

Community Action Partnership receives new children's books

The Community Action Partnership of Northwest Montana has received a grant of 2,916 new children's books valued at \$24,000 to help the low-income families it serves promote reading and learning.

The grant was awarded by the Molina Foundation as part of its "Launch into Learning" national literacy campaign. The campaign's goal is to provide resources to help children, parents and caregivers create word-filled homes through reading and learning together.

The Molina Foundation, a national nonprofit organization based in Southern California, is dedicated to the mission of reducing disparities in access to education and health.

Community Action Partnership advocates to alleviate poverty, improve lives and strengthen Communities in Lake, Lincoln, Flathead and Sanders counties through direct community services, education and training, fuel assistance, housing and weatheriza-

tion programs.

Distribution of the books will begin in early spring. If you know of any organization that could use children books, email info@capnwm.org.

Music scholarship available

The Five Valley Chorus of Sweet Adelines International is awarding a music scholarship to any Montana resident pursuing a college degree while being involved in music activities or pursuing a vocal music degree.

High school senior or college student are eligible. The deadline is April 1.

Interested individuals should contact their school choir teacher or Judy C. Lange, scholarship chairman, at 273-2491. Applications may also be downloaded at www.fivevalleysweetadelines.com

LOCAL ROUNDUP

Quilting club and workshop

The Museum at Central School is hosting a quilting club and workshop during the winter season, which is free and open to the public.

Beginning Jan. 17, the club will meet every other Wednesday through March from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Museum at Central School in Kalispell, 124 second Ave E., in Kalispell

Subsequent dates the club will meet are Jan. 31, Feb. 14, Feb. 28, March 14 and March 28.

Anybody interested can attend any or all weeks at no charge. Participants can be complete beginners or experienced quilters looking to learn tips and new skills for projects, or looking for fellowship with fellow quilters. Fabric swatches and some tools are provided, although partici-

pants should feel free to bring scissors, straight pins and anything else they would like to use.

The club and workshop is led by local quilter and museum volunteer Betty Jo Malone. Any questions can be directed to Malone at 755-6323.

Volunteers needed for ASSIST program

ASSIST is a nonprofit that recruits and trains volunteers to help people transitioning home from the hospital by connecting them to the resources they need to recover their health and independence.

The goal of ASSIST is to help decrease the number of unnecessary return visits to the hospital by vulnerable individuals. ASSIST volunteers work alongside these care receivers, as they are called, to offer compassion, companionship and connections to resources in the community to help them recover their health and independence.

ASSIST volunteers

connect care receivers to agencies that provide services for:

- Financial assistance
- Meals or transportation
- Social services
- Paperwork organization
- Medicaid/Medicare
- Other unmet needs

Volunteers are trained to understand the resources available in the Flathead Valley and to walk with the care receiver through the process of accessing those resources. ASSIST does not offer medical care, home health care, meals or financial assistance, but volunteers can connect care receivers to those services and others.

Volunteers are community members who want to help their neighbors. Volunteers are asked to commit approximately four hours per week to help a care receiver, either by doing research on their behalf or calling to check in with them. The initial week or two of commitment with a care receiver is the busiest time while determining what kind of help is need-

ed. After that, support may primarily be listening and caring about the person as they regain their strength and independence.

For more information or to volunteer, contact director Jane Emmert or volunteer supervisor Tammy Harmon at 758-1437 or visit www.assist-flathead.org.

Winter clothing donations accepted

The Evergreen Chamber Ambassadors are asking for donations of gloves, mittens and/or scarves that will be donated to the Evergreen and Helena Flats schools and Evergreen Arrows.

Drop off your donations by Jan. 31 to one of these Evergreen locations: First Interstate Bank, Glacier Bank, T.J. Wendt, State Farm Agency, or TrailWest Bank.

For more information, contact the Evergreen Chamber at evergreen-chamber@centurytel.net or call 885-1212.