

## **Issues Programs List**

### **Quarterly Issues Program List for Station – B106 January - March 2017**

**Assessment of Issues for this quarter:** Issues important to our community are gleaned from Lions Club and Rotary Club, law enforcement, business owners, city/county/state employees, politicians, other media, Facebook and Twitter postings, conversations with community members at community concerts, special events and other functions.

#### **Section I. Issues.**

**A. Education:** Issues relating to Public School education and community college in our community and other educational opportunities.

**B. Public Health and Safety:** The discussion of traffic, weather, and community safety in our area, including drug issues, and seasonal weather and safety issues. New traffic patterns surrounding the middle school.

**C. Government:** The discussion of policies related to our government both statewide and local issues.

**D. Agriculture:** The many issues relating to Agriculture including government programs.

**E. Quality of Life:** Issues relating to the overall health and living conditions of our community.

#### **Section II. Responsive Programs**

The station has broadcast programming dealing with each of the

above-referenced issues. Programming dealing with each issue is set out below.

### **Education:**

**Morgan Matters-** Broadcast on January 3, 2017. Duration 10 minutes. Discussion with Centennial Mental Health. They talked about how they offer classes on becoming an adult and learning how to perform the day to day tasks that come easily to most. These can be for people that need additional help or people that need support in life building skills.

**Morgan Matters-** Broadcast on January 13, 2017. Duration 10 minutes. Discussion with Katie Barron, MCC. Financial aid is available for students registering for Spring semester-registration opens today. 35% of farms are operated by women and MCC is starting a 6 week course focusing around Ag and teach women how to better run their business. Tax season is upon us and MCC has partnered with Tax Help Colorado and people who meet the financial requirements can have their taxes done for free by certified tax students.

**Morgan Matters-** Broadcast on January 30, 2017. Duration 10 minutes. Discussion with Robin Northrup, Fort Morgan Chamber director. The board has planned their annual banquet and strategic planning for 2017. This year they will focus on Glenn Miller Festival and growing the chamber membership as well. She also invited the public to stop by and see the CACE gallery displays.

**Morgan Matters-** Broadcast on February 27, 2017. Duration 10 minutes. Discussion with Mary Gross, Morgan County Family Center. She discussed the services that they offer to new parents as well as teenagers. The services that they see families receive range from individuals that need assistance to young parents that have children to families that need some help because of unexpected hardship or need. They are changing and growing with the community and what needs are out there. They are hosting their annual chocolate lover's affair this Friday, March 3. There is a live and silent auction which the proceeds go towards the Family Center.

**Morgan Matters-** Broadcast on February 27, 2017. Duration 10 minutes. Discussion with Nancy Hopper and Rena Frasco from the Fort Morgan School district. They are attending an award ceremony that will honor a couple of the schools on receiving awards for growth and improvement. They are based off of the state tests results that are received from students in the spring.

**Morgan Matters-** Broadcast on March 21 2017. Duration 10 minutes. Discussion with Jeremy from OneMorgan County. He is the E.D. of the organization that helps develop community bonding. They have an event coming up in April that will help to highlight the diversity of Morgan County. Saturday, April 29 at the FMHS from 11-4 people are welcome to stop by.

**Morgan Matters-** Broadcast on March 30 2017. Duration 10 minutes. Discussion with Dan Scalise, Morgan County Veterans Services. The County Veterans Service Officer assists veterans and their dependents and survivors to obtain benefits from the federal, state and local agencies administering programs for veterans. If you are thinking that you would like more information on aid to get started, or are

just unsure of your entitled benefits, you can obtain assistance by calling your County Veterans Service Officer.

### **Public Safety:**

**Morgan Matters-** Broadcast on January 11, 2017. Duration 13 minutes. Discussion with Jim Crone, Morgan County Sheriff. He discussed the power outage in Brush this morning and some local theft problems in the areas-especially with cars. The main cause is that people leave their keys in the car. Even in isolated areas things should not be left as easy bait homes or cars. Valuables should be recorded along with serial numbers in case they are stolen as well. As always if you notice anything suspicious don't hesitate to report it to authorities.

**Morgan Matters-** Broadcast on January 12, 2017. Duration 10 minutes. Discussion with Sela Moya, Trainer with Star Athletic Club. She encouraged people to set goals for themselves to become healthy, change eating habits and stay committed to achieving their goals. There are various ways to achieve goals and typically if someone is not used to exercise they should start small and work their way up to longer work out times and develop a routine.

**Morgan Matters-** Broadcast on January 20, 2017. Duration 10 minutes. Discussion with Burl Giffin, Colorado State Patrol. He mentioned that Morgan County experience it's first fatal accident of the new year which could have been avoided. Drivers are reminded to not drink and drive as well as buckling up when traveling down the road. Unfortunately, young drivers are at risk for making bad decisions without knowing what the long lasting effects are.

