



Chamber News

PROUD TO BE A "MAIN STREET" COMMUNITY

Brush! Great People! Quality Living!

Ag Appreciation March 12, 2011

Approximately 175 local farmers, ranchers and other agri-businesses were saluted during the 9th Annual Chamber Ag Appreciation night on Saturday, March 12th at the Brush High School auditorium/commons area.

A steak dinner was provided to all attendees. Entertainment was provided by the Brush High School Jazz Band and the guests were also entertained by speaker, humorist and farm wife, Suzie 'O Oberdahlhoff.



Main Street Cattle Baron Investors:

- Bank of Colorado
- City of Brush
- East Morgan County Hospital

Trailboss Investor:

- Ehrlich Toyota East

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 14 - Fort Morgan Workforce Center Job Fair, Clarion Inn Conference Room
- April 16 - 9 Health Fair, Morgan County Fairgrounds
- April 27 - Administrative Professionals Day, Country Steak Out
- May 12-15 - Family Campers & RVers, Morgan County Fairgrounds
- June 11 - Antique Tractor & Power Show, AMA Complex
- June 21 - Concert Series in the Park - Reveille 3 - Memorial Park - 6:30 pm
- June 25 - Brush! Rush! - 8:00 am start
- June 25 - Brad Amack Tournament
- June 28 - Concert Series in the Park - Durango Drifters - Memorial Park - 6:30 pm
- July 26 - Customer Appreciation BBQ, Library Park
- August 26-28 - Prairie Biker Rally, Morgan County Fairgrounds
- September 24 - Oktoberfest, Downtown Brush

Administrative Professional Day

Wednesday, April 27th, from 11:30-1:00 at the Country Steak Out, this mid day banquet is to honor Administrative Professionals. This program starts with a meal consisting of chicken cordon bleu, roast beef, potatoes, salad and dessert. After introductions and a word from the 4 sponsors Christy Wessler, a poster child of middle age accomplishment, will present a program entitled "Must All My Ducks Be in a Row or Can They Just Be in the Same Room".

The cost of the meal is \$15. Reservations can be made by calling the Brush Chamber of Commerce at 842-2666, faxing the form to 842-3828 or returning the form by mail by April 20th. The 4 sponsors are Morgan County Economic Development, Fort Morgan Workforce Center, Fort Morgan Area Chamber of Commerce and the Brush Chamber of Commerce.

Brush Receives Governor's Award

The Brush Main Street Project received the Governor's Award For Excellence in Downtown Management. The award is to recognize outstanding projects and people that reflect an attitude of perseverance and dedication to community, revitalization in Colorado. This award in reality is given to the Brush Area Chamber/ Main Street and the City of Brush. Without the cooperation of these two entities little would be accomplished. The Brush Area Chamber/Main Street is quite proud of the enthusiasm shown from our members and the dedication to improvement from the City of Brush. The plaque presented by the State of Colorado is displayed at the Chamber Office.

YOUR LIFE IS UNIQUE ARE YOUR INVESTMENTS?

No two people are alike. Nor will they have the same vision of success. As your financial advisor, I'll take the special care and attention to listen to your unique needs and circumstances to help create a custom plan for meeting your goals. Call me today for a no-obligation consultation.

Bret Poland
Financial Advisor

RAYMOND JAMES'
FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.
Member FINRA/SIPC

Investment Center located at
Bank of Colorado
301 Clayton Street
Brush, CO 80723
970-842-2166
888-842-2880
bret.poland@raymondjames.com
www.raymondjames.com/bretpoland

Securities are offered through Raymond James Financial Services, Inc., member FINRA/SIPC, an independent broker/dealer, and are not insured by FDIC, NCUA or any other financial institution insurance; are not deposits or obligations of the financial institution; are not guaranteed by the financial institution; and are subject to risks, including the possible loss of principal.

©2007 Raymond James Financial Services, Inc., member FINRA/SIPC 588810073-2 10/07 3.75" x 3.5"

"Enthusiasm is the greatest asset in the world. It beats money and power and influence".

Henry Chester

Jimmy's Pizza

**Free delivery and 10% off your lunch.
11:00 am - 1:00 pm**

301 Edison
Brush, CO 80723
970-842-5555
Valid through June 30, 2011

"There are no language barriers when you are smiling".

