

News In Brief

U. W. seeks groups' needs

The newly formed United Way of Beaverhead County is seeking area agencies and organizations that have publically-oriented projects and needs to submit requests for potential funding.

United Way president, Dave Ferris, announced the organization is beginning to establish the potential financial need for the area before establishing its fund-raising goals.

Any organization or agency in Beaverhead County that has tax-deductible status and has a project or funding need that will directly help people in the county is eligible, Ferris said.

Those groups will need to submit an application to United Way Budget and Allotments Chairman Randy Tommerup, Box 263, Dillon, Montana 59725. The application should include, Ferris said, a letter of application, a statement of how the agency or organization serves the local community; the organization's annual budget; a statement outlining current funding methods; the total amount requested and how that money will be used; a current copy of Form 501-C3.

A funding goal will be established from accepted requests, Ferris said, before a fund drive is conducted in November.

That drive, Ferris explained, will concentrate on businesses and their contributions, although individual donations are, of course, welcome.

Interested organizations and individuals may contact Ferris, or Executive Director Diane Jeffers, at 683-4231 for further information.

Advanced...

Vance Fager, administrator for Barrett Memorial Hospital in Dillon, recently passed the Board of Governors Examination of the American College of Healthcare Executives and his request for advancement to membership has been approved.

Formal conferral of this status will be July 29, 1990, at the 56th convocation ceremony of the American College in Washington D.C.

Fager is the first Montana hospital administrator to attain the qualification.

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Beaverhead County High School Superintendent Dennis Kimzey points to Margaret Sweeney's name on a plaque in the entrance of the high school. Sweeney, now Margaret Hagenbarth, was County Superintendent of Schools during construction of the building. A history of the school, which is having an open house this week, is on page B-1 of this issue.

NO DEFENDER

It's back to square one for the county commissioners and the concept of an exclusive public defender for the district court.

Bids received from two local law firms, ranging from \$22,000 to \$30,000, were rejected on the recommendations of County Attorney Tom Scott and District Judge Frank Davis.

The two men told the commissioners Monday they thought the bids were excessive and recommended they reject all bids and continue with a court-appointed public defender on a pay-as-you-go basis.

Commission chairman Randy Tommerup said Tuesday the commissioners expected to adopt the recommendation of the county attorney and district judge and not award the bid at all.

In another matter, the commissioners agreed to arrange a meeting with city, county and Beaverhead Economic Development officials to consider apply for Title IX federal grants. The money could be made available, according to BHED executive Chuck Swygood, because of the loss of employment at Stoltz and in Beaverhead County that puts the county below the national average. It will be necessary, Swygood said, to develop a strategy plan involving the three entities before application for a grant could be made.

John Plutt, a county resident, was denied a variance for three

trailer houses. Under the law, when two or more trailers are on a property a trailer court license would have to be obtained. "We have no authority when it's an apparent violation of state law. He has to get a license," Tommerup said.

Seven bids from two agencies for the health insurance of county employees are still being considered. "We've narrowed it down to a few companies and we're asking the agents to come to back in and take the old policy of Great West Life and break it down for a direct comparison."

County Road Manager Dick Miller told the commissioners work on Carroll Hill was expected to be completed early this week.

The commissioners plan to meet with the Dillon City Council Tuesday night, Oct. 3, at the multi purpose room of the courthouse for the first in a series of monthly meetings to discuss city-county problems and areas for cooperation.

On the agenda for tonight's meeting is the junction on Selway Lane and a resolution from Mayor Jim Wilson for the county to formally support the bid for a new fire hall, which comes up before voters in the November election.

In addition, Tommerup said, "we'll informally throw out a number of problem areas for consideration."

County plans refuse assessment increase

The loss of variances for rural landfill sites and the need to replace the current county landfill west of town is prompting the commissioners to seek an increase for annual refuse handling from \$25 to \$36 per residential unit. Additional increases for businesses will be based upon the residential unit rate, county commission chairman Randy Tommerup said this week.

The rate increase, actually an assessment, will be explained at a public comment session Thursday evening, Oct. 5, at the multi-purpose building of the county courthouse.

If a large enough crowd arrives for the meeting, it will be moved the county courtroom, Tommerup said.

The assessment for refuse was first assessed, at the rate of \$20 per residential unit, in 1980. It was later increased to \$25, a rate Tommerup said he had hoped to maintain for at least five years.

The current proposal is a year

short of that goal, Tommerup said, but has become necessary due to the need to containerize rural sites and to provide funding to help move to another location two miles west of the present landfill site.

The county, Tommerup explained, purchased 640 acres that are more suitable for a landfill, with a low water table (a test well ran to 440 feet before reaching water—and another collapsed dry at 300 feet) and a better bedrock situation.

About 40 acres of the site will actually be developed and at the present rate of usage should last about 40 years before expanding.

Projected expenditures for 1989-1990 for the entire operation, which covers Beaverhead County except for the Lima district, are \$197,183, about the same as last year, but refuse revenues are expected not to match the level needed. The current assessment will provide about \$144,000 at \$36, compared with about \$100,000 at the \$25

assessment. A carryover from surplus accounts, set aside for improvements brings that total up \$179,693 in estimated revenues. The balance will come from reserve funds accumulated by the county.

Of the expenditures the largest single amount is salaries of \$54,883, which includes the addition of another man at the landfill to meet required hours by state agencies.

Fuel and oil amounts to \$25,000 and canisters and canister pickup sites account for \$35,000. Two monitor wells at the new landfill have cost \$26,000. Fencing at both landfill sites amounts to \$11,000; a pup trailer for canisters cost \$18,000 and contract payments for installing the monitoring system and final design and licensing of a new fill runs \$13,500.

