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Commemorative bricks create last step in the Morrow County mural project

Betty Carlson (left) and Cliff Green (right) present the completed brick feature.

On Friday, July 28, at 5:15 p.m., the completed brick feature at the Morrow County Agricultural Museum in Heppner will be officially presented to the public.

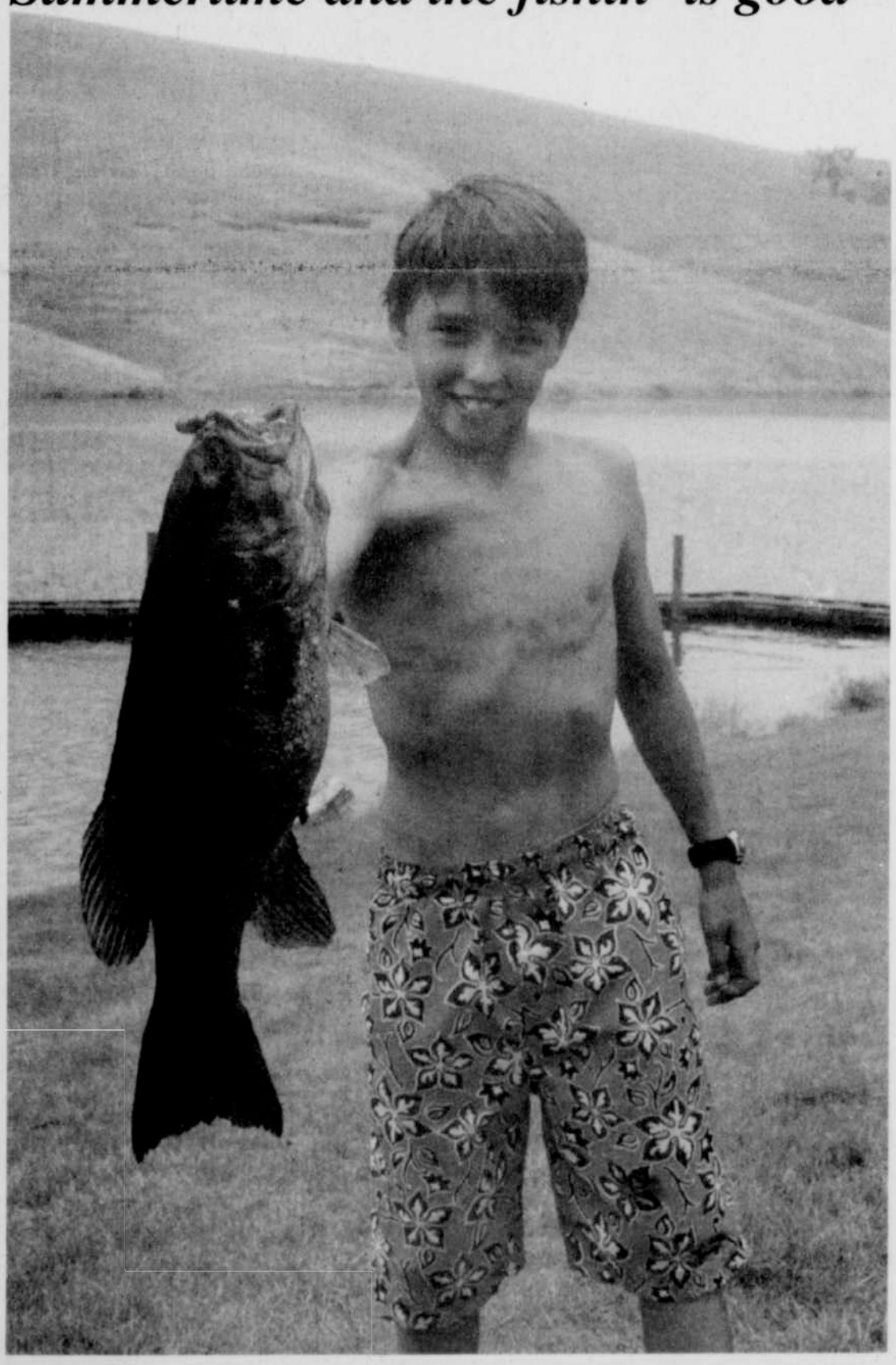
The commemorative bricks honor persons, families and businesses representative of all communities and regions of Morrow County. Among the 205 bricks, are names from previous generations as well as contemporary names, agricultural family names both present and from the past, businesses from another era and businesses of today.

Purchases of the bricks contributed about one-fourth of the funding needed to complete the third phase of the murals, the segment portraying the county's sheep industry and the railroad enterprise.

