



WILL DENNER/MADRAS PIONEER
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.

MST kicks on in summer season

Swim team sends split squads to The Dalles, Prineville for June 23-25 meets

BY TIM NELSON
Madras Swim Team Coach

The Madras Swim Team sent split squads to The Dalles and Prineville June 23-25 and collected several first-place medals.

First, seven swimmers competed in long-course (50 meter) swim in The Dalles where the top eight finishers scored points. Colby Anderson-O'Brien, 12, was victorious in the 200 and 400 freestyles and the 100 butterfly. He was also second in the 50 butterfly and third in the 100 freestyle and 100 backstroke.

Along with Colby, Lexi Williams, 11, scored in every event she swam including best times in her second-place 50 freestyle and third-place 200 freestyle swims. Top finishes for other scorers were Sophie Nelson, 10, fifth in the 200 freestyle; Ava Williams, 7, seventh in the 50 butterfly; Elli Williams, 13, eighth in the 400 freestyle; and coach Sara Nelson third in the 400 freestyle and 400 individual medley. Shelby Anderson, 9, also competed.

Head coach Tim Nelson accompanied 17 swimmers to Prineville, where Aurora Gerhardt, 20, and Garrett

Webb, 17, each won five out of six events they swam en route to winning the coveted bobble head high-point award.

Fresh off of baseball season with only two weeks of practice, Ethan Graeme, won both the 50 and 100 freestyles and the 100 backstroke competing as a 13-year-old for the first time.

In just his second meet, Sawyer Rhodes, 8, collected second place medals in the 25 and 50 backstrokes, and also scored points in both the 25 and 50 freestyle, placing sixth and fifth, respectively.

Other swimmers with top six finishes were Johan Garcia, 8, who finished fourth in the 50 backstroke and sixth in the 25 backstroke.

Gabi Smith, 15, placed third in the 100 butterfly and fifth in the 100 freestyle. Aspen Toman, 10, fourth in the 50 freestyles.

Other MST swimmers competing were Jarren DeWhitt, Brennan Frank, Mylaena Norton, Emily Pineda, Emma Shierk, Shawntana Smith, Kaydence Trail, and Payton Wilson-Hooks.

Next up for MST is a trip to Redmond this coming weekend.

The memories of Todd Beamer live on in Madras



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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.

Family, friends and locals gathered at Sahalee Park July 4 to honor Beamer for 20th memorial run

BY WILL DENNER
Sports Editor

The message finds its way to runners and walkers each Fourth of July morning in Madras: "The things you do for yourself die with you; the things you do for others will go on long after you're gone."

Dr. Bud Beamer delivers a variation of those words to begin the Todd Beamer Memorial Run each year on Grizzly Road as people gather around him. Twenty years ago, the longtime running event struck a more meaningful chord in the Madras community after one of their own died tragically.

Todd Beamer, Bud Beamer's son, had driven home in June 1997 from Rockaway Beach, where he was a teacher at Neah-Kah-Nie High School, to attend his sister's graduation from Madras High. On June 7, the morning of commencement, Todd left the family's home with their five dogs to go on a run along a North Unit canal.

But Todd never appeared at graduation, and when the family returned to the house, he was nowhere to be found. A search ensued that evening after Bud Beamer reported his son missing. Four of the dogs were found dead hours later in a siphon tube flowing into Willow Creek Canyon, and the fifth, a German shepherd, by Todd's truck parked near the canal. On June 9, Todd's body was discovered in the same siphon tube.

"I thought, 'We're never going to be the same again,'" Bud Beamer recalls now.

From the tragedy, however, a community run

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JCLL teams stay alive

All-star baseball squads rally to make District 5 semifinals

BY WILL DENNER
Sports Editor

Jefferson County majors baseball was the beneficiary of a first-round bye in the Oregon District 5 All-Star Tournament last Saturday in Redmond.

They watched The Dalles and John Day River slug it out. The Dalles went on to beat Jefferson County 11-3 Sunday, before Jefferson County picked up wins over Hood River Valley and Sisters in the following two days.

In the early going, the game had the look of a defensive duel. Dru Boyle got the start for Madras, and after The Dalles loaded the bases in the

top of the first inning, Boyle struck out Nathan Hedges for the third out and stranded two baserunners.

On the other side, The Dalles starting pitcher Kade Wilson surrendered two hits to Jefferson County in the first two innings, but also struck out five batters.

The Dalles broke through in the third inning when Braden Schwartz hit an RBI single, scoring Wilson from third. It was the start of an offensive surge from The Dalles.

To lead off the fourth, Hedges hit a solo home run, increasing his team's lead 2-0 over Jefferson County. The Dalles then loaded up the bases and increased its lead with a couple of two-RBI hits. Hedges added another RBI and broke his bat in the process to increase the lead 7-0.

Jefferson County responded in the bottom half of the

inning. With two outs, Ayden Holcomb hit an RBI double to score Conner Flu from third. Holcomb then reached third on a wild pitch, but was stranded there as the next batter grounded out. They tacked on one apiece in the fifth and sixth innings, but weren't able to string many hits together.

