Murray's named 'Business of the Year'

Rod and Meg Murray were honored as business people of the year at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon Tuesday. Pointing out their contribution to the community through running a successful drug store for 30 years in Heppner, awards chairman Wallace Wolff said the Murrays were a great asset to the community. Meg was also recognized for her work on starting the hotel renovation project on Main Street.

The Murrays started their business career in Heppner 30 years ago when they purchased Humphrey's Drug Store.

Burkenbine to head '89 Chamber

Gerald Pierson swears in new Chamber of Commerce President Forrie Burkenbine at the chamber luncheon Tuesday.

Burkenbine replaces 1988 president Fred Lundin. Lundin cited the new doctors in town, combating bad publicity on Willow Creek Dam, the hotel project and increased chamber membership as positive projects the Heppner Chamber assisted in in 1988.

Named to the board of directors during the meeting were Bob Kahl, Don Boyce and Cliff Green.

Turner given 'Hats Off' Award

Chamber Manager Claudia Hughes presents Ken Turner of Heppner the "Hats Off" award Tuesday for his many hours of work on the Willow Creek Park.

Turner said although the project has at times been frustrating, he has enjoyed working on it. He also pointed to Bert Corbin, project manager, saying if not for red tape and bureaucratic delay, "Bert would have had the darn thing built by now".

Turner has been chairman of the Willow Creek Park District since its formation.

St. Pat's committee starts making plans

The St. Patrick's Committee met this week at Kate's to gather material and make plans for this year's celebration.

There has been a good response to the Irish flags that are to be made for display on Main Street. Families interested in having a flag made, contact Gwen Healy.

The deadline for the St. Patrick's week-end calendar is February 1. To confirm dates and times contact Diana Ball at 676-9228.

We need people who will help with the St. Patrick's Day Celebration. Anyone wiling to help or has ideas about the celebration is welcome to come to our next meeting," said chairman David Sykes.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 19 at the Extension Conference room at 7 p.m.

Everyone is welcome.

Leadership is topic of SWCD annual meeting

Gregory Tillson, state coordinator of the Family Community Leadership (FCL) program at Oregon State University, at Oregon State speaker at the Soil and Water Conservation District annual meeting Friday. The meeting starts at 10 a.m. at the Elks club and the public is invited.

Tillson will speak on general principles of leadership and on the role of the director in a conservation district. He will focus on leadership concepts as it impacts a local district.

Tillson has been with the OSU Extension Service since 1970, serving as an area agent in the Deschutes, Crook and Jefferson counties for two years, and in Marion, Polk and Yamhill counties for eight more as a community development specialist. He has served for the past eight years as FCL coordinator at Corvallis.

Tillson is a native of Oregon, growing up in Corvallis. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from OSU.

The Soil and Water Conservation District annual meeting will also include watershed, CRP report, noxious weeds and district accomplishments.

Park project runs into difficulties over funds

Unshaken by delays in development of recreational facilities at the Willow Creek Dam site, a dedicated group of Morrow County workers continue to pursue establishment of an overnight camping facility.

This site, planned for the west bank, adjacent to the Balm Fork tributary, is the third phase of construction sought by the Willow Park District.

With a proposed budget of $252,000, this twelve acre parcel of land would be converted into twenty-two camping spaces, complimented by landscaping and restrooms with showers.

Funding for this project was applied for through a grant application to the Federal Land and Conservation Fund. But recently, while a grant of $71,000 was approved for overnight campsite development, the park district placed ninth out of fifty applicants, which was below the available funds.

Resources from FLCF, derived from offshore oil drilling, have dwindled and the Willow Creek Park District may only receive a portion of the amount asked from residual funds.

"Money may dribble in, but it won't be possible to develop the site for 1989," said Park chairman Ken Turner, who explained that there have been many set-backs in the park's three-stage recreational development plans.

Starting in the fall of 1986, a $25,000 grant from the State Marine Board provided funds for floating boat docks. However, the docks could not be installed until March 1987, due to delays in obtaining a shore lease from the Corp of Engineers.

The second stage of development was also delayed when the $35,000 grant for the day park came in sixth place, with available money allocated for the top five projects. Too, this park area had to be redesigned due to a planned 13½ foot increase in the water level by the corp.

Receiving $18,400 in residual money for this project, a dedicated work force completed day park construction in September 1988, which was also delayed by summer drought conditions.

Turner credits project manager Bert Corbin and Don Barber of EZ Way Construction for their donated construction skills and equipment, along with many other business and individual donations to realize this goal with only minimal funds that did not meet the budget.

Also, Columbia Basin Electric helped with the installation of security lighting and underground sprinklers, along with Jari Boetcher of Westwinds Nursery, Hermiston, who donated landscape designing, said Turner. And he added that the engineering help from the Port of Morrow as well as grant writing by Kevin Cooper of E.C.O.A.C. in Pendleton were responsible for laying a foundation for the work that the district has accomplished.

Not idled by winter weather, Turner's ranch workshop is being used for the construction of twelve day park picnic tables, designed by Corbin. Materials have been donated from Kinzua Corporation and the Morrow County Grain Growers.

"It's been ten times as much work as I anticipated," said Turner, who jokingly added that while Corbin and Dick Turrell have been busy working on the tables, his major contribution seemed to be largely vocal.

And meanwhile the efforts of the Board, consisting of Turner, Pat Sweeney, Arnie Hedman, Gale Gray and Judy Rea, aided by advisor Meg Murray, continue to research for the means to develop what they consider will be an esthetic and economic asset to the community.

MCWL meeting is this Friday

The Morrow County Wheat League President Lyle Peck, would like to invite members to a meeting to be held at the Elks club, Friday, January 13 at 1:30 p.m.

The agenda will include the appointment of a secretary for this meeting; appointment of all committee chairmen; decide on a time and place for MCWL spring meeting; general discussion of OWGL issues and the executive committee will work on new membership.

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