



FIRST CANYON CITY CHALLENGE DRAWS 22

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Participants in the first Canyon City Challenge get their start on Saturday morning near Canyon City Park.

Organizers plan to bring hike, bike and run event back next year

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Walkers, runners and bikers took the opportunity for an up-close look at a town brimming with history during Saturday's Canyon City Challenge. While the race was not officially timed, the first one to cross the finish line was Nicholas Smith of Wisconsin, who is living in John Day for the summer. There were 22 participants in the event, which organizers Karen Johnston and Cindy Lemcke hope becomes an annual tradition. A poker run during the first

leg of the race included stops at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Station '62, Russell's Custom Meats, Shell Station and the Grant County Historical Museum. The biking portion followed Highway 395 South through Canyon Creek a total of 12 miles, and the running part included a loop behind the old schoolhouse on Rebel Hill Road. "Everybody came back and said it was a lot of fun and said they want to preregister next year," Johnston said. All participants received a goodie bag with a Canyon City Challenge T-shirt, and those

who stayed received door prizes. Lynda Christensen won the poker run with three aces. Johnston said 14 volunteers helped the event run smoothly. Disc jockey Jeff Meyerholz provided energetic music in the park. Johnston said she and Lemcke had talked about creating a walking, biking and running event for several years, adding they wanted all of it to begin and end in Canyon City. "We've designed this so there is something for every level of participation," Lemcke said, adding children in strollers and dogs on leashes are wel-

come in the hike portion. Johnston said, "Our hope is that we earn enough money for family friendly activities in our Canyon City Park, and to expand the park area." She added the city is sponsoring the activity, and an advisory board will be created to direct funds raised from the event. Johnston and Lemcke hope to see more people join the race. Next year, they plan to make it an evening event with a barbecue in the park. "We feel like we have a very unique city here, and we're proud of it," Johnston said. "We're excited to have people come and enjoy the area."



Young Jaxson Wright joins his parents, Kaylee and Tom, for the Canyon City Challenge.

Pickleball leagues start on July 25

Singles and doubles held twice a week

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Pickleball leagues start next week at the Seventh Street Complex tennis courts in John Day. A sit session will be held at 6 p.m. Monday, July 25, with a review of the rules and practice play. Games begin on the second night and continue through August 18. Doubles leagues play Mondays and Wednesdays, with singles leagues on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Registration is \$40 per team. John Day-Canyon City Parks and Recreation officials say the sport is easy to learn and is like a combination between table tennis and tennis, with a smaller court. They said that last year, adults of various ages signed up, along with some older teens. For more information, call the Parks and Rec office at 541-575-0110.

JD swimmers take second in Burns

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The John Day Swim Team had a big weekend, finishing second at the July 15-17 Hi-Desert Invitational in Burns. "I'm proud of them all," said head coach Sabrina Howard. She said they had their highest participation level of the season, with six from the youngest "fishies" group competing. "Quite a few of them took time, so that's huge," Howard said. "Having the youngsters brings a fun aspect to the meet. The enthusiasm in their eyes is contagious." Lakeview won the meet, with Burns finishing third and Prineville fourth. Howard said several older athletes on her team "dominated" in the 400 freestyle event. "They're all taking time off their events," she said. "It helps motivate us for the coming meet. We have home pool advantage, and we welcome everyone to the JDST Invitational to gear us up for districts." John Day's invitational is Friday through Sunday, July 22-24.

Teams from La Grande, Madras, Prineville, Pendleton, Burns and Lakeview will attend, with a couple swimmers from leagues in The Dalles and Baker City. The Friday evening long swim begins at 7:30 p.m. On Saturday and Sunday, warm ups begin at 7 a.m. with the meet starting at 8 a.m. **John Day results at the Hi-Desert Invitational - top event(s):**
Event/time/placement/team points
Amsden, Deja
Girls 18&U 200 Medley Relay - 'B' Leg 3:34.74, (2) 10
Bailey, Eliza
Girls 8&U 50 Free Finals 1:59.19 1:58.77 (15)
Bailey, Maddie
Girls 18&U 200 Free Relay - 'A' Leg 2 Finals 2:31.08 (2) 10
Coalwell, Ryan
Boys 9-10 50 Free 44.13 (1) 7
Coalwell, Trevyn
Boys 14&U 200 Medley Relay - 'A' Leg 3, 3:24.03 (1) 14
Coalwell, Torie
Girls 13&U 400 Free 5:59.74 (1) 7
Girls 15-18 100 Free 1:11.41 (1) 7
Comer, Andrea
Girls 18&U 200 Medley Relay - 'B' Leg 1, 3:47.44 (2) 10
Gabbard, Trevor
Boys 9-10 50 Breast 1:04.81 (1) 7
Hallgarth, Quentin
Boys 18&U 200 Medley Relay - 'A' Leg 2, 2:32.15 (1) 14
Boys 18&U 200 Free Relay - 'A' Leg 3, 2:09.80 (1) 14