Allen Klien
Professional speaker and writer

Attention Veterans

The Denver VA would like to thank Hospice of the Plains for all the good care you provide to our veterans. We have been so impressed with the seamless transition of veterans from the hospital here in Denver to their homes in rural Colorado for hospice care. It's hard for those of us in the "big city" to imagine how you care for veterans across the large area you serve. And, importantly, not only do you care for our veterans but you do so with the highest level of competence. One of the most complicated patients I've ever cared for in my 15 years of providing care to seriously-ill patients was expertly managed by your team. You all sought creative solutions to meet his needs and the end result was a peaceful final phase of life for this veteran surrounded by his family in the comfort of his home. Please know that you have some very grateful colleagues here in Denver. We are here to support you in any way we can to help you continue to do all the good work you do everyday!

Sincerely,
Cari Levy

Cari Levy, MD, PhD
Associate Professor of Medicine
Division of Health Care Policy and Research
Department of Medicine
University of Colorado Denver School of Medicine

INGMIRE-PHILLIPS INSURANCE

*Celebrating 50 years of Service
1959 — 2009*

Dale A. Ingmire
216 Clayton,
Brush
842-2831



Bob Phillips
800 Main St,
Ft. Morgan
867-3000

88473-4

Progressive 15's Annual Meeting, April 15

Progressive 15 consists of 15 counties in northeast Colorado that band together to support common goals. The annual meeting this year will be April 15 from 8-3 pm at the Washington County Events Center. A summary of accomplishments and goals for 2011 will be outlined. Progressive 15 will also discuss bills that are before the state legislature this year. For more information please contact Cathy Shull, the Executive Director of Progressive 15 at 867-9167.

Brush Main Street Year End Evaluation

The Brush Main Street had their year end evaluation on Tuesday, March 15th. The evaluation starts with a self evaluation tool that produced approximately a 1" thick notebook describing various projects and activities throughout the year.

The goals of the board and each of its four committees, along with specific work plans are examined. The evaluation started at 7 am at a board meeting and finished about 2 pm. Meetings involved face to face discussions with representatives from Morgan County Economic Development, Morgan Community College, Morgan County, Morgan County Tourism Panel, and Northeast Colorado Tourism Panel, the economic stakeholders committee, streetscape committee, the 4 major committees of the Chamber Main Street and representatives from local media. A written report of the findings will be released upon receipt of the evaluation.

29th Oktoberfest

The 29th Oktoberfest will be on Saturday, September 24th. It will involve a street dance, car show, dog show, local musical talent, beer garden, crafts, information and food booths. An additional feature again this year, will be the burnout contest. Oktoberfest covers 4 city blocks with approximately 6000 people visiting. For information about booths or other general information please contact the Brush Chamber of Commerce.

Prairie Biker Rally

Brush Chamber Prairie Biker Rally will be at the Morgan County Fairgrounds August 26, 27, and 28. On Friday the 25th Lewis and Floorwax-Groove Hawgs will be in concert. On Saturday, Aug 27th there will be a Show n' Shine, a firefighters contest, a biker rodeo, a fallen firefighter tribute, an Ultimate Fight, beer garden, and craft, info and food booths. Sunday, August 28th will be a poker run, followed by a hog roast and awards. More information is available at the Brush Chamber of Commerce.

Customer Appreciation, Tuesday, July 26th

Media Logic, the City of Brush, East Morgan County Library, and the Brush Chamber of Commerce/Main Street organize and administer a customer appreciation that will be from 5:30 - 7:00 on Tuesday, July 26th at Library Park. A large number of businesses sponsor this event by bringing various food items that are served in a buffet line format. Media Logic provides music, announcements, and interviews. This event is free to the public and approximately 800 people attend.

Colorado Main Street/Downtown Institute

There will be a 2 day institute on April 7th and 8th in Lamar. It will feature discussion of various aspects of design or how a community looks and presents itself to others. Lamar is a new Main Street community and if you are interested in attending the 2 day institute please contact the Brush Area Chamber of Commerce for more information.

2011 Calendar and Guide

The Brush Chamber/Main Street produces a 60 page calendar and guide each year. It includes a 12 month calendar, demographics, things to do in Brush, clubs and organizations information, membership information, school and city directories, the Chambers goals, mission, vision and projects. The calendar and guides are in color. They are available at the Brush Area Chamber Office free of charge.

NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS

Welcome to new Brush Chamber Members:

Davis & Associates Insurance Agency, Ray & Lue Davis, 1103 W Platte Ave, Fort Morgan, CO

Sage Strategies - Cathy Shull, 629 Warner Street, Fort Morgan, CO

All About U - Andrea Spresser/Claudia Stallings, 117 Clayton Street, Brush, CO

One Morgan County - Brenda Zion, 300 Main Street, Fort Morgan, CO

Hospice of the Plains - Val Romero, Wray, CO

Goodwill Industries of Denver - Erin Rist, 6850 Federal Blvd, Denver, CO

"When you care about other people, you are more likely to know how to really love, and to be loved back".

Laura Schipler Chico
Social Worker

BRUSHOPOLY

Brushopoly is a historic game that features some present businesses and many from years ago. They are on sale at the Chamber Office for \$15.00

\$5.00 off your next meal*
Not valid with any other offer or special.
Expires June 30, 2011

Digger's Diner
1156 N. Colorado Avenue
Brush, Colorado
842-4786

**Thanks to the Brush Jazz Band for performing at the Ag Appreciation Dinner on March 12!
Band Director – Darline Miner**



COUNTRY CLUB
2301 Mill Street, Brush, CO

Memberships starting at \$300
Call Steve for details.
970-842-5470

"The world is moving so fast these days that the man who says it can't be done is generally interrupted by someone doing it".

Elbert Hubbard
Writer and publisher



Banner Health

Brush Family Medicine

Extended Clinic Hours

Mon. - Thurs. 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Fri. 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sat. 8 a.m. – 12 noon

Call 842-CARE (2273) for
your appointment



OWN YOUR HEALTH

April 16, 2011

Sat. 7 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Low cost blood draws, 20 health screenings, and 23 health education booths

For more information call
842-6200

2010 Chamber Most Proud of:

- Streetscape 300 & 400 blocks of Edison
- Chamber operates as a team
- Very active Chamber with 33 events per year
- Stakeholders group that coordinates economic development
- Committess successful in 2010
- Ambassador visits
- Business training seminars
- Support within the Chamber and community
- Welcoming nature of community
- Relationship with the City
- Chambers energetic and focused on goals
- Great Economic Restructuring Committee



\$5 Off
Two Volume Cookbook Set
regularly \$25
Over 1,500 recipes

All proceeds benefit patient
care and services
Call: 842-6060 & leave message

Streetscape

The Brush Chamber and the City of Brush have been working on developing a streetscape plan over the last 5 years. Professional architects, Nolte & Associates completed architectural plans and Phase I which includes the 300 & 400 blocks of Edison was completed in the fall of 2010. 70% of the businesses on those 2 blocks signed a petition to complete the streetscape. The project involved new curbs and gutters, sidewalks, and 3 feet of pavers, parallel to the curb. It also included trees, streetlights and a drip system. The City received \$451,000 of grants from CDOT. These grants were an 80/20 with the City of Brush supplying 16% and the business owners 3-4%.

Phase II is to be the 100 block of Clayton, to begin in the summer of 2011.

The completion of the project, or Phase III involves the 200 block of Clayton and 1/2 of the 300 block along with addressing the drainage problem in downtown Brush. Hopefully, this Phase III will be completed in 2013.

Hometown Hero Award

Hometown Heroes is a recognition award for those who have gone beyond the call of duty to promote or assist our community. A one page application form is available at the Chamber Office, if you would like to make a recommendation.

HERTNEKY VISION SOURCE
212 CAMERON ST BRUSH CO
\$20 OFF YOUR FIRST EXAM!!
EXISTING PATIENTS REFER 7
NEW PATIENTS AND RECEIVE A
FREE EXAM!!
WIN A \$500 VISA GIFT CARD
CALL TODAY!!
970-458-0773 FOR DETAILS
Dr George Hertenky OD
Vision Source!

Spur of the Year Award

The Economic Restructuring Committee received the Spur of the Year Award for their work with the local business community. Some of their goals were sponsoring free community seminars, collaborating with local students to promote Brush, creating a coupon package for new residents and developing a consumer and business survey to get information to help businesses be more successful.

Chamber Volunteer of the Year

Dale Stinton was recognized as Volunteer of the Year at the annual Chamber banquet in January of 2011. Dale has promoted Brush in many ways including his numerous promotions on local history and his volunteer work with the Brush Rotary Club. Stinton's daughter, Jenni Laverenz, said she "believes her dad touched the lives of every family in the Brush area with his local historical programs and other volunteer work. It is just great to have someone like you in the community, dad, not to mention in the family. We love you".

Stinton said he has seen many changes in Brush since he was born in 1930.