The next afternoon however, Jefferson County majors bounced back with a convincing 18-0 defeat over Hood River Valley to stay alive in the double elimination tournament.

Jefferson County starting pitcher Tristen Symons was credited with the shutout win, and also hit a home run.

Boyle, Flu and Logan Macy also hit home runs, while a handful of other players got on base with hits. Jefferson County manager Jason Herter said.

In their following game

Tuesday morning, Jefferson County trailed Sisters 5-0 after one inning, but came back to win 15-8 and move closer to the championship game.

Boyle led Jefferson County with two home runs, and helped spark Jefferson County to score nine runs in the third inning and take an 11-5 lead.

Jefferson County plays the loser of Bend South and Redmond Wednesday at 2 p.m.

Jefferson County minors

In the team's opening game Saturday morning, Jefferson County fell in a quick 8-0 hole against Bend North and went on to lose 34-0.

But, just as their older counterparts did, the 8-10 boys responded from the defeat the next two days with a pair of wins. Jefferson County knocked off Crook County

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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.

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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-



SUBMITTED PHOTO
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.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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. Mylane Norton; 2. Aspen Toman;
3. Cadence Tippett (times unavailable)

11-15

1. Jalaney 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 Vaughn, 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

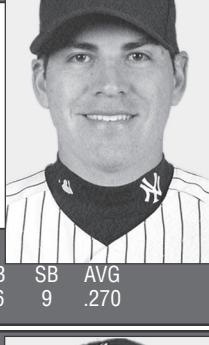
1. Nancy Richards, 53:15; 2. Mary
Stumph, 57:24.

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).

Warm Springs Nation 19, Redmond (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)

Flows below Bowman Dam

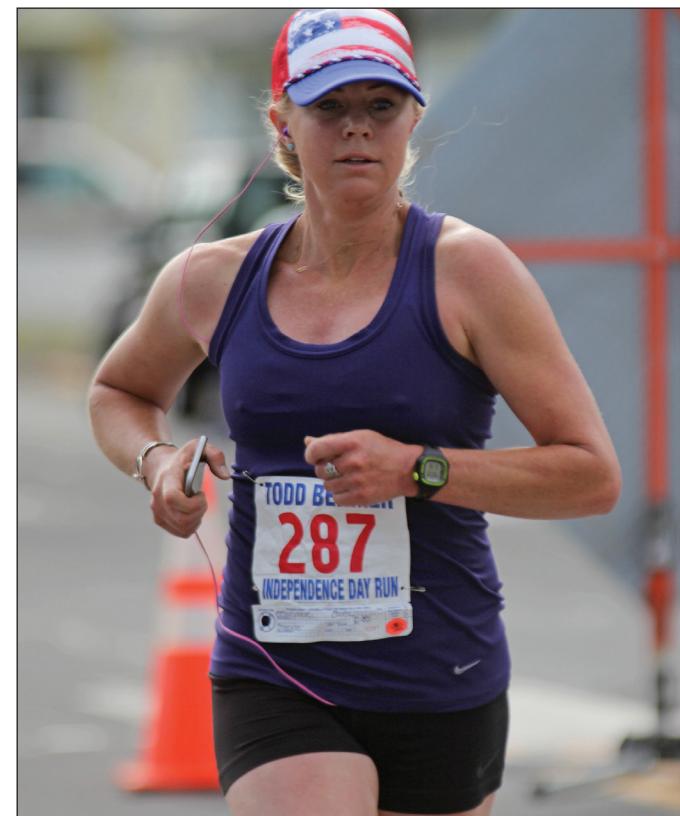
Warm Springs 15, Madras/Prineville/Sisters 5 (Juniors)

CULTUS LAKE



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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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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 Beamer

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 Beamer's 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-

nisce 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 shortening 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

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, Tyrik Rodriguez, Victor Ramirez, Jonathan Reynoso, assistant coach Lauro Torres, and front row, head coach Ramon Castañeda, Cesar Aguirre, Alex Sanchez, Luis Solano, Josue Badillo, Yahin Aguirre, Alex Arana and Alex Diaz. The MPC Timbers' next tournament is the Bend Premier Cup Aug. 11-13.

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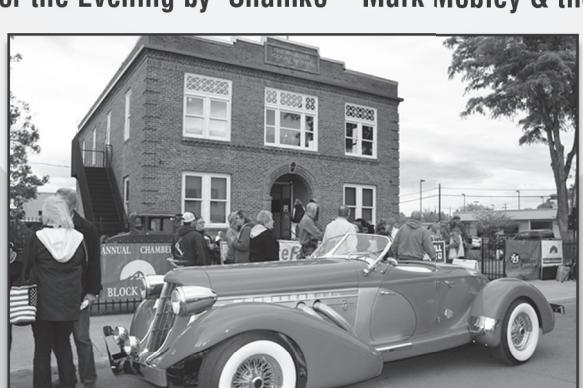
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Warm Springs: Juniors beat Sisters back to back

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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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by a 17-7 margin on Monday, and earned a game against South Central Tuesday morning.

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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