to fly-fishing only with barbless hooks. Catch and release for trout. No limits on warmwater fish.

Trout fishing has been decent from Maupin to Warm Springs. Anglers are reporting slow dry fly-fishing but good nymph fishing.

Unfortunately, due to expected low returns of spring Chinook in the Deschutes basin, spring Chinook fishing will remain closed in 2017. By permanent rule, Chinook fishing will reopen on Aug. 1.

Anglers who catch a tagged hatchery steelhead with an orange anchor tag, are encouraged to report catch information to ODFW at 541-296-4628. Anglers catching a tagged wild fish should release it immediately without recording any information.

The Sherars Falls salmon and steelhead trap is only in operation from July to the end of October. Trapping has ended at Sherars Falls for the season.

LAKE BILLY CHINOOK TO BENHAM FALLS: rainbow trout, brown trout

Open for trout all year. Fishing restricted to artificial flies and lures. No size or limits on brown trout and no harvest of bull trout.

BENHAM FALLS UPSTREAM TO LITTLE LAVA LAKE:

Wild rainbow trout must be released. Two trout per day (including brook and brown trout, kokanee, and hatchery rainbow trout.

DEVILS LAKE: rainbow trout

Open to fishing all year.

EAST LAKE: rainbow trout, brown trout, kokanee

Road to lake is open but access to lake and campgrounds are limited due to snow. Angler report good fishing for trout. Open to fishing all year. Wild rainbow trout must be released.

Open to fishing all year. Twenty-five kokanee per day in addition to daily trout limit. No size limits on kokanee.

FALL RIVER: rainbow trout

Open to fishing all year. Restricted to fly-fishing only with barbless hooks.

HAYSTACK RESERVOIR: rainbow trout, kokanee, largemouth bass, black crappie, bluegill

Fishing should be good this year. The reservoir was stocked with 9,500 legal-size trout and 75 brood fish. Warmwater fish are plentiful but tend to be on the smaller side.

HOOD RIVER: spring Chinook

Anglers are reporting good catches of spring Chinook. The limit for spring Chinook in the Hood River, in 2017, is one adult and five jacks hatchery fish.

HOSMER LAKE: brook, rainbow and cutthroat trout

Lake will be stocked this week with rainbow and cutthroat trout. Open to fishing all year.

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WILL DENNER/MADRAS PIONEER
Above, Bud Beamer addresses runners and walkers during the awards ceremony Tuesday morning. Top right, Jordan Beamer and his 2-year-old daughter, Grace Ann, finish the two-mile fun run.



WILL DENNER/MADRAS PIONEER
Above, Carol Schryer finished the 10K run first among female participants with a time of 40 minutes, 43 seconds. Bottom left, runners take off at the start of the two-mile fun run.

Beamer: Scholarship recipients chosen for their character

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suddenly took on a new meaning. Less than a month after Todd’s death, the Beamer family led the way in organizing the first ever Todd Beamer Memorial Run in Madras, with all proceeds going to a scholarship fund in Todd’s name.

While the numbness was still fresh less than a month after Todd’s death, renaming the run to honor him made sense. Todd was a standout athlete at Madras High, as he quarterbacked the football team to a second round appearance in the 1986 state playoffs, before going on to play at Eastern Oregon University for four years. He also frequently returned home for the annual Fourth of July run. Losing Todd also resonated with people in the community. With his opening remarks each year, Bud Beamer reminds people to cherish their existing relationships, and work on the ones that

are fractured.

“A lot of people didn’t know him and didn’t know us,” he said. “But it does register with them about losses, whether it’s their loss or our loss. Our community stands up for their families who suffer. This has been an incredible community for us.”

The latest run on Tuesday marked the 20th anniversary of the event, which includes a 10K, 5K, six-mile walk and two-mile fun run, all of which end at Sahalee Park. Jasper Gerhardt won the overall 10K, Emma Knepp was first in the 5K, Sara Decker took top honors in the six-mile walk and Jarren DeWhitt topped the two-mile fun run.

Participants sported commemorative 20th anniversary T-shirts with a poster made by Paul Lunquist of Todd holding his fishing rod in one hand and a freshly-caught fish in the other. The image was originally created for a book that Bud Beamer

authored, but when Bud’s friend Kelly Simmelink saw it, he suggested it go on the T-shirts. Bud Beamer thought it would be over the top, but Simmelink told him, “You have no say in this.”

The 20th anniversary doesn’t necessarily have an added meaning to Bud Beamer, other than the reality that 20 years have passed since he lost his eldest of five children.

“There’s a certain amount of disbelief that 20 years have gone by — the disbelief is that it’s still fairly intense,” Bud Beamer said. “It still seems like it could have been yesterday. The smells; the nesting birds along the canal. You sense it coming every June — the way nature changes and how you were emotionally at that time. Every June it comes back ... Those are things that are forever, and the race intensifies it.”

Although the race is a constant reminder of the Beam-

ers’ loss, it was also a necessary step in the healing process less than a month after Todd died. There was time dedicated to mourn Todd, such as when hundreds of people packed the Madras High gymnasium for his funeral. But there was also a time to remember him, and the kindness, courage and faith that he exemplified.

Bud Beamer recalls a time when Todd was a teacher at Neah-Kah-Nie, and he appealed to reinstate a student who was kicked out of school for behavioral issues. Todd took care of the kid, who was fatherless, and whose mother was an alcoholic, by home-schooling him to finish high school, while also cooking for him and helping him do his laundry.

Todd ultimately lost the appeal. But, when the school

superintendent and chairman came to Madras for his funeral, they praised Todd for his efforts.

“He was kind,” Bud Beamer said. “He had the courage to stand up for things he believed in.”

