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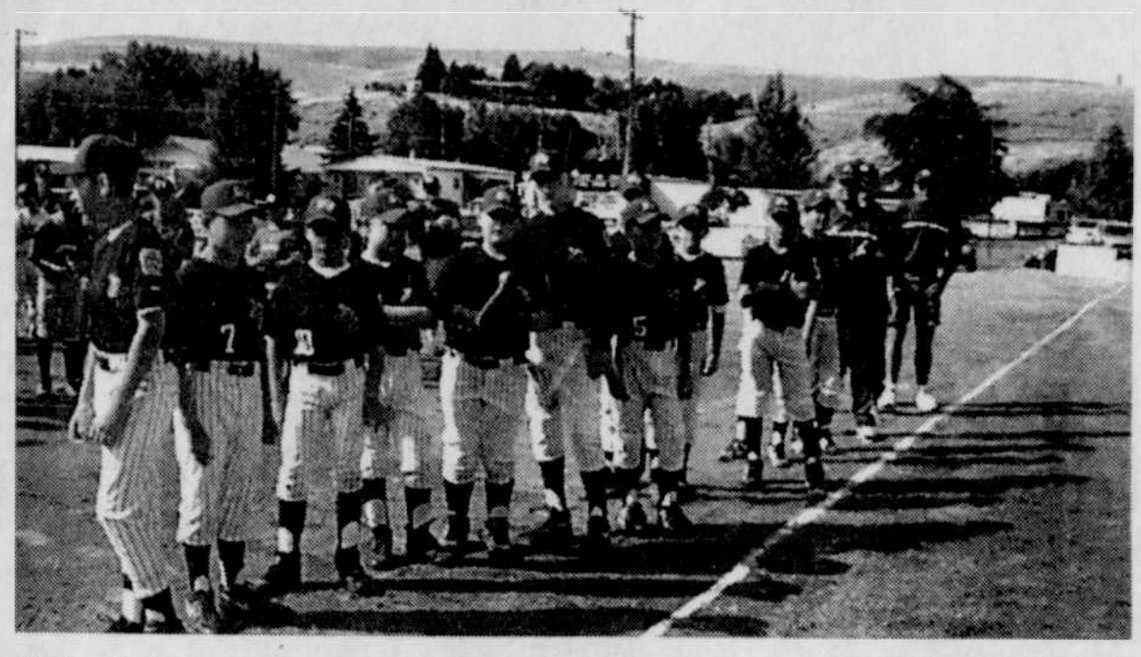
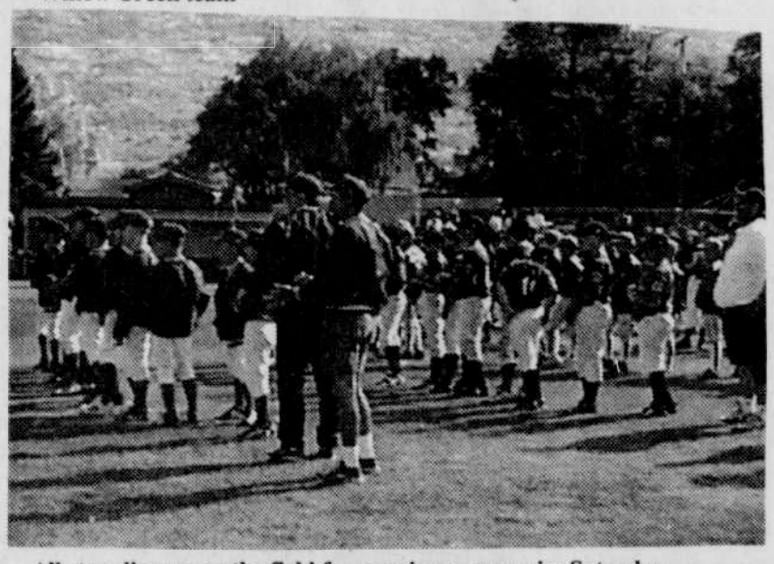
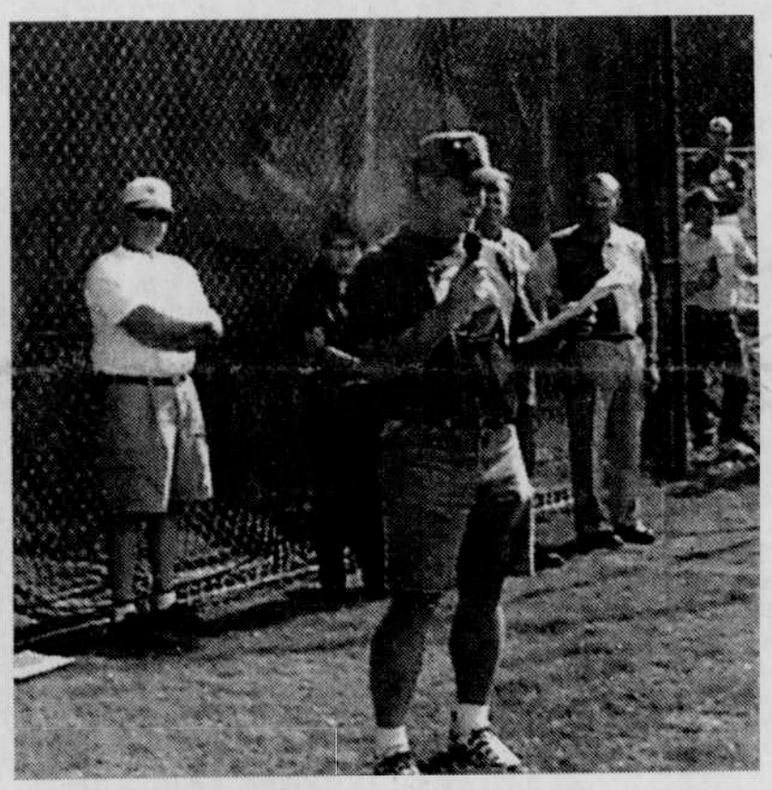
Heppner hosts first Little League tournament in 30 years



