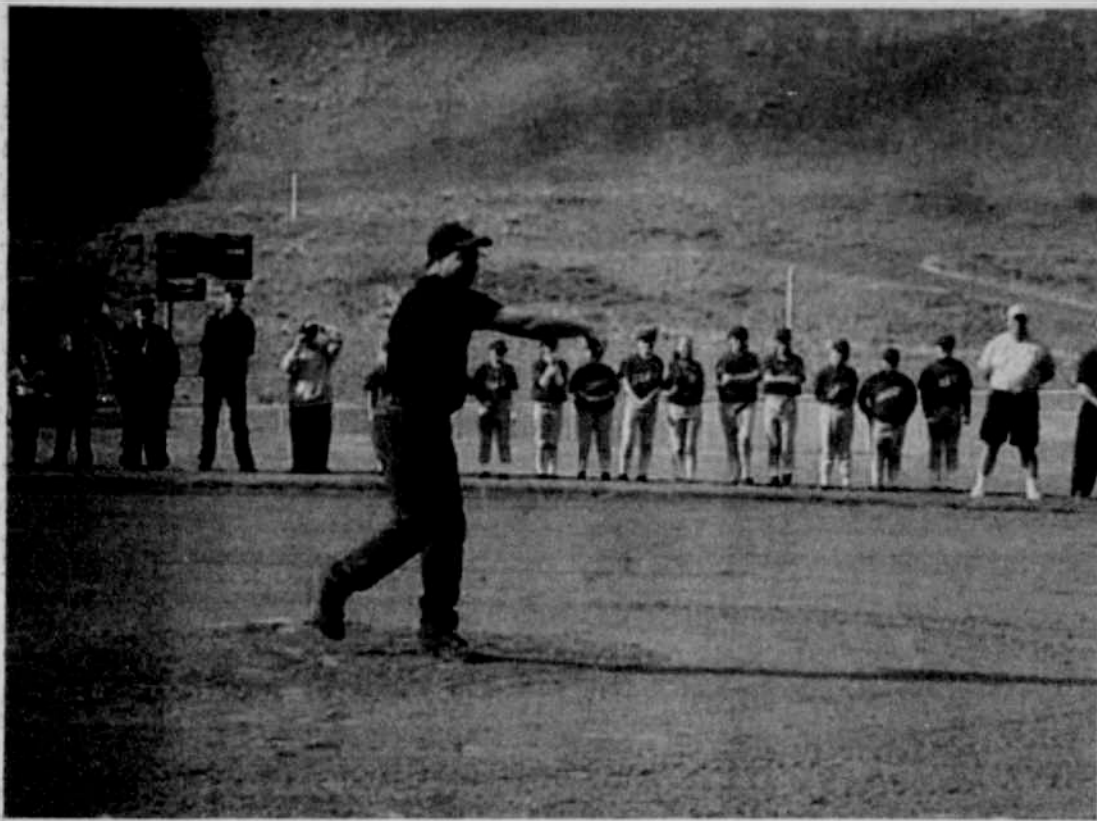


Little League opens for the season



Doug Holland, representing MCGG, threw the first pitch to open the 2004 Willow Creek Little League season on Saturday, April 17.

Mustangs and Tigers split key doubleheader

By Rick Paullus

A seventh inning rally came up short in the second game and the Heppner Mustang baseball team settled for a split in a key Columbia Basin Conference doubleheader against the visiting Stanfield Tigers. The Mustangs, 10-1-1, 1-1 in CBC, won the first game 13-1 in five innings before dropping the second game 4-3. They continue CBC play at Weston-McEwen on Saturday, April 24 for a doubleheader beginning at 11 a.m., before returning home on Tuesday, April 27 for a game against Umatilla at 4:30 p.m.

It took the Mustangs a while to get going in the first game, but once they did they blew the game open with eight runs in the third inning on eight hits. Chuy Elguezabal got them going with a walk, Jode Coil had a ground-rule double and Josh Gutierrez, Kory Paullus, Kiel Nairns, Luke Murray and Kyler Lovgren each had RBI singles. Then Nick Christman singled, Cody Walton had a RBI single, Elguezabal drew a

bases loaded walk to score another run and Coil reached on a fielder's choice to score another to make it 8-0.

The Tigers scored a run in the fourth, but the Mustangs ended it in the fifth when Elguezabal had a two-out double, Coil a RBI single, Gutierrez a single, Paullus a RBI double and Nairns a three-run home run.

Elguezabal went four innings allowing two hits while striking out four to pick up the win.

Coil went three for four with two RBI and scored twice. Nairns went two for four with four RBI and scored twice. Paullus went two for four with two RBI and scored two runs. Gutierrez went two for four and scored twice.

The second game turned into a pitcher's duel between Elguezabal and the Tigers' Tyler Gabriel. The Mustangs took a 1-0 lead into the sixth inning getting a run in the third when Christman reached on an error, stole second, went to third on a Zach Skaggs groundout and scored on a Walton infield hit.

