

# DREAM to focus attention on airport

A locally-based movement to improve access for the handicapped at recreational facilities met Aug. 21 at Glacier National Park, where the consensus was to focus attention on the gates of the Flathead — the airport.

Dottie Maitland, spokeswoman for the Disabled Recreation Environmental Access Movement (DREAM) who also operates a travel agency, said that putting together a nice package for people with a disability, and having them

arrive at the airport where they must be hand-carried off of the airplane is "like taking someone to an elegant restaurant, where there is wine, flowers, crystal and china, having them pick up their fork and finding a hair intertwined. It's pretty much the same thing."

"We can't promote tourism and recreation for people with disabilities, when we can't take care of them from their time of arrival."

The group's first priority will be to focus attention on accessibility,

starting with the airport. It will also be a priority to form a task force of disabled people who will consult with architects planning new buildings to ensure that those with disabilities will truly be able to use the facilities planned for them.

"For example, in the Outlaw Inn, Larry McMillan went into rooms for the disabled, and found that (in a wheelchair), he could fit into the door to the bathroom, but that a girl in a motorized scooter, which is rectangular, couldn't make the 45-

degree turn. When he mentioned that to the people at the Outlaw, they changed it. It's more expensive to build things that way — it's cheaper to build it accessible to begin with."

The group's second priority will be to publish a guide of accessible recreation areas, and the third will be to continue working with Glacier National Park and its concessionaires to get more trails, rooms, restaurants and restrooms accessible to the disabled.

## Briefly

### Library hours

All outlets of the Flathead County Library will resume regular winter hours, beginning Tuesday.

At the main library in Kalispell, those hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday.

At the Columbia Falls and Whitefish branches, the hours on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday are noon to 8 p.m., on Wednesday they are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and on Saturday they are noon to 5 p.m.

At the Bigfork branch, the hours on Tuesday are noon to 5 p.m., on Wednesday and Thursday they are 10 a.m. to noon and 3-7 p.m., and on Saturday they are 1-5 p.m.

### Daughters of the Nile

Tirzah Chapter of the Daughters of the Nile will meet at the Pin and Cue bowling alley in Whitefish on Wednesday for a 6 p.m. dinner.

### Toastmasters

Flathead Valley Toastmasters are starting their fall program on Thursday with a 6:30 a.m. meeting at the Outlaw Inn.

Wally Page and Boyd Roth will speak, and the toastmaster is Leigh Johnson. Jim Jensen and Pat Thomas will be the evaluators.

### GFWC Century Club

The Century Club, a member of the General Federation of Women's Club, will have a tea on Friday for all members, former members, prospective members and anyone interested in joining the group. The tea will be at Epworth Methodist Church at 1 p.m.

The club is a service-oriented group that was organized in 1893 and has continued to do volunteer work in Kalispell and the surrounding area.

All women are invited to attend

the meeting. For information or a ride, call 257-2673 or 755-6504.

### History conference

Missoula will be the setting for the 13th annual Montana History Conference sponsored by the Montana Historical Society. It will be held at the Sheraton Missoula Sept. 11-13.

The theme of the conference is "Our Times: Montana After the Second World War."

A series of pre-conference workshops will be held Sept. 11 on the University of Montana campus. The workshops, from 9-4:30 p.m., will present ideas on how to use oral history, community surveys, photographs and publications to celebrate the state's centennial.

Speakers at the conference will include Gerald Nash, professor of history at the University of New Mexico, who will present the Friday morning keynote address, "The West Since World War II."

Registration materials are available from the Montana Historical Society, 225 N. Roberts, Helena 59620; (406) 444-2694.

### Artist workshop

Lynne Tuft will be teaching after-school workshops in painting and drawing during September and October at the Hockaday Center for the Arts.

The emphasis will be on self- and family portraits, dreams and masks. The mask-making will tie in not only with Halloween, but the "Masks, Masques, Masx" exhibit that will be in the gallery through Oct. 11.

Tuft's workshops will be held Thursdays, Sept. 4, 11, 18 and 25 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. and on Fridays, Oct. 3, 10, 17 and 24 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Each session of four classes costs \$35.

For Halloween, a face-painting class will be offered as a one-day workshop on Oct. 11 from 1-3 p.m. The cost is \$10, materials included.

All classes are offered to children ages 5-14. Further information is available at the art center.

### Winter art fair

Artists and craftsmen interested in a booth at the sixth annual Winter Art Fair sponsored by the Hockaday Center for the Arts are invited to contact the art center for a prospectus and entry form.

Approximately 60 8-foot square booth spaces are available, and fair organizers are looking for people who can offer any of a variety of items: toys, clothing, pottery, weaving, stained glass, woodwork, leather, furniture, jewelry and other gift items.