Business of the Year

Brush Grocery Kart has been in the running for Business of the Year for several years. The store manager agreed to accept the award this year only if the entire staff was recognized. "Sheila and I love what we do, but we could not do it without the store and our store employees", he said. The Brush Grocery Kart employs about 45 workers with an annual payroll of \$750,000. The management team consists of front end manager, Julie Molina, scanner coordinator, Lou Banks, and Barb Hoffman, who works in all departments.

The Brush Grocery Kart is a huge support of all kinds of activities in Brush. Congratulations Brush Grocery Kart!

Ackley Building Center

1402 Mill St., Brush, CO 80723

**Let us quote a fence or deck package
For you and we'll give you a
FREE Ornamental Solar Stake Light
Valid until 6/30/2011**

*"Well being is not found in isolation,
possessions, or power itself; it usually appears
while serving others".*

Manuel Arango
Business executive and philanthropist

*"Good days are to be gathered like sunshine in
grapes, to be trodden and bottled into wine and
kept for age to sip at ease beside the fire".*

Freya Stark
Writer



**1302 W. Edison Street
Brush, CO 80723 Phone: 842-2622**

Historical Facts About Brush Buildings

Formerly know as Crain's Café

Built prior to 1904 this single story commercial building has been home to a furniture store, a bargain store, a grocery store, and at least 2 restaurants. There is an approximately 100 year history. Sanborn Insurance maps for Brush dated 1904, 1908, 1913 and 1921 all list the building use as a furniture store. Ruth Scott who is now in her 80's and who grew up in Brush believes this may have been the location of the Emerson Furniture Store in the 1920's.

The 1933 Sanborn maps simply lists the building as S for store while the 1934 Morgan County directory further reveals at that time it was the location of the Lender Store, which was advertised as Morgan County's bargain store. Then by 1944 this property had become the location of the Brush Food Market, which existed here until sometime in the 1950's. An advertisement in the 1950 Morgan County Directory claims that the Brush Food Market made deliveries twice a day.

The longest running business at 207 Clayton Street has proven to be Crain's Café, a small town eatery. Crain's Café had opened for business here by the end of the 1950's and was an institution in downtown Brush for some 40 years until it finally closed in the mid 1990's. For many years Crain's Café was owned and operated by Clarence E and Garnett P Kleber. In the 1970's the Kleber's had their home at 621 Turner Street in Brush.

J & J'S HAIRSTYLING

219 Clayton Street

Brush, CO 80723

Phone: 842-4333

Janet Krohn Sandy Cook

Leigh Ann Corsentino Patty Foiles

Bring this coupon in and get \$5.00 off any retail products.

Chamber Ambassadors

The Organization Committee has developed 6 teams of chamber ambassadors. These ambassadors have a goal of visiting investors and chamber members during 2010.

There are presently 152 members and 19 investors. Being on a visit the team will explain the goals of the Chamber and complete a questionnaire that will produce input on what things are working well and what areas the Chamber might improve.

Each Chamber member who is visited will be entered into a drawing for a free spotlight article in the Brush News Tribune.

LIQUOR KART

**1302 W. Edison Street
Brush, CO 80723**

For all your beverage needs.
Thanks for shopping with us!

The Spirit of Brush Award

The purpose of this program is to provide citizens of Brush an opportunity to honor businesses, groups, individuals for improving the appearance of our community. The Chamber Design Committee is attempting to inspire community pride, raise public awareness and promote civic responsibility in making the city of Brush clean, friendly and attractive.

A simple one page application form will be reviewed on its merit and may be submitted by a business or individual. Once the application is approved by the Design Committee, recognition will be given in local newspapers and by the Chamber. Please contact the Brush Chamber Design Committee or the Chamber Office for additional information.

2011 Board of Directors

Officers:

Janet Krohn,, *Co-President*

Amy Needens, *Co-President*

Ed Sand, *Past President*

Directors: Spencer Farnik, Ben Brunner, Jeff Osuch, Wes Cable and Patti Rousselle, Dr. Priscilla Huston, Cara Hagerty.

Ex-Officio Directors: Dr. Kerry Hart, Shaire Chavez, Kari Linker, Cassandra Wilson

Morgan County Economic Development Corp:

Kari Linker, Chamber Rep.

Morgan County Tourism Panel: Ed Sand

Staff: Ron Prascher, Executive Director

Melody Christensen, Administrative Assistant

Promotions: John Sweenie

Organization: Wes Cable

Design: Shaire Chavez

Economic Restructuring: Linda Thorpe

Email: brush@brushchamber.org

Website: www.brushchamber.org