**Morgan Matters-** Broadcast on February 8, 2017. Duration 10 minutes. Discussion with Jim Crone, Morgan County Sheriff. They are still dealing with overcrowding with the jail population. They are looking for a long term solution with the commissioners because overcrowding is now being experienced through the entire justice center.

**Morgan Matters-** Broadcast on February 15, 2017. Duration 8 minutes. Discussion with Roger Dohl, Fort Morgan Police Department. He said that they are bringing back some community projects that the P.D. has not done in some time. Recently some officers took time out of their day to spend time having coffee with local residents. This program is known as "Coffee with a Cop". They are also implementing an additional drug take back option for residents. It is a drop box style that is accessible 7 days a week during normal business hours.

**Morgan Matters-** Broadcast on February 15, 2017. Duration 8 minutes. Discussion with Burl Giffin, Colorado State Patrol. He discussed driving safety with emergency vehicles and passenger vehicles. Emergency vehicles includes not only police but CDOT, fire, construction workers and department of wildlife. Drivers must move over to the far left of their lane without crossing into the other lane unless necessary. They will be holding a cadet academy for sophomores and juniors.

**Morgan Matters-** Broadcast on March 15, 2017. Duration 8 minutes. Discussion with Roger Dahl, Fort Morgan Police Department. He discussed the new program officers are participating in -adopt a school. This will help younger kids to understand that officers are here to help, not be scared of. A new Youth

academy program will be starting in maybe June. This will show kids ages 13-17 skills they learn in school can be applied in the real world. They also will hold another National Night Out in August, Citizen Police Academy and an event (April) for community members to learn how to protect their house of worship.

**Morgan Matters-** Broadcast on March 17, 2017. Duration 10 minutes. Discussion with Burl Giffin, Colorado State Patrol. He asked that everyone be safe this St. Patty's day weekend. Drivers should also be aware of how they drive and pay attention when driving...not taking selfies, texting and to set a good example for kids and future drivers in the car.

**Morgan Matters-** Broadcast on March 17, 2017. Duration 10 minutes. Discussion with Travis Anderson, Chief of the Brush Police Department. He discussed the new program that Brush is offering a Yellow Dot program for those who have medical issues. The program is designed to notify police responding to a vehicle that appears to be having a medical emergency. All personal, medical and other contact information is available to first responders and located in the glove box.

### **Government:**

**Morgan Matters-** Broadcast on January 9, 2017. Duration 10 minutes. Discussion with Jeff Wells, City Manager of Fort Morgan. The 2017 budget is in full swing and they are going to put in fiber cables that will allow fiberoptic technology to all homes in Fort Morgan. This will improve quality of life, business commerce etc. This should be complete by 2019.

**Morgan Matters-** Broadcast on January 10, 2017. Duration 10 minutes. Discussion with Jerry Sonnenberg, State Senator of Colorado. He and fellow leaders are gearing up for the 2017 season. There will be some discussion with the gas and oil industry. The house will be discussing some education issues with retired teachers and PARA money or returning to teaching and receiving benefits. The senate would like to prioritize state spending and how best to use the state's money. Inauguration is January 11 for the House and Senate.

**Morgan Matters-** Broadcast on January 19, 2017. Duration 10 minutes. Discussion with Greg Thomason, MCEDC. He discussed the upcoming banquet in March and that the county has several irons in the fire that is good for growth in Morgan County. The Wiggins area is growing and developing as the hot spot currently in the county which is good for that area.

**Morgan Matters-** Broadcast on February 24, 2017. Duration 13 minutes. Discussion with Laura Teague, Morgan County Commissioner. She discussed that the latest FEMA data is out and if you are concerned, you have 90 days to appeal the FEMA findings. Please contact the commissioners if you need more information. The commissioner's office has the floodplain maps available on their website if you need property comparison. Pest control is a big concern for our county and is supported by the commissioners. There is a meeting on March 9 at the Conservation District. Landowners are invited to attend.

**Morgan Matters-** Broadcast on March 24, 2017. Duration 10 minutes. Discussion with Commissioner Jim Zwetzig. He discussed the new judicial building that is in the planning stages. The county is excited to be a part of the cadet program that is developing and will allow high school students in the county to come

over and be a part of it. The county is also involved in a Farm bill hearing that affects everyone in our county-city or rural.

