



United Way begins annual campaign effort in Dillon...

Frank Allen, manager of the Dillon Federal Credit Union, presents a check to United Way of Beaverhead County Executive Director Susie Bramlette as one of the first donations the group has received during the fund-raising campaign. The United Way has set a goal of \$101,000 for the area, and will begin its formal campaign soon, according to campaign manager Chuck Cook and United Way president Bob Boyce.

Kipp receives service award

Karen Kipp, teller Supervisor for Norwest Bank in Dillon, was recently honored at a recognition event for outstanding service performance. Kipp was honored with a Service Excellence award.

According to Fred Stradinger, Manager of Norwest Bank in Dillon, the Service Excellence Program was created to honor employees for their performance and customer service. Tellers and others in non-sales positions are eligible for the awards, with nominations coming from their peers. At year-end, winners from throughout the corporation will be randomly selected from the year's regional winners for recognition on a company-wide basis.

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Dillon man gets optometry degree

Kyle Kenison, son of Shelly Allen of Dillon, graduated in May from Pacific University College of Optometry, Forest Grove, Oregon.

Kenison received the 1991 Peg Gilbert Award for excellence in basic visual science. He was a member of Beta Sigma Kappa International Optometric Honor Society and the Alpha Epsilon Delta International Pre-Medical Honor Society. Kenison was selected for Who's Who among students in American universities and colleges.

Dr. Kenison and his wife Stefani, daughter of Carrie and David Olson of Lima, will reside in Butte where Kyle will be employed with American Eye Care.



Fulbright Scholar...

Seiko Furuhashi arrived in Dillon last week to start her tour as scholar in residence at Western Montana College. She is Western's first Fulbright Scholar to study and work at the school.

Western gets Fulbright scholar

When Seiko Furuhashi came to Dillon for the first time last week, her first view of the city was the inside of the emergency room at Barrett Memorial Hospital because of a foot ailment. Furuhashi, Western Montana College's first Fulbright

Scholar in Residence, is from Kyoto, Japan and for the next year she will be part of the staff at Western.

And despite a bandaged foot, she is already at work.

Although she has had a Fulbright scholarship before, to Hawaii, this is her first time in the continental United States on a grant.

Her first time, in New Zealand, she was on a cultural program exchange, helping to teach Japanese children who grew up overseas. In Hawaii she was with the East-West Center.

For the next 10 months, Furuhashi will be working to develop a center for international education.

In that capacity, she will act as a resource person to Beaverhead County schools. She will help develop an elementary school block program unit on Japan, according to Walt Oldendorf, Associate Dean of Education at Western.

She will also be working on a Japanese curriculum in the WMC library.

During the spring term Furuhashi will teach a graduate comparative education course, with a focus on Japan, in cooperation with the University of Montana.

"I don't promise to do it all," she joked, "but just start it up."

Of the three candidates for the Fulbright post, "Seiko was

the most appropriate," Oldendorf said, because of the combination of education and experience she brings.

Her first contact with Dillon, in the emergency room, has left a lasting impression.

Contrasting the experience with a Japanese hospital, Furuhashi said she was pleased with the friendliness. "It was come on in. They brought me a cup of tea, and there was no insurance problem. Dr. Hunt is really great."

Furuhashi will set up an international education center at Western as part of her duties...

"I'll write about this to Japan," she promised.

She will also be doing other writing, including a regular letter to the editor of an English language journal in Japan.

The whole experience, Furuhashi said, promises "to be very interesting."

Although not a part of the Fulbright program, another Western faculty member, Judy Ulrich, is currently on an exchange program in Japan, Oldendorf said.

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