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Hang on girl!

Champion of the Muttin Busting, Samantha Waddell, hangs on for dear life during the Morrow County Rodeo Sunday. Complete rodeo results on page 4 and 10. Fair and Rodeo picture page on page 9.

Heppner Highway roadwork begins

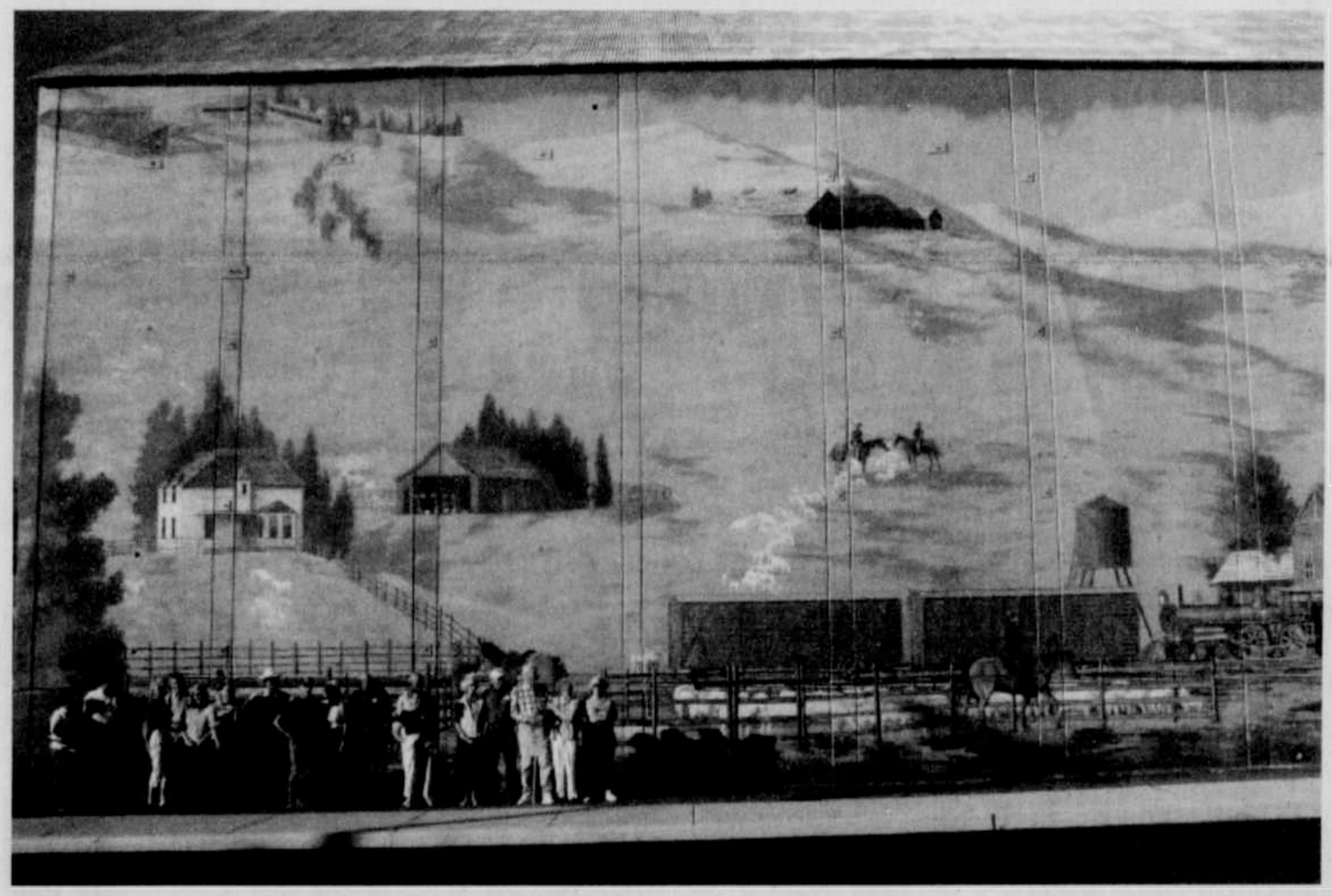
Oregon Department of Transportation maintenance crews began work Monday, Aug. 22, on a 22 mile-long chip seal project along the Heppner Highway (OR 74). The project will begin two miles south of Ione at mile point 30 and extend north to the Morrow County line at mile point 8.44. The work is expected to be completed by Aug. 31.