Willow Creek team



All stars line up on the field for opening ceremonies Saturday.



Willow Creek Little League President John Murray addresses players and fans at the opening ceremonies of the Little League District 5 11-12 year old All-Star tournament held in Heppner.

The Willow Creek Little League and the Heppner community welcomed the 11-12-year-old Little League All Star players and their fans to the District 5 tournament which began on Friday, July 14, in Heppner.

In a welcoming address in opening ceremonies at the Kilkenny Field on Saturday, July 15, Willow Creek Little League President John Murray said that the tournament marked the first time in three decades that Heppner had hosted a tournament. Heppner Mayor Bob Jepsen welcomed players and fans and the Little League District 5 president was also on hand. Larry Mills, former CEO of the Morrow County Grain Growers, which donated the land for the field, threw the first pitch.

A barbecue for players and their families was held on Saturday evening.

The Willow Creek Little League All Star team included: Robbie Smith, Lexington, Rory Kilkenny, Kody Lovgren, Quinn Peck and Riley Wight, all Heppner, The Braves; Matt Kenny, Kyle Carlson, J.C. Sherritt, Colton Hanson, Roy Proctor, Sloan Keithley, all Heppner, the Pirates; and Victor Bednar, Condon, of the White Sox; and coaches Curt Day, Dennis Peck and Dave Allstott, all Heppner.

The team lost their first game, 12-0, to Columbia, and their second game, 7-3 to the Hermiston team.

Other results in the double elimination tournament are as follows:

Friday, July 14: Hood River-18 vs. Sisters-8; Columbia (no scores available) beat Deschutes; Bend South-17 vs. Crook County-1; Redmond-12 vs. Hermiston-3.

Saturday, July 15: Hood River-8 vs. Bend North-6; Columbia-12 vs. Willow Creek-0; Bend South-19 vs. The Dalles-1; Jefferson County-6 vs. Redmond-1.

Saturday, July 16: Hood River-12 vs. Columbia-5; Jefferson County-2 vs. Bend South-0; The Dalles-7 vs. Sisters-2; Redmond-4 vs. Deschutes-0; Bend North-3 vs. Crook County-2; Hermiston-7 vs. Willow Creek-3.

On Wednesday, July 19, The Dalles will play Redmond at 5 p.m. on Field 1 and Bend North will play Hermiston at 5:30 p.m. on Field 2.

Thursday, July 20, Columbia will play the winner of The Dalles vs. Redmond game at 5 p.m. on Field 1 and Bend South will play the winner of the Bend North-Hermiston game at 5:30 p.m. on Field 2. The winners of those two games will face off in game 20 on Friday, July 21, at 5:30 p.m. on Field 2. Hood River will play Jefferson County in game 19 on Saturday, July 22, at 5 p.m. on Field 1. The loser of game 19 will play the winner of game 20 on Sunday, July 23, at 5:30 p.m. on Field 1 (game 21). The winner of games 19 and 21 will play on Sunday, July 23, at 10 a.m. at 10 .m. on Field 1. Because a team must lose twice to be out of the tournament, an additional game is scheduled at 5 p.m. on July 23 on Field 1 if needed.

Advertising Deadline
12 noon Tuesday

Transformer starts grass fire on Willow Creek

Fire broke out Tuesday afternoon near the Dick Wilkenson ranch on Willow Creek. The fire was apparently started by an exploding electrical transformer which ignited the surrounding grass. No amount of acreage or other details were available at press time.

VBS planned at Seventh-day Adven

Children are invited to join the fun of vacation Bible school at Heppner Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 560 N. Minor, August 7-11 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Children ages 4-12 are welcome to attend.

The Program will include singing, Bible stories, mini-health lessons, outdoor exercise, kitchen crafts and refreshments.

