



WOODEN WELCOMER

A new wooden sculpture, created by Ken Justice of Prairie City, welcomes visitors to the Seventh Street Athletic Complex.

New sculpture stands at Seventh Street Athletic Complex entrance

Carving features
baseball player
at the plate

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JOHN DAY — A new baseball player now welcomes visitors to the Seventh Street Athletic Complex — a carved wooden statue.

Ken Justice of Prairie City created and donated the work of art. He installed it in March, and landscaping touches surrounding the statue, by Levi Voigt, are nearly complete.

“It ties in to the facility really well,” said Kim Ward, who is program coordinator for John Day-Canyon City Parks and Recreation.

The complex is used for youth through high school baseball and softball, and youth football and soccer.

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A Vince Lombardi quote with the sculpture reads: “The measure of who we are is what we do with what we have.”



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Brent Smith of ODFW hands Humboldt fifth-grader Riddick Hutchison a net of fish to place in Trafton Pond. Behind Hutchison, in line, are Edi Hernandez and Tucker Carpenter.

Hands-on learning in the outdoors

Teacher partners
with ODFW for
science lesson

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DAYVILLE — “I hear, and I forget. I see, and I remember. I do, and I understand.”

That quote by Confucius is one that Humboldt Elementary fifth-grade teacher Georgia Boethin takes to heart as she guides her class.

Her students had a lot of hands-on “doing” during a May 25 field trip just outside of Dayville, partnering with biologists from Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife for an ecosystem unit.

“This part of science is probably my favorite, because I get to teach about our local ecosystem and how we, as humans, both interact with and affect the ecosystem,” Boethin said. “The overarching concept in fifth-grade science is all about systems

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Humboldt fifth-graders in Georgia Boethin’s class handle a bullfrog during a field trip near Dayville. From left: Trenton Winegar, Quinn Larson, Amelia Hall, Rio Reeves and Laci Pentzer.

Youth rodeo series starts June 11

Events held
at fairgrounds
rodeo arena

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JOHN DAY — The Cinnabar Mountain Playdays Youth Rodeo Series for youth up to age 18 is just around the corner.

New this year is the location of the events, all held at the Grant County Fairgrounds.

There are five days of rodeo on the schedule this year: Saturday, June 11; Saturday, June 25; Saturday, July 16; and Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 20-21.

Youth can participate in barrel racing, pole bending, goat tying, dummy roping, keyhole racing, flag racing and figure 8 racing.



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Sam McCracken swings the rope in his favorite event, dummy roping, at a 2015 Cinnabar Mountain Playdays rodeo.

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Get ready for the Gold Rush Run and Walk

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CANYON CITY — Everyone can run, or walk, “for the gold” in this year’s ’62 Days Gold Rush Run and Walk in Canyon City at 7 a.m. Saturday, June 11.

The 5K course is a scenic loop that begins and ends in front of Sels Brewery in Canyon City. It passes such historic sites as Humbolt Diggings, Hog Point and Rebel Hill.

The event, sponsored by The Strawberry Striders and Whiskey Gulch Gang, attracts novice and experienced runners, as well as walkers of all ages.

Last year’s winner Tann Elliott finished the course in 19 minutes, 33 seconds.

Walkers joining the event can expect to cover the course in about 45 minutes.

The overall men’s and women’s winners in two age divisions, 39 and under and 40 and over, will receive ’62 Days commemorative awards. The top finisher in each 10-year age division will receive ribbons. All children 12 and under will receive medals.

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