The project will result in loose gravel on the road and delays of up to 20 minutes during the day and nighttime hours. Flaggers and pilot cars will direct traffic through the construction zone and motorists are reminded to slow down and drive with extra caution.

"Because of the loose gravel on the roadway, traffic control will continue into the night," said ODOT Public Information Officer Tom Strandberg. After the aggregate has had a chance to bond to the roadway, the loose material will be broomed off. "This typically happens in the early morning hours, so we really need people to pay extra attention and slow down along this highway section."

Chip seal operations include the application of emulsified oil and graded aggregate to help extend the useful life of the existing road surface.

Mural dedication commemorates end of project



Representatives of the Krebs family.

A dedication ceremony was held Wednesday, Aug. 17 in honor of the completion of the Robert Walton mural on the Ag Museum. The dedication was led by Louis Carlson on behalf of the Morrow County Mural Society and the Morrow County Farm Museum. Families represented by painting in the mural attended the ceremony and were honored as their history was shared with attendees.

The Riverside Street side of the mural honors sheep ranching families. It is set as conceptual art and not as a technical picture representation, but catches the essence of the production. Done previously, the southern end of the building depicts wheat farming in Morrow County.

Families and ranches depicted in the mural include: Krebs Brothers Ranch (George and Caroline Krebs), Anson Wright Family, Hynds Brothers Sheep Operation, John Sheridan Kilkenny Sheep Ranch, Oregon Railroad and Navigation Company Branch Line, Joe Eskelson (contractor with railroad) and Frank Parker.

Many generations of the families depicted attended the celebration. Two special attendees included Dorris Graves, 94, granddaughter of Joe Eskelson and Shirley Hurst Anderson-Gill representing her mother, Margaret Krebs Hurst, 100, the fifth child of George and Caroline Krebs.

Two men injured in Ione accidental shooting

A 9mm handgun belonging to Nathan Heideman of Ione went off while he was in the process of cleaning it on Aug. 18, said the Morrow County Sheriff's Office. The bullet traveled through a portion of his left hand and then into Stacey Lauritsen's upper leg and exited through his lower stomach area.

Heideman was treated and released from Pioneer Memorial Hospital. Lauritsen was Air Lifed to Bend in stable condition. Lauritsen has seen been released and is back in Heppner.

The incident is being treated as an accidental shooting and no criminal charges are being filed at this time, said MCSO.

School starts Aug. 29

Children in both the Morrow County and Ione school districts will be returning to classes on Monday, Aug. 29. There will be no school held on Monday, Sept. 5, the Labor Day holiday, so classes will be held Friday, Sept. 9.

Recall petitions filed against Lexington mayor & councilwoman

Recall petitions have been filed with the City of Lexington against Lexington Mayor John Edwards and Councilwoman Luella Taylor, said Nicki Clement, Lexington City Recorder.

The petitions were filed Monday, Aug. 22, and have been sent to the Morrow County Clerk for signature verification. The clerk has 10 days in which to validate the signatures. Once the signatures have been verified, it will then be up to Edwards and Taylor to resign or submit a statement of justification. If the subjects do not resign, a recall election will be held.

The petitions required 18 valid signatures, said Clement. The petitions filed had over 18 signatures each, but they have not yet been verified.

Heppner Booster Club to hold auction and steak feed

The Heppner Booster Club will be holding their annual auction and steak feed on Saturday, Oct. 15.

Donations for the auction are currently being accepted. Donated items can range from gift certificates to locally crafted items to go in a special "Made in Heppner" basket. A log bed, crafted by Chuck Matteson, will once again be up for grabs.

For more information on making donations, you can contact Angie Hanson at 676-9041.

(top) Clown George Kinter stays ahead of the bull, while 4-Her redies his animal for the fair. More pictures page 9.

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