For more information, call 676-9449 or 676-8228.

Justice Dept. investigation clears former Lex recorder

After a 10 month investigation into allegations that Susan Baker misappropriated city funds while serving as Lexington town recorder, the Oregon Department of Justice has decided not to prosecute the case because of lack of evidence.

Byron Chatfield, an attorney with the Justice Department, said he has completed his investigation of Baker and concluded that there was "inadequate evidence" to establish guilt.

Allegations that Baker misappropriated $38,894 of city funds and services for her own personal benefit were made last year by then city councilmember Marcia Kemp.

Kemp had alleged among other things that Baker had overpaid herself $24,606, had unauthorized use of the town water and TV of over $1,900, and that $1,069 of city cash had not been deposited. Kemp has since resigned from the town council.

During its investigation the department interviewed 16 witnesses and examined city documents and financial records over a four year period. Baker served as city recorder from June 1991 until her resignation May 31, 1999.

The Justice Department turned over its 22 page report to the city council May 11 stating that it saw "inadequate evidence to establish beyond a reasonable doubt that Susan Baker committed a criminal offense in this case."

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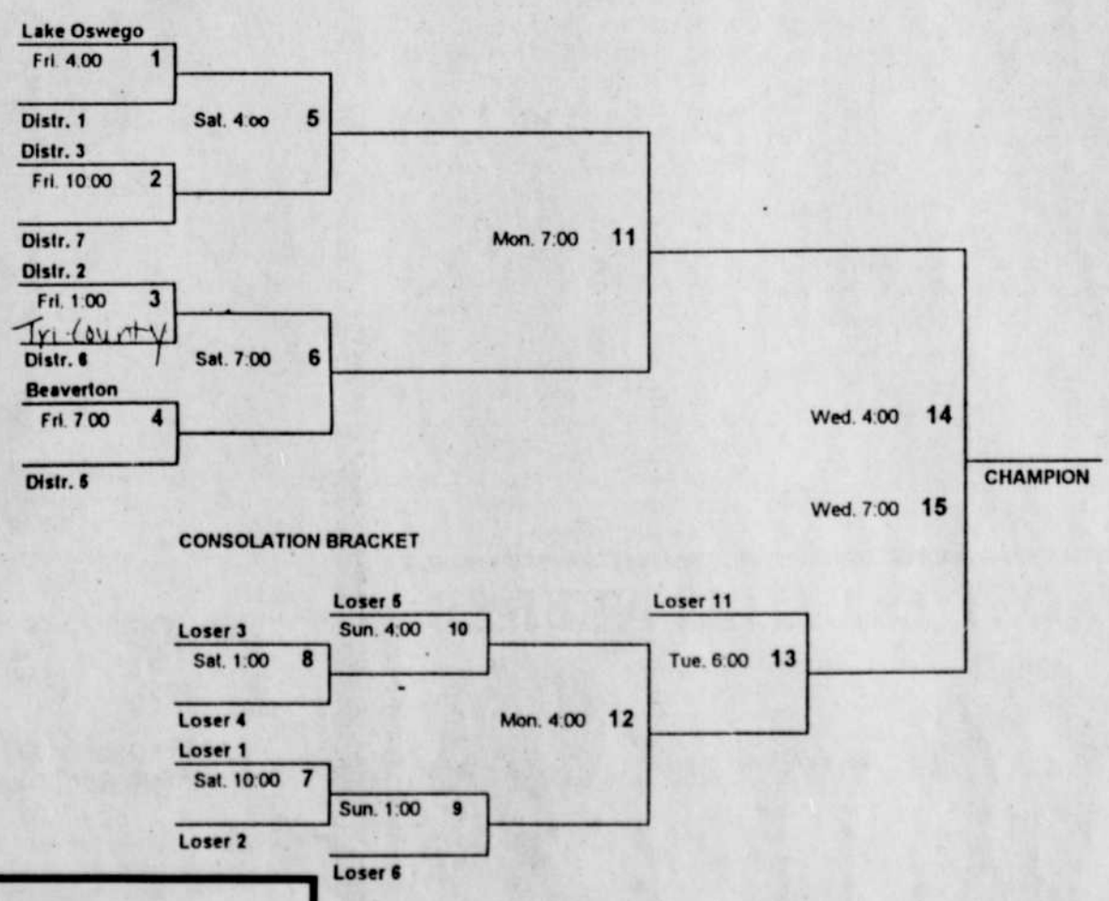

Congratulations to the WILLOW CREEK
Little League Baseball Players on a fine season!
Stop by and enjoy the District 5 Tournament, which gets underway again this weekend!
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VBS planned at Lex Baptist

Vacation Bible School will be held at Lexington Baptist Church July 24-28 from 9 a.m.-noon.

Eighteen students from First Baptist Church in Kennewick, WA. are coming down to teach classes for students in kindergarten through sixth grade.

For more information, contact Sandra Van Liew at 676-5050.