Flea market set to fund Festival of Lights

Belgrade’s Festival of Lights Committee is hosting a flea market on July 22. The Belgrade Community Coalition is running a fundraiser this summer to help restore the annual holiday event that discontinued in 2015. The market will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on July 22 at the Belgrade Special Events Center parking lot.

The event will include family-friendly shopping and food options. Admission is free. Proceeds will help fund Belgrade’s reinvented Festival of Lights to be held December 9. Interested in being a vendor? Cost to sell at the event is $25 if registration is received by July 1, and $40 after, and food vendor cost is $50. Each space consists of two parking spots. Bring your own tables, chairs and tents if needed.

To register, contact Debbie at 579-8403 or belgradecommunitycoalition@gmail.com. For more details, check out the Belgrade Festival of Lights on Facebook or visit us online at www.belgrade-communitycoalition.com/2festival-of-lights.html.

ART GROUP EXPLORES WATER ISSUES THROUGH OUTDOOR PERFORMANCES, ART INSTALLATIONS AND TOURS

A Bozeman-based arts company will explore everything water in the Gallatin Valley in a series of free installments starting this month.

Mountain Time Arts will hold “WaterWorks,” consisting of performances, art installations and tours around the valley to “celebrate the water that comes to us as snowmelt from our nearby mountains, and how availability and distribution of water has shaped our valley’s history, culture and agriculture,” the group said in a release.

The events are as follows:

UPSTREAM
• June 16-30 On Main Street, Bozeman, storefront installations by 12 regional artists, and tours of Bozeman Creek’s history and hydrology.
• June 23-24 Joanna Haigood & Zaccho Dance Theater present Spring Thirst, an aerial dance at 8 p.m. performance at Bogert Pavilion.

WETLANDS
• July 21-30 Bently Spang’s Modern Warrior Series: War Shirt #6, a multi-screen video and a 12 - 6 p.m. sound installation at Dry Creek School with tours of adjacent wetlands led by naturalists.

GABRIEL CANAL
• August 23-25 Gabriel Canal, a performance piece by Mary Ellen Strom and composer Greg Sundown Young on a historic homestead on the West Gallatin River with tours of local irrigation systems.

Mountain Time Arts commissioned more than two dozen artists who have been collaborating for months with farmers, irrigators, Native people, county and municipal officials and other water experts and educators to create public art events that will reveal and celebrate where our water comes from and how it reaches us, and to shed light on water challenges arising from population growth and drought.

**Belgradian gets top MSU academic scholarship**

Twenty gifted high school seniors from across the nation, including eight from Montana, were selected as recipients of the 2017 Montana State University Presidential Scholarship, MSU’s most prestigious scholarship.

The MSU Presidential Scholarship awards are based on scholastic achievement, demonstrated leadership and exemplary public service. Recipients receive an annual stipend plus a tuition waiver. The scholarship is for four years if the students maintain a superior academic standing at MSU.

“These students will undoubtedly impact our community, state and nation in meaningful ways,” said Blue Mari Lee, dean of MSU’s Honors College. “They have demonstrated their desire to lead and serve. We are delighted that they chose to attend Montana State University.”

The 20 scholars were selected from 761 applications.

**Lauren Adams**

Lauren Adams graduated as salutatorian from Belgrade High School and intends to major in English. She was named a Montana University System Honor Scholar and participated in writing tutoring, varsity tennis and theater. Adams is the daughter of Kellie Adams.