The fencing charge, Bob McWilliams, manager of the refuse department noted, includes about 80 acres of fencing around the new landfill site, guards and gates, portable catch

fences for the landfill trenches while being used and a chain link fence.

Next year's expected revenues, including a credit to the carry-over from 1989-90 of \$17,490, will amount to \$128,760, balanced against \$128,000 in estimated expenses. No major expenses are planned for the next fiscal year, Tommerup said, but a \$27,000 depreciation account is being set up.

McWilliams noted the changes, and the increased expenses, are coming because the variances which the state had

given the county to allow it to work outside the established regulations have run out. "They didn't solve anything, but just stuffed it on down the road."

The county had fought many of the impending changes in past years. "The state's saying enough is enough," McWilliams said.

Reclamation at the old site has already begun, with about one fourth of the dump being in stages of reclamation.

The current plans have been reviewed by the Department of Health and Environmental Science, Tommerup said.

WMC hosts annual 'Town & Gown'

Western Montana College of the University of Montana will host the annual WMC/Chamber "Town and Gown" dinner Thursday, Oct. 5. The public is invited to attend the yearly event, designed to recognize new Western faculty and staff and Dillon

businesses to the community.

The event begins at 6 p.m. with a wine and cheese reception, followed by dinner at 7 p.m., both in the WMC Lewis and Clark Room. The cost for both events is \$10 per person. Tickets

may be purchased at the Dillon Chamber of Commerce or the WMC President's Office on campus. Special entertainment for the evening will be provided by David Warner, WMC music professor.

Ducks Unlimited plans banquet

The Dillon Chapter of Ducks Unlimited is planning its annual banquet and fund-raiser for Saturday, Oct. 7, at the Elks Club.

A highlight of the evening includes an auction and drawing, with prizes to include an SKB semi-automatic shotgun. Tickets for the event, as well as memberships in the nationally-oriented organization, can be purchased at State Bank & Trust, Hitchin' Post, Pioneer Federal and Right Angle. All items will be available Friday evening, from 7-8 p.m., for viewing.

Ducks Unlimited, the world's

largest waterfowl conservation group is headed locally by Dennis Jones, a Dillon taxidermist.

As area chairman, Jones acts as a liaison with local conservation groups and government organizations and helps develop fund-raising events within the Beaverhead area.

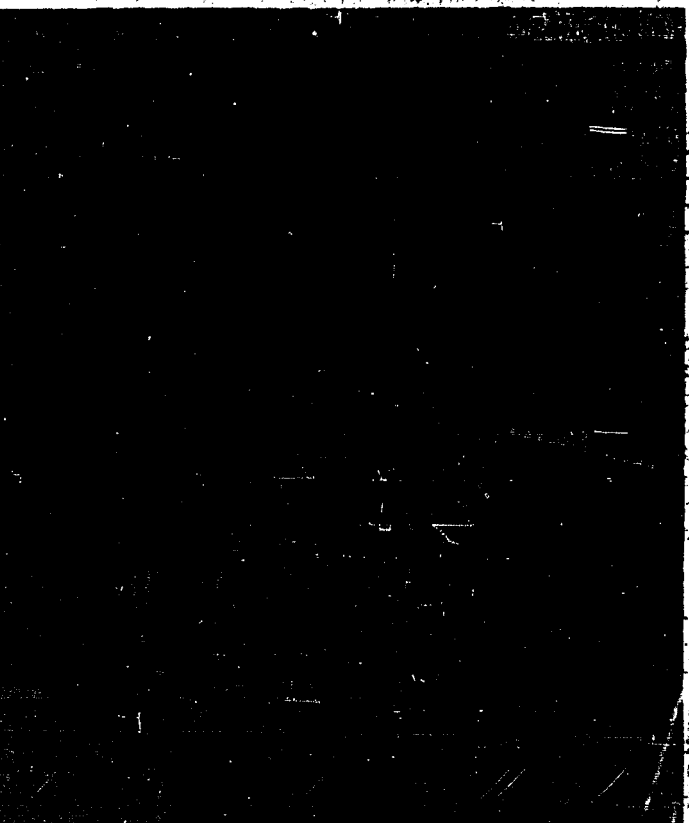
"Jones' willingness to volunteer his talents is a part of the real strength of Ducks Unlimited," according to Matthew Connolly, Jr., executive vice president of the organization. "Area chairmen serve as important links in the organization. Without them, Ducks Unlimited could not be successful."

For 50 years the organization has been working to help conserve wetlands in North America. The largest part of its funds comes from membership dinners throughout the county.

The group has wetland conservation projects in Canada, Mexico and the United States. The projects are designed to make certain there is water available for waterfowl when they need it most.

"With an annual loss of some 700,000 acres of wetlands in North America, Ducks Unlimited's job becomes more critical each year," Connolly added.

Poundstone receives award...



On the evening of Sept. 15 John Poundstone received the Area Operators Association Award for the Outstanding Ski Patrolman in the Northern Division. By winning the award he is automatically nominated for the William R. Judd Outstanding Alpine Ski Patrolter Award.

"This is the highlight of my 20 years service on the Ski Patrol," noted Poundstone. "I am honored and awestruck by the award and am very grateful to receive this honor."

Poundstone is shown holding a bronze trophy and plaque. The trophy is a traveling award and the plaque will serve as a constant reminder of the hard work and dedication of Poundstone's long-term commitment.