

FIVE TEAMS READY FOR CANSTRUCTION 2011

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BILLINGS -- Five teams with five architects are ready to build sculptures with canned foods for the annual Billings Canstruction® event to help the Billings Food Bank.

“The the theme for 2011 is Disney Pixar movies,” said Jill Washburn, of RMC Campus Corps, who is charged with organizing the event.

The teams competing to build the best sculpture using cans of food include RMC Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE), with architect Jim Beal of CTA; RMC Campus Corps, with architect Sherril Burke, HGFA; Albertsons Grocery Store (management), with architect Mike Patterson, TUYA Studios, Inc.; Albertsons Grocery Store (associates), with architect Craig Frohlich, Designlab; and HDR Engineering, Inc., with JGA Architects.

“Teams may choose from Toy Story, Nemo, Monsters, Cars, Up and Ratatouille, among others. That makes for a lot of diversity and color in the presentations,” Washburn

Teams of architects, sponsoring businesses, and organizations compete to design and build colossal structures made from full cans of food. The results are giant “canned art” exhibits, Washburn explained.

The sculptures, which will be built April 9, will be on display April 10 -15.

After the entries are judged and admired by the public, all the food goes on the Food Bank shelves for distribution to needy families.

“It’s a good way for people to know who we are, where we are, and what we do while having some fun for a good cause,” according to Sheryle Shandy, Billings Food Bank executive director.

Four tons of canned goods were used in the event last year, according to Karen Beiser, SIFE faculty advisor and Rocky Mountain College professor and faculty advisor to Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE), which launched the event in 2010. The theme for the first annual Billings Canstruction® event was something about Billings, about Montana, and/or about a Billings organization.

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