

# HOOFBEAT

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## FBLA Districts Recap

By: Trystan Bohling

According to Ms. Rebecca Schmidt, a business teacher and one of the FBLA sponsors, On February 9, 2017, 11 members of Fort Morgan High School's Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) participated in the annual district competition. Members attended workshops and competed in events to qualify for state. In order to qualify for state, members must get 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place in their event. Event topics range from Website Design to Economics. Members were also able to qualify for state by taking a test and placing. The state conference will be held in Vail, Colorado on April 19-21, 2017 where students will also attend business related workshops.

The members who qualified for state and the event they qualified with are:

Kinsey Brashears in Accounting II  
Jonathan Gertner in Business Law and Economics  
Heather Hoffman in Economics  
Jonathon Pope in Insurance & Risk Management and in Personal Finance  
Kimberly Alvarez in Intro to Parli Pro  
Destiny Herrera in Public Speaking  
Kyla Carpenter in Public Speaking II  
Genavieve Pelton in Website Design  
Hallee Shaver in Website Design  
Kelsey Shaver in Website Design  
Lupita Alvarez in Electronic Career Portfolio.



Rebecca Schmidt photo

We interviewed one of the members, Amber Lauck, to see how she did at Districts and what she is working on now. This is what she had to say:

### How did you do at FBLA?

Amber - We took 4th place.

### What could have you done better?

Amber - We could have taken 3rd.

### What did you do well?

Amber - The voice-overs and the music.

### What exactly are you guys doing in FBLA now?

Amber - Making a trailer for an original movie.

### What is the trailer about?

Amber Lauck - It is about a dance program being cut from the school and they had to put on a big show to save it.

## Important Counseling Information

### State testing:

April 11 PSAT all 10th graders  
SAT All 11th graders  
12th graders off in AM, classes in PM

April 17-19 PARCC all 9th graders specific

April 20-21 CMAS all 11th graders specific

April 24-28 Test Make-Ups

### AP test dates:

May 4 AP English 8:00am  
May 5 AP History 8:00am  
May 9 AP Calculus time TBA



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### College board exams at FMHS:

March 11 SAT early registration is over, late registration deadline with additional fee is Feb. 21

May 6 SAT Registration deadline April 7

June 10 ACT Registration deadline May 5

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## Buffy Turns 20

By: Cheyenne Icenhower

On March 10, 2017, the cult classic television show *Buffy The Vampire Slayer* celebrated its 20th anniversary. Joss Whedon's first television show was considered to be innovative and groundbreaking in many subjects. The TV show was a pop culture phenomenon and maintains a steady fan base to this day.



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The plot was about a teenage girl, Buffy Summers, who fought vampires and other demons on a daily basis. As explained on Mark Fields' blogspot site, the series showcased several metaphors and themes that many teenagers deal with today. These themes include accepting oneself, figuring out sexuality, abusive relationships, overcoming bullying, and generally outsmarting the horrors of everyday life. The main metaphor that stuck throughout the seven seasons the show ran is the metaphor of growing up, which is why it resonates so much with teenagers.

Besides being emotionally relatable, Buffy also started a lot of current trends in popular culture today! For example, Robinson Meyer of The Atlantic reported that *Buffy The Vampire Slayer* was the first show to ever use "google" as a verb which is now a part of everyday English! Happy birthday *Buffy The Vampire Slayer*!

## BBC YouTube Ditches 30 Second Ads

By Jonathan Stone



adknowledge.com photo

Long ads are seen as a nuisance to viewers who just want to relax and enjoy a video. Some ads are as long as a half hour! Luckily these ridiculously long ones are skippable within 5 seconds, but that pesky 30 second ad is there to stay, or so we

thought.

Google has recently confirmed the plan to BBC's newsround program, as it wanted to focus on formats that fit well for viewers and advertisers. This does not mean 30 second ads will no longer exist, it does mean they will be skippable after 5 seconds, or skippable at the beginning.

Will Smyth, head of media at Agenda21 Agency, hopes this will spark new creativity for people making the advertisements, as they will now have 5 seconds or less to get their product out.

