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SIGNATURE SPRINGFIELD WELCOME SIGN
DEDICATION THIS FRIDAY
The public is invited to attend

What: As part of the City's 125th anniversary celebration, a signature welcome sculpture will be dedicated at the city's entryway, just north of the White Horse sculpture, in Downtown Springfield on Friday, May 14 at 10:30 a.m. The sculpture was created by Oregon artist Devin Laurence Field and reflects the city's connection to the McKenzie and Willamette rivers along with its drift boat history.

When: Friday, May 14 at 10:30 a.m. – The entire community is invited to attend

Where: North of the White Horse sculpture, across the street from the Springfield Depot at 101 South A Street. This is the entryway into Springfield from Glenwood.

Background:
About the sign: The entryway sign was designed by artist Devin Laurence Field and captures the early McKenzie River Drift Boat, created in Springfield Oregon. The drift boat is also part of the City's logo, placed there by a vote of the people on March 26, 1985.

This sign is sponsored in part by Rotary Clubs of Springfield.

About the artist: Devin Laurence Field is unique among contemporary large-scale metal sculptors because of the level of articulation he achieves in directly fabricated steel. Not sculpted in clay then cast in metal, or hammered in thin sheet onto a sculpted pattern, his work is cut, forged, pressed, welded, ground and polished using thick plate steels.

His work can be seen throughout the world, including a commissioned piece for the 2008 Beijing Olympics and sculptures throughout North America. His studio is in Portland. He is online at www.devinlaurencefield.com. An overview of his piece for the Beijing Olympics can be found here: http://www.devinlaurencefield.com/Beijing08/index.html

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