The Beamer family continues to encourage kids to exemplify those same qualities through the scholarship fund named after Todd. This year’s recipient, Madras senior Elizabeth Weinert, wrote the Beamers a letter thanking them for the scholarship.

“Your words touched my heart as you announced my name,” she wrote. “You’ve shown me how much character means to this community and you’ve delivered me a great deal of confidence.”

This time of year, family and friends begin to remi-

nise about Todd.

Bud Beamer and his wife, Beth Ann, hosted a reunion at their Madras ranch the Saturday prior to the race for Todd’s Madras graduating class of 1987. And, as is customary each Fourth of July, all of Todd’s four siblings — Annie, Jennie, Jordan and Abby — as well as their spouses and children, come home to run the race and remember him.

As they, and others hung around after runs for the awards ceremony, Bud Beamer thanked everyone for coming and continuing to support the now two decade-long event.

Bud Beamer said he doesn’t know how long the run will continue, but if Tuesday was any indication, people show no sign of stopping any time soon.

JCLL girls were key for combined softball team

BY WILL DENNER
Sports Editor

Unique circumstances brought together a Little League all-star softball team, comprising seven girls from Sisters, four from Madras and two from Prineville.

In their own juniors Little League divisions, none of the three had enough girls to field a complete all-star team. So, rather than shorting them of a chance to play in the postseason, Oregon District 5 allowed the three to team up for the tournament in Redmond.

Jefferson County Little Leaguers Hannah Holliday, Natalie Lockey, Shanti Rodriguez and Fiona White joined Sisters, which hadn’t fielded a juniors all-star team in several years, as a result.

Although they sport the grey and black Sisters Outlaws colors, their caps coalesce the logos of Madras, Crook County and Sisters. Yet despite only practicing together for the last couple weeks, they had the look of the team that knew each other better.

“What we wanted to implement from the very beginning, was to get the girls to mesh and jell and get that family vibe,” said manager Desmond Boots. “We knew going into this, if we didn’t get that, and we had players out here playing as individuals, we wouldn’t have success.”

“They certainly wouldn’t be where they’re at today if they hadn’t bonded. It’s like they’ve been playing together all season.”

Boots, along with assistant coaches Andrea White and Shad Sitz, watched as the girls got off to a torrid start Saturday with an 18-7 win over Redmond, which had narrowly defeated Warm Springs Nation earlier that morning.

Sisters grabbed the lead in the top of the second inning when leadoff batter Tatum

Sitz batted in Madi Larrabee. Lockey followed with an RBI single down the third base line, and Holliday, batting in the third spot, hit a double, while Lockey scored from first base. The next at bat, with Holliday on third, Liz Barker blasted a two-run home run in left centerfield.

In the third inning, Holliday and Lockey each scored again to give Sisters a comfortable 8-0 lead.

Boots credited both Holliday, who started at first base, and Lockey, who started at third and later relieved Payden Petterson on the

mound. He also praised White, who saw time in the outfield, and Rodriguez in her lone at bat for battling against a tough pitcher.

In the championship Monday morning, however, after Warm Springs Nation eliminated Redmond from the tournament, and started a run of three consecutive wins.

Sisters and Warm Springs Nation faced off twice, with Warm Springs taking the first game 19-7, and the second 15-5, advancing them to the juniors state tournament in Keizer July 8.

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MPC Timbers claim additional hardware



MARY BRAVO/FOR THE PIONEER

The MPC Timbers claimed first place at the Clash of the Border tournament June 23–25 in Vancouver, Washington, and Portland. Competing in the Men’s U19 Bronze division, the Timbers defeated Central CIT Breakers Inter, Portland Community FC PCFC and in the finals, outlasted NKSC United by a 2–1 margin. The team consisted of, back row, from left to right, Rolando Flores, Esteban Gomez, Melchor Olivera, Victor Villagomez, Andres Acuna, Jared Holliday, Tyriek Rodriguez, Victor Ramirez, Jonathan Reynoso, assistant coach Lauro Torres, and front row, head coach Ramon Castañeda, Cesar Aguirre, Alex Sanchez, Luis Solano, Josue Badillo, Yahir Aguirre, Alex Arana and Alex Diaz. The MPC Timbers’ next tournament is the Bend Premier Cup Aug. 11–13.

Warm Springs: Juniors beat Sisters back to back

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to the juniors state tournament in Keizer July 8.

The team watched as Redmond lost to Sisters later in the day, and on Sunday, exacted revenge on Redmond with a 14-5 win to eliminate Redmond from the tournament. Warm Springs Nation then beat Sisters 19-6.

But, because the loss was Sisters’ first in a double-elimination tournament, a rematch on Tuesday decided who would go on to the state tournament.

Warm Springs Nation won the second game against Sisters 15-5.

Warm Springs Nation majors

The Warm Springs Nation majors baseball team faced a tough opponent in Bend South to begin the tournament Saturday afternoon.

After Skytus Smith led off with a single in the top of the first inning, Warm Springs Nation was unable to get anyone else on base.

In the bottom of the inning, Bend South scored 13 runs and saw 14 batters appear at the plate. Bend South went on to win 23-0.

Madras: 8 a.m. start time

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Jefferson County beat South Central 15-8 and moved on to face the loser of Bend North and Bend South in the semifinals, to be played Wednesday at 8 a.m.

Houston Wittenburg pitched a solid game as starter, and Jace Silbernagel hit a home run for Jefferson County.

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Registration forms can be turned in at the Kids Club, Madras Pioneer, or the Madras Aquatic Center. Checks need to be made out to the Kids Club of Jefferson County. Cash entry accepted. Registration also taken at course day of the event, beginning at 8 a.m., and Visa will be accepted. (But space is limited, so early registration is recommended). **Questions: Call Joe McHaney at 541-777-1344.**