You can find us online at

[http://www.edline.net/pages/Fort\\_Morgan\\_High\\_School](http://www.edline.net/pages/Fort_Morgan_High_School)

## PlayStation March Game Lineup

By Jonathan Stone

This month's lineup of free games looks promising. Two games in particular, "Disc Jam" and "Tearaway Unfolded", should be successful releases.



www.playstation.com photo

"Disc Jam" is developed by High Horse Entertainment. Many say it takes inspiration from "Rocket League", one of the PS4's most played games. The similarities are there, but Disc Jam is a game of its own. The best way to describe it is Air Hockey meets Tennis. The premise is to throw the disc past the opponent or on their side to score. There are a variety of ways to do this, such as bending the disk midair or other gravity defying shenanigans to ricochet the disk from wall to wall.

The next game is a complicated one to explain. Developed by Media Molecule and Tarsier Studios, "Tearaway Unfolded" breaks the 4th wall like a crashing torrent. You play as a messenger who must deliver a message to, well, "you". The real you. To do this you have to solve puzzles and take selfies using your built in PlayStation camera. A very good indie platform that is worth checking out.

Both of these games are free for the month if you have a subscription, so why not check them out?

## Uplifting News #1

By Jonathan Stone



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In this new continuing segment, we will take some inspiration from the famous Reddit site, well, one of its subreddits, Upliftingnews, which is pretty self explanatory.

In this first article, one redditor reports that a teen from California had to walk nearly five hours every day to work. Naturally, that doesn't sound very uplifting if this teen had to continue this grueling routine. But, with the help and kindness of a police officer and support from their community, he can now drive.

Through a successful GoFundMe campaign, the Benicia Police Department has raised in excess of \$40,000 over the last four months. Jourdan Duncan, age 18, was able to buy a used Volkswagen Passat to get to his job as a packaging line worker.

To read the full story, follow this link: <https://www.yahoo.com/news/teen-walked-5-hours-now-190600397.html>

## Hillcrest Project

By: Dylan McBride

Thank you everyone who donated money and/or time to make our annual Hillcrest project a success. We helped supply 41 seniors with basic necessities.



## Fort Morgan FCCLA Memorial Scholarship

By: Jeanine Pope

FCCLA (Family Career and Community Leaders of America) recently awarded a check for \$500.00 to Dairy Queen as a contribution to the Sally Trammell & Josie Juanes Memorial Scholarship. It was possible through the Fort Morgan Chapter's fundraising efforts including chocolate bar sales, hosting a Craft Bazaar, and a car wash.

This scholarship is in memory of two FMHS Graduates, Sally Trammell and Josie Juanes, who were tragically killed in a car accident in the summer of 2014. Sally was an assistant manager at Dairy Queen and a past member of FCCLA. Josie was also a member of FCCLA and had been involved in the Family and Consumer Sciences Fashion Design and Merchandising program. The non-renewable scholarships are between \$500-\$1,000 and are awarded to use at any college or technical program to students who show academic promise (2.5 GPA) and have financial need.

FCCLA is a student led organization operating at the local, state, and national level. The Fort Morgan chapter currently has 41 members. It focuses each year not only on fundraising, but also community service and participation at Fall, Winter, and State Conferences. FCCLA has a national membership of nearly 160,000 young men and women in nearly 7,100 local chapters. There are 48 state associations including the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

Since its founding in 1945, FCCLA has involved more than nine million youth. Its mission is to promote personal growth and leadership development through family and consumer sciences education.

Focusing on the multiple roles of family members, wage earners and community leaders, members develop skills for life through character development, creative and critical thinking, interpersonal communication, practical knowledge, and career preparation.



Vice President- Alfredo Sarmiento, Manager Sarai Hernandez, Secretary/ Treasurer- Jayne Pope

## Death Row Last Meal

By: Peighton Gettman

When told to think of a creative idea for my next article I was stumped. Then I hit on this idea which is probably a little unusual. If you were on death row, what would your last meal be? Would it be a huge meal or something small? I asked a couple people what they'd eat. A few said chicken others said tacos and some went full out with something like a Thanksgiving feast. It would be weird knowing that you have an exact amount of time before you are no longer a breathing person walking on this Earth. I feel like most people would say whatever food first comes to mind because they know they're fine. But, when you actually think about it, you may like a full course meal and would describe it in detail. I know most of my family would choose something simple. It may seem gross to most, but I'd like my mom's chicken alfredo and my best friend's mom's Brussel sprouts. Man they are so good! I was always told they were gross. When I tried them for the first time when I was 16, That made me wish I'd had them before. According to several sources, prisoners mostly request high protein foods like steak, lobster, potatoes, chicken, and all sorts of stuff like that. What would you want?