The booth fee is \$80, and two artists may share a booth. Applications, which must include slides of work to be considered, must be postmarked by Oct. 1.

### Weight-loss program

North Valley Hospital will offer a six-week program beginning Sept. 16, "Winding Your Weight Down — A Guide for Lifelong Weight Control."

The weekly session will be held each Tuesday evening from 7-8:30 p.m. in the community room and

will address not only eating habits and the importance of exercise in weight control, but will also be directed toward basic nutrition and behavior modification of eating habits.

Class instructor will be Jan Vickstrom, NVH dietitian. The cost for the program is \$27.50, and pre-registration is required because class size is limited.

The program is offered to people of all ages and individual counseling for specific weight problems or goals will be provided at no additional charge.

The registration deadline is Sept. 12. To register, call NVH at 862-2501, Ext. 290 or 292.

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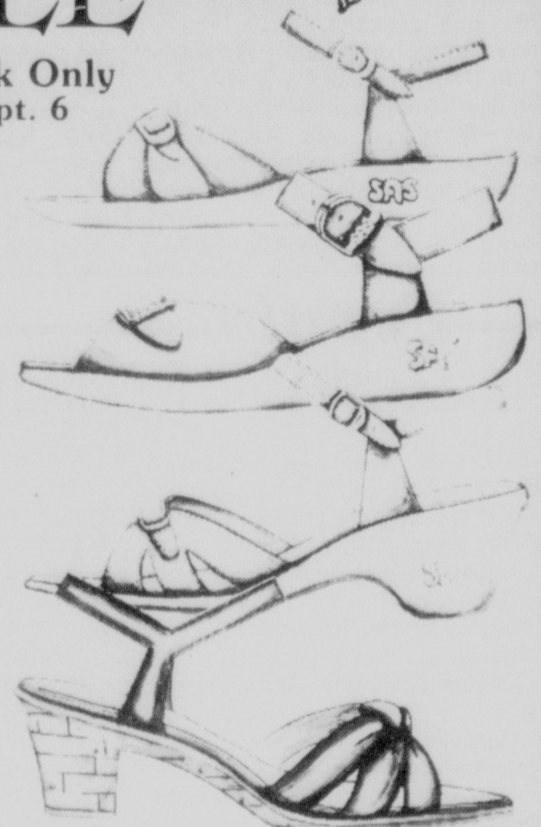
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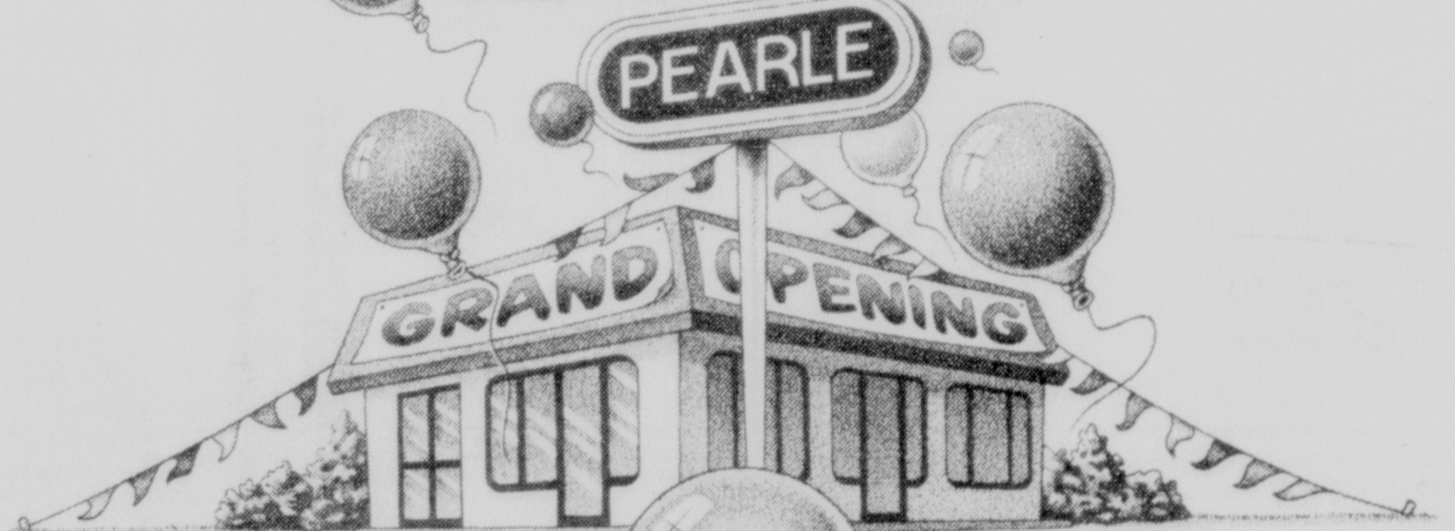
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