The Tigers took the lead with three runs in the sixth

and led 4-1 tacking on another run in the top of the seventh before the Mustangs mounted a rally. Murray led off with a single, Lovgren doubled, Christman had a RBI single and Lovgren scored after Christman got into a rundown after a pick-off attempt. With two out, Elguezabal singled and went to third on a Walton single, but the rally ended on a groundout.

Elguezabal went the distance to take the loss, striking out nine while giving up seven hits.

Walton went three for four and Lovgren and Paullus had doubles for the Mustangs.

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Michael Sobotta, Derek Smith (3) and Tyler Gabriel; Chuy Elguezabal, Josh Gutierrez (5) and Jode Coil. W- Elguezabal (5-0). L- Sobotta. 2B- Elguezabal, Coil, Kory Paullus (H). 3B- none. HR- Kiel Nairns (H).

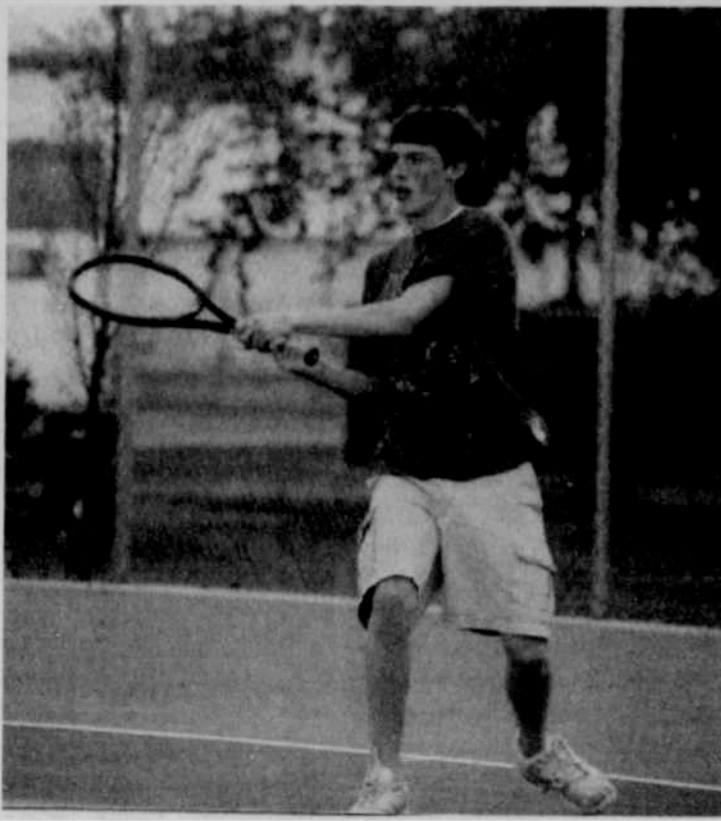
Streaming video added to real estate website

Local real estate brokerage Heritage Land Company has added streaming video clips to its website.

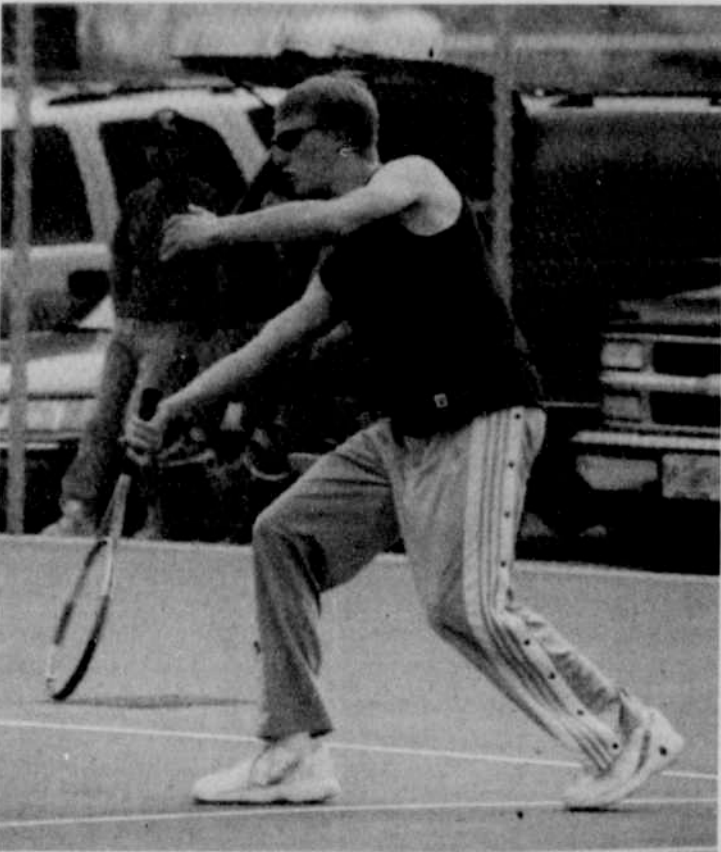
The videos will show short movie clips of some of the properties listed, says real estate agent David Sykes who maintains the website.