Placement of the bricks, by Vince Alleman, near the center of the building's side murals provides a finished look to a staircase and offers a prominent view of the honored names representative of so many people with roots in the county. Soon, lighting above the wall of bricks will afford evening viewing, also.

The brief presentation on July 28 will include a "thank you" from the mural committee to everyone who supported the project by purchasing a commemorative brick.

Summertime and the fishin' is good



Tyrel Walker, 10½, of Heppner, son of Tina Davidson and Troy Walker, is all smiles as he shows off the 4.5-pound, 20-inch small mouth bass he cought on July 22 at the Willow Creek Lake. His good friend Christopher Hendricks was with him. Tyrel as been having good luck lately. In April he pulled a 17-inch trout out of Willow Creek.

Photo by Tim Davidson.

Harvest off to good start

The wheat harvest is underway with already 10 or so days of cutting underway, said John Ripple of Morrow County Grain Growers. So far the yield has been about average, seeing early estimates of 30-35 bushels per acre, said Ripple. The quality is also looking good this year, added Ripple.

Fair Edition articles needed

Those wishing to put articles regarding the Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo in the Aug. 9 Fair special edition of the Gazette need to have the articles in by Monday, July 31 at 5 p.m. Articles may be mailed to P.O. Box 337, Heppner, OR 97836; faxed to 676-9211; or emailed to david@heppner.net.

Two more drug-involved arrests made

Ronald Zachary Whalen, 20, and Aaron Lueck, 21, were arrested by Morrow County Sheriff's Office on Tuesday, July 18, after grand jury indictments for unlawful delivery of marijuana to a minor, frequenting a place where controlled substances are used and endangering the welfare of a minor. Both were lodged at Umatilla County Jail, but have since been released.

The indictments came from an investigation by Morrow County Sheriff's Office, which stemmed from the arrest of an 18-year-old Heppner man for numerous drug and sex-related charges involving a 14-year-old.

While each case is individual, they have all "come out of the same investigation," said Gilliam County District Attorney Marion Weatherford.

Weatherford is prosecuting the cases because Morrow County DA David C. Allen recused himself due to a conflict. Weatherford said that the Umatilla County DA also had a conflict.

Three other arrests were made as a result of the investigation.

Morrow County Sheriff Ken Matlack said early in the investigation that a variety of drugs were involved, including marijuana, cocaine and methamphetamine and added that not all of those charged were involved with all of the types of drugs.

Celebrate Historic Heppner on July 28

This year we will be "Celebrating Historic Heppner" on Friday, July 28. The day is packed with numerous fun family events that are sure to keep everyone entertained.

The day will begin with Sidewalk Sales along Main Street, which will last throughout the day. Entries for the pie judging contest need to be delivered to John's Place by 1 p.m. Judging will begin at 2 p.m. Sherrell Insurance sponsors the event.

Providing fun for the younger crowd in Heppner is a Tri-Cycle Race at 10:30 a.m. for 3 to 5 year olds; Egg Races at 11 a.m. for 6-10 year olds; and a Hot Dog Eating Contest at 11:30 a.m. for 11-16 year olds. The races will be held on Church Street between Gale and Main streets and the eating contest will be held at City Park.

New this year is a dunk tank. The tank will be open from 12-3 p.m. Come check it out to see who the surprise dunkees are.

Later in the evening, the "BBQ in the Park" will be held at 5:30 p.m. Bank of Eastern Oregon sponsors the event and Chamber of Commerce members will do the "burger flipping." Following the BBQ is the pie auction and Heppner Idol Talent Show.

So come one, come all and Celebrate Heppner.

Celebrate Historic Heppner
~ Schedule of Events ~

Friday, July 28

All Day- Sidewalk Sales
10:30 a.m.- Tri-Cycle Races for 3-5 year olds (Church Street)
11 a.m.- Egg Races for 6-10 year olds (Church Street)
11:30 a.m.- Hot Dog Eating Contest for 11-16 year olds (City Park)
12-3 p.m.- Dunk Tank at City Park
1 p.m.- Pies need to be at John's Place for Pie Judging Contest
2 p.m.- Pie Judging
5:30 p.m.- BBQ in the Park
Following BBQ- Pie Auction and Heppner Idol Talent Show

Saturday, July 29

5 p.m.- Morrow County Fair Kick-Off Dinner (Fairgrounds)
6 p.m.- Stick-Horse Round-Up (Fairgrounds)
8 p.m.- Kick-Off Dance with "MuchMoreCountry" (Fairgrounds)

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