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Torie Coalwell of the John Day Swim Team, right, led in this event, beating three competitors in the heat.

JOHN DAY TEAM CLAIMS SWIMMING VICTORY

JD prepares for district meet in Lakeview

By Angel Carpenter
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Sabrina Howard, head coach of the John Day Swim Team, said her athletes brought their "A game" to last weekend's home invitational — and came out victorious.

The John Day Swim Meet, held at Gleason Pool in John Day, drew 190 competitors from several teams, including Pendleton, Lakeview, Prineville, La Grande and Hi-Desert (Burns).

"It was a huge success," Howard said. "Our team took home first place and the Sportsmanship Award. It was a huge accomplishment for our team."

John Day won with 478 points, and Pendleton was a close second with 472 points. Pendleton was followed by Lakeview with 433, Prineville 390, La Grande 202 and Hi-Desert 182.

Howard said one highlight for the John Day team came when Torie Coalwell won the 200 individual medley.

Quinn Larson and Sivanna Hodge not only competed for John Day, but also sang the national anthem at the beginning of each day's events. Larson sang

on Friday, and Hodge sang on Saturday and Sunday.

Friday evening, parents and coaches had their own relay competition, and Howard said the John Day team placed third.

The local team will now prepare for the district meet scheduled for Friday through Sunday, July 29-31, in Lakeview.

The John Day team had Monday off but are now back to a rigorous conditioning schedule.

"Having to prove themselves before districts gives them that extra push," Howard said of her team. "They are continuing to show huge improvement each week."

Area rodeo youth back in the saddle

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July 16 performance

Leadline
Weston Hamilton, first; Ruby Hopper, second; Bransyn Harper, third.

PeeWee
Kodee Kimball, first; Molly Davis, second; Talyn Harper, third.

Junior
Rowdy Israel, first-second; Coy Mathieson, first-second; Bailey McCracken, third.

Intermediate
Denali Twehues, first; Connor White, second; Sam McCracken, third.

Senior
Trinity Hutchison, first; Regan Johnson, second; Hunter Martin, third.

Overall standings (after four rodeos)
Leadline
Weston Hamilton, first; Bransyn Harper, second; Ruby Hopper, third.

PeeWee
Kodee Kimball, first; Talyn Harper, second; Taylor Hamilton, third.

Junior
Rowdy Israel, first; Bailey McCracken, second; Coy Mathieson, third.

Intermediate
Denali Twehues, first; Sam McCracken, second; Connor White, third.

Senior
Hunter Martin, first; Chloe Martin, second; Regan Johnson, third.

Cinnabar Mountain Playdays rodeo youth competed Saturday, July 16, at the Grant County Fairgrounds in John Day.

"The fourth Playday in our series of six was another great success," said Laura Hopper, one of the CMP directors. "We're so thankful for all of the competitors and their families and look forward to seeing everyone for our two-day doubleheader."

The doubleheader, scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, August 20 and 21, will be the group's final competition of the season.

The participants compete in: barrel racing, pole bending, goat tying, dummy roping, keyhole race, flag race and figure 8 race.



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Bransyn Harper of Mt. Vernon takes on the Figure 8 event with a little help from his dad Terry Harper at the July 16 Cinnabar Mountain Playdays rodeo in John Day.

Pickleball starts at Seventh Street

By Angel Carpenter
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A group of new and seasoned pickleball players gathered for an orientation meeting on Monday at the Seventh Street Complex tennis courts in John Day.

Five players showed up Monday, and John Day-Canyon City Parks and Recreation officials invite more to come and see what pickleball is all about.

Doubles league plays at 6 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, with singles league at 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Registration is \$40 per team. Players at the Monday evening pickleball event said the sport is easy to learn and that us-

ing half of a regular tennis court makes it easier to move around to reach the ball.

A ball with holes in it, like a wiffleball, and paddles similar to those used in ping pong are used in the game.

Shanna Wright of Canyon City played pickleball with her husband, Kelsy, Monday night. She said the game is easy to learn.

She noted that when husbands and wives play on the same team, it's called "marriage counseling."

Brandi Girvin of John Day, also at the Monday evening event, said the rules and scoring take some time to learn, but it's easy to get started.



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Playing the first day of pickleball league at Seventh Street Complex are, from left, Shanna Wright of Canyon City, Brandi Girvin of John Day, John Girvin (back), Kelsy Wright (hitting the ball) and Lorin Coleman of Canyon City.

Her husband, John, was playing the game, too, along with Lorin Coleman of Canyon City.

The paddle sport was created for all ages and skills levels, and can develop into a fast-paced, competitive game for more sea-

soned pickleball players.

For more information on the game, visit the USA Pickleball Association at usapa.org.

For information on joining the local league, call the Parks and Rec office at 541-575-0110.

Memorial Trap Shoot honors past members

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The Seneca Range hosted the Past Members Memorial Trap Shoot, honoring Pam Uebler and Benny Dodds this year.

President Bryan Wolf read a memorial of both shooters, and there was a gun salute to all the past members of the club.

The All Events winner in the adult class was Larry Whitney of Burns. He also won the Slider Event and was first in the Lewis class.

Second place in the All Events was Mark Baggett of Canyon City, who also placed first in the 16-Yard Event.

Ralph Steelman of Burns placed in All Events, winning first place in the Doubles Event.

Carroll Walton of Prairie City finished fourth in the All Event.

Wayne Timmons of Canyon City took first in the Continental Event.

In the youth division, Haley Pfeifferkorn of Prairie City won the All Events and came in first in the Slider Event.

Lane Williams of Prairie City was first in the 16-Yard Event.

Jonathan Lawrence of Prairie City won the Continental Event, and Carson McKay of Prairie City won the Double Event. The Miss & Out Event was won this year by Wayne Hoppe of John Day.

The Seneca Club will host a Fun & Games Trap Shoot at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 21. All are welcome to participate.



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Volleyball camp, youth golf night on schedule

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620-1974 or email speths@grantsd.k12.or.us to register.

Looking for ways to involve youth in sporting events before summer is over? Here are two opportunities.

Youth Volleyball Camp

Grant Union will host two volleyball youth camps.

Grades 3 through 5 start camp on Thursday, Aug. 4, at the school from 1-4 p.m. The cost is \$15 and includes a Grant Union volleyball T-shirt.

Grades 6 through 8 will be Thursday and Friday, Aug. 4-5 from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$30 and includes a Grant Union volleyball T-shirt.

For more information, call coach Shae Speth at 541-

Junior Golf Nights

Grant County Junior Golf will host free Junior Golf Nights at the John Day Golf Club.

Golfers will play nine holes, and the events will be held at 5 p.m. Wednesdays, starting Aug. 3, and run through the end of August.

All interested junior golfers, age 8-18 (younger children are also welcome), can contact Coach Ron Lundbom at 541-620-0427 or 541-575-1850.

Some clubs will be available. For more information, contact Lundbom or the John Day Golf Club at 541-575-0170.