"We hope the addition will be helpful for home and property buyers who want a good look at the properties for sale," Sykes said. The Heritage website is located at www.heppner.net/heritage.

Ione tennis teams take on Riverside



Robert McElligott takes a shot against Riverside.



Tyler Raible goes for a shot in his win against Riverside.

Ione tennis teams hosted Riverside on April 16. Ione women swept the Pirates 4-0, while the men won three of eight matches.

Tyler Raible posted an 8-3 win against Curtis Darrow. Takorn Khempila defeated Anton Konyakhin, 8-3. Brian Bunch lost a close match to Geoff McDonough, 5-8. Robert McElligott lost to Steven Robert, 4-8. William McNary lost to Russell Paulson, 2-8. The doubles duo of Johnny Collin and Paul Neiffer were equally matched against Jason Imus and Andrew Goad but were unable to pull out the win losing to Riverside 4-8. Neiffer and Collin doubled back to play against Juan Martinez and John Young posting an 8-5 win. Taylor McElligott and Robert McElligott challenged Jose Chavez and Anton Konyakhin, but lost their match 1-8.

Tina Tuzarova easily defeated Marla Wizer, 8-2. Meghan McCabe defeated Jennifer Mendoza, 8-1. Emily Key posted an 8-0 victory against Nitasha Beaver. Key and McCabe teamed up against Veronica Lezama and Lucia Madrigal defeating the Pirates 8-1.

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Mustangs JV split at Grant Union

By Rick Paullus

After taking an 11-6 win in the first game, the Heppner Mustang JV baseball team couldn't hold on to a lead and dropped the second game 11-10 to the Grant Union Prospectors on Friday, April 16 in John Day. The Mustangs, now 3 and 2, will be at home for a rematch against the Prospectors on Friday, April 23 at 11 a.m. in a doubleheader and will host the Hermiston Frosh on Monday, April 26 at 4 p.m.

The Prospectors took a 3-0 lead after three before the Mustangs finally got their bats going as Dan Basile walked, went to third on a Kyle Carlson single and scored on Sloan Keithley's groundout. Carlson eventually scored on a passed ball to make it 3-2.

They tied in the fifth when Kody Lovgren singled, went to third on a Quinn Peck single and scored on a Basile

groundout, but the Prospectors came right back with a run in the bottom to regain the lead.

The Mustangs broke the game open in the sixth when Riley Wight ended up at second on an error, went to third on a passed ball and scored as Robbie Smith reached on a fielder's choice. Cody Hollis singled, Lovgren had a RBI single, Peck had a RBI single, Colton Hanson reached on an error to score one. Basile had a RBI single, Carlson had a RBI ground-rule double, Sloan Keithley had a RBI single and another run was scored when Wight reached on a fielder's choice to make it 11-4.

The Prospectors scored single runs in the sixth and seventh but it wasn't enough as the Mustangs held on for the win.

Carlson went the distance to pick up the win scattering eight hits, one walk, five strikeouts and three earned runs.

Peck went three for five with a double and Basile went two for three with two RBI. Carlson and Lovgren each went two for four and scored twice. Hollis went two for four and Keithley had two RBI.

The Mustangs took an early lead in the second game, getting two runs in the top of the first as Peck reached on an error, Hollis bunted him to second and scored on a Carlson single and he eventually scored on a wild pitch. The Prospectors came right back with three runs in the bottom half and added two more in the second and held a 5-2 lead until the fourth inning.

Lovgren reached on a fielder's choice, Peck and Hollis singled, Lovgren scored on a wild pitch, Basile walked to load the bases and Carlson tripled to empty them. Keithley then hit a RBI double

to give the Mustangs a 7-5 lead.

They added two more in the fifth when Travis Eubanks reached on a fielder's choice, Peck walked, Hollis moved both runners up on a groundout and Basile scored them with a single.

The Prospectors scored three in the bottom half to get within 9-8, but the Mustangs added a run in the top of the sixth when Hanson reached on an error and came around to score on a Peck groundout.

The Prospectors scored two in the bottom half to tie it at 10-10 and got the game winner in the bottom of the seventh inning with one out.

Carlson went two for four with four RBI. Basile went two for two with two RBI. Keithley went two for five and Peck scored three runs.

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Kyle Carlson and Robbie Smith; Holland, Wright (6) and Johns. W- Carlson. L- Holland. 2B- Quinn Peck, Carlson (H). 3B- none. HR- none.

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Quinn Peck, Sloan Keithley (6) and Robbie Smith; Heiple, Oliver (5), Wright (6) and Johns. W- Wright. L- Keithley. 2B- Keithley (H); Heiple (GU). 3B- Carlson (H). HR- none.

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