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Flathead Industries submit annual report

In a recent report submitted from Flathead Industries for the Handicapped, it was noted the Recycling Center Project substantially increased its processing of recyclable materials in 1976 as compared to previous years.

It was noted that 285,600 pounds of shredded aluminum was delivered to the Anaconda Aluminum Company in Columbia Falls and 351,500 beverage bottles were returned to local distributors. These distributors in turn, returned the bottles to the breweries or bottling plants where they could be reused.

Because this volume of natural resources was recycled rather than being buried in the county landfill, this effort represents a savings to the county taxpayers in excess of \$1,000.

In addition, approximately \$37,000 was paid out by the Recycling Center to the general public for the purchase of aluminum cans and returnable beverage bottles.

Gross income from sale is used to pay the salaries of Recycling Center staff members and clients who work there. In addition, all overhead expenses for the Recycling Center Project are paid by the income generated through recycling efforts.

Any excess funds derived from the project are used to help fund other aspects of Flathead Industries' programs. Other programs include the Thrift Shop Project which was developed through the Recycling Center Program and on Feb.

1, \$4,000 of Recycling Center income was used for down-payment on an apartment house for Flathead Industries' clients who are making the transition from living in a group home to living in their own apartment.

The sole purpose of Flathead Industries for the Handicapped is to develop services and opportunities for them including training, employment and housing.

It is the goal of the Board of Directors to have the program be as self-supporting as possible so they aren't overly dependent on state and federal funding. This is the purpose of self-support projects such as the Recycling Center and Thrift Shop.

The Anaconda Aluminum Company just recently increased its support of the Recycling Center Project by making arrangements to accept license plates. The center recently delivered the license plates which have been accumulating over the past three years to the Anaconda Aluminum Company which totaled 4,600 pounds.

Board of directors for 1977 include Douglas Morton, president; Walter Crawford, vice-president; Ethel Smith, secretary; Allan Clark, treasurer; and Mike Chaffin, executive director. Past presidents include Russ Rieben, Charles Lee, Larry McMillan, Dr. Wallace Wilder, Jim Atkinson, Vangelina Wilson and Arthur Kienas.