Hansen, Kara
Girls 6&U 25 Free 50.42 (2) 5
Hensley, Olive
Girls 10&U 100 Free Relay - 'A' Leg 1, 1:52.98 (1) 14
Hensley Thunell, Jillie
Girls 8&U 100 Free Relay - 'A' Leg 3, 4:33.99 (3) 8
Hodge, Justin
Boys 12&U 400 Free 6:50.43 (1) 7
Boys 11-12 100 Free 1:20.50 (1) 7
Boys 11-12 50 Back 45.93 (1) 7
Boys 11-12 50 Free 32.66 (1) 7
Boys 14&U 200 Medley Relay - 'A' Leg 4, 3:24.03 (1) 14
Boys 14&U 200 Free Relay - 'A' Leg 4, 2:34.54 (1) 14
Hodge, Russell
Boys 13&O 400 Free 6:24.18 (1) 7
Boys 13-14 50 Free 30.97 (1) 7
Boys 18&U 200 Medley Relay - 'A' Leg 4 2:32.15 (1) 14
Boys 18&U 200 Free Relay - 'A' Leg 4 2:32.15 (1) 14
Boys 18&U 200 Free Relay - 'A' Leg 1, 2:09.80 (1) 14
Hodge, Savannah
Girls 18&U 200 Medley Relay - 'B' Leg 4, 3:47.44 (2) 10
Howard, Cayden
Boys 10&U 100 Free Relay - 'A' Leg 1, 1:42.45 (2) 10
Howard, Colbie
Girls 10&U 100 Free Relay - 'A' Leg 2, 1:52.98 (1) 14
Hunt, Andrew
Boys 12&U 200 Medley Relay - 'A' Leg 3, 4:08.18 (1) 14
Boys 12&U 200 Free Relay - 'A' Leg 1, 3:06.58 (1) 14
Hunt, Taylor
Boys 13-14 200 Free 2:48.59 (1) 7
Boys 13-14 100 Free 1:11.71 (1) 7
Boys 13-14 100 Fly 1:25.76 (1) 7
Boys 18&U 200 Medley Relay - 'A' Leg 3, 2:32.15 (1) 14
Boys 18&U 200 Free Relay - 'A' Leg 4, 2:09.80 (1) 14
Komning, Dilyn
Girls 8&U 100 Free Relay - 'A' Leg 4, 4:33.99 (3) 8
Larson, Quinn

Boys 12&U 200 Medley Relay - 'A' Leg 4, 4:08.18 (1) 14
Boys 12&U 200 Free Relay - 'A' Leg 4, 3:06.58 (1) 14
LeQueu, Grant
Boys 18&U 200 Medley Relay - 'A' Leg 1, 2:32.15 (1) 14
Boys 18&U 200 Free Relay - 'A' Leg 2, 2:09.80 (1) 14
LeQueu, Thomas
Boys 14&U 200 Medley Relay - 'A' Leg 2, 3:24.03 (1) 14
Boys 14&U 200 Free Relay - 'A' Leg 2, 2:34.54 (1) 14
May, Sierra
Girls 10&U 100 Free Relay - 'A' Leg 4, 1:52.98 (1) 14
Mead, Rhea
Girls 18&U 200 Free Relay - 'A' Leg 1, 2:31.08 (2) 10
Neault, Parker
Boys 12&U 200 Medley Relay - 'A' Leg 2 4:08.18 (1) 14
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Neault, Peyton
Boys 14&U 200 Medley Relay - 'A' Leg 1, 3:24.03 (1) 14
Boys 14&U 200 Free Relay - 'A' Leg 1, 2:34.54 (1) 14
Reames, Jessica
Girls 13-14 100 Fly 1:43.85 (2) 5
Reames, Riley
Boys 12&U 200 Free Relay - 'A' Leg 3 3:06.58 (1) 14
Robertson, Riley
Girls 18&U 200 Medley Relay - 'B' Leg 2, 3:47.44 (2) 10
Rookstool, Zeke
Boys 10&U 100 Free Relay - 'A' Leg 2, 1:42.45 (2) 10
Rookstool, Zoey
Girls 6&U 25 Back 1:00.61 (3) 4
Walker, Morgan
Girls 10&U 100 Free Relay - 'A' Leg 3, 1:52.98 (1) 14
Wyllie, Brady
Boys 12&U 200 Medley Relay - 'A' Leg 1, 4:08.18 (1) 14
Wyllie, Reid
Boys 10&U 100 Medley Relay - 'A' Leg 1, 1:56.24 (2) 10
Wyllie, Rhynna
Girls 6&U 25 Free 1:08.91 (7)



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