### **Agriculture:**

**Morgan Matters-** Broadcast on January 31, 2017. Duration 11 minutes. Discussion with Angela Warner, District Manager for the Conservation District. They are planning their annual meeting set for February 9 at Home Plate in Fort Morgan. There will be a keynote speaker for landowners to hear along with some other water right/land specialists. Regulation 85 will also be covered which covers nutrients that comes from feedyard soils and farm. This could impact how farmers farm their land.

**Morgan Matters-** Broadcast on February 20, 2017. Duration 10 minutes. Discussion with Jeff Wells, City of Fort Morgan City Manager. He discussed a study that the city will be doing to see how the city can protect surrounding wildlife and natural habitats in our area. There are several entities that are a part of the study and many discussions that are happening with other towns in the state. Water conservation is also high on the list for the city. The projections for the future shows that water may not be as available as people think.

### **Quality of Life:**

**Morgan Matters-** Broadcast on January 16, 2017. Duration 10 minutes. Discussion with Bonnie Rhon and Commander Nicholes. They discussed the fact that Morgan County needs an additional van to transport disabled vets to doctor appointments at V.A. clinics in Colorado and Wyoming. Nationwide there has been over 700,000 rides provided to disabled vets for appointments. They have held a spaghetti dinner and taken donations for Blue Forget Me Knots.

**Morgan Matters-** Broadcast on February 2, 2017. Duration 8 minutes. Discussion with Donna O'Leary, Wiggins Community Church. She discussed their event that they are hosting along with the Tim Tebow foundation for disabled adults to have a prom. They are bringing in limos, discounts on tuxes and dresses for the women. It will be held at Life Fellowship Church in Fort Morgan on February 10 and is open to anyone in the area.

**Morgan Matters-** Broadcast on February 7, 2017. Duration 8 minutes. Discussion with John Steinbaugh at Centennial Mental Health. He talked about the services that they offer for marriage counseling for couples. It really is not just for younger or newly married couples and is encouraged for all couples. It helps to address issues that come up over time and make communication stronger. Life changes become bigger obstacles than couples realize and couples learn how to change together not separately.

**Morgan Matters-** Broadcast on February 13, 2017. Duration 8 minutes. Discussion with Melody Christensen, Brush Chamber of Commerce. She mentioned the chamber foundation has taken control of the Sands Theater and they are looking to replace all of the seats. The annual banquet was in January which highlighted all of the 2016 highlights. She also encouraged everyone to save the date for March 11 as that is the 2017 Ag Appreciation Dinner. PUMA has also visited Brush for what can help to enhance Brush and stop leakage.

**Morgan Matters-** Broadcast on February 22, 2017. Duration 11 minutes. Discussion with Sandy Engle and Kathy Rameriez with Colorado Plains Medical Center. She said the 2017 health fair brought approximately 500 people in attendance. On March 11 CPMC will also be hosting a CPR training class. It is at CPMC from 9-3 only \$30 and open to anyone in the area to participate in. Preregistration is requested. Kathy spoke about the Express Care clinic and that brings in 150 people a week. The Express care clinic takes care of non-emergent issues for all ages of patients.

**Morgan Matters-** Broadcast on March 6, 2017. Duration 13 minutes. Discussion with Kristine Rodine, Morgan County Tourism Director. The Morgan County Tourism hosted a Philip K Dick party this weekend and 98% of those in attendance were from outside of the Morgan County area. Philip Dick was an author and he and his twin sister are buried here in Fort Morgan.

**Morgan Matters-** Broadcast on March 27, 2017. Duration 13 minutes. Discussion with Melody Christensen, Brush Chamber of Commerce. She thanked the sponsors for the annual Ag Appreciation dinner. The Chamber Foundation will be re-opening the Sands Theatre March 31. They need to have about \$18,000 to do a full seat replacement and currently with all the fundraising they are at \$13,000. They are also hoping for a rendering photo from the State Historical Society. The foundation committee is hoping to use the Sands more in the style of a community theatre. Citizens of Brush are asking to take a survey with PUMA on what people feel is important to Brush-shopping, food, retail etc. Oktoberfest/Car Show has also undergone some major changes. It is going to be a three day event and at a new location-Memorial Park.

**Morgan Matters-** Broadcast on March 29, 2017. Duration 13 minutes. Discussion with Mitch Church, United Methodist Church. He was in to promote the Easter Play the church is hosting April 7 & 8. And the Word became Flesh is an original play written by church member Terry Dill and depicts the last few days of Christ. Tickets can be reserved in advance and bought at the door the nights of the show.

**Morgan Matters-** Broadcast on March 31, 2017. Duration 13 minutes. Discussion with Wendy Danielson and Elise Gerkin with the East Morgan County Hospital Foundation. They promoted the upcoming Spring event that helps to provide funds to the foundation. It is a western theme on April 22 with dinner and entertainment.