## Tax Help Colorado

By Rebecca Schmidt

TAXES! This is considered a bad word by most people. People see the need for taxes, but they either feel they pay too much or they hate having to file their tax returns. They hate April 15 as it is the deadline to file their taxes. The community of Fort Morgan can let go of this hate for two reasons. One is the tax deadline this year has been extended to Tuesday, April 18 (April 15 is a Saturday and Easter weekend). The other reason is they have a Tax Help Colorado Site. This site has been offered for several years at Morgan Community College. The best part is the service can be used by individuals who make less than \$54,000 and it is FREE!!

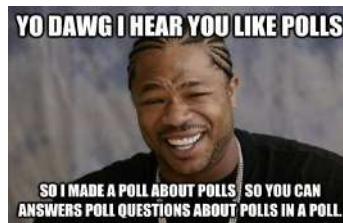
This year Fort Morgan High School has students interested in pursuing a career in accounting who volunteered their time as well. After taking the first-year accounting course as juniors, they signed-up for Accounting II to increase their knowledge and make them more prepared for college. They spent the first semester learning all about taxes. They learned about filing status, dependents, recording W-2s, interest and retirement income, social security benefits, self-employment, and health savings accounts just to name a few items. The students have learned how to record all this information into an IRS program called Tax Slayer. This program takes the information and uses it to calculate federal and state returns. It also allows the tax site to e-file the returns for you.

At the end of the Semester, the students were required to take 4 IRS certifications (Volunteer Standards of Conduct, Intake/Interview and Quality Review, Advanced, and Health Savings Accounts (HSA) Exams) as part of the VITA/TCE program. Each student had to pass these exams with at least an 80% to volunteer at the tax site.

The tax site was open January 27 through March 7. Help was available Fridays from 9-1 and Tuesdays from 4-7. Kinsey Brashears, Megan Prevost, and Mikayla Prevost were each required to volunteer at least 15 hours at the site as part of their Accounting II class. Two students, Miguel Hernandez and Darli Ramirez, also volunteered time to interpret for those customers speaking only Spanish. These five students accumulated over 95 volunteer hours to help members of the community get their taxes done.

## Time to Vote

By Jonathan Stone



quickmeme.com photo

As it happened last week, Sony is now offering PS4 fans the opportunity to vote for a game they want to see on sale on the PlayStation Store. Each mashup is between two games. This week is Hitman: The Complete. First Season and Dragon Ball Xenoverse 2.

If Hitman wins, the price will be discounted 50 percent, dropping the price to \$30. If Xenoverse 2 wins the price will be 33 percent off, dropping to \$40.

The first week of this trend pitted Assassin's Creed: The Ezio Collection against Final Fantasy XV, with the latter coming out on top with 54.9% of the vote.

Voting is now underway on the PlayStation blog. Remember, your vote counts to determine the games, unless you're a PC or Xbox gamer!



**COMMUNITY MESSAGE BOARD**

**FMHS SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES 3/13— 24/17**

(home games indicated in bold type)

DATE	SPORT	OPP	H/A	TIME
3/14/17	<b>G Soccer (V)</b>	<b>Northridge</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>
	Baseball (JV)	Brighton	Away	4:00pm
3/15/17	<b>G Soccer (JV)</b>	<b>Northridge</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>
	Golf (JV & V)	Skyline	Away	9:00am
3/16/17	<b>Baseball (C)</b>	<b>Eaton</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>
	G Soccer (C)	Skyline	Away	4:30pm
	<b>Tennis</b>	<b>Northridge</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>3:30pm</b>
	<b>Baseball (V &amp; JV)</b>	<b>Skyline</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>
3/17/17	Soccer (V)	Greeley Central	Away	4:00pm
	Soccer (JV)	"	"	6:00pm
3/17/17	Baseball (JV)	Northridge	Away	4:00pm
3/18/17	Track	Windsor	Away	9:00am
3/20/17	<b>Baseball (C)</b>	<b>Mead</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>
	<b>Baseball (V)</b>	"	"	<b>4:00pm</b>
3/21/17	Baseball (JV)	"	Away	4:00pm
	Golf	Thompson Valley	Away	12:00pm
3/22/17	Tennis	Sterling	Away	3:30pm
	<b>G Soccer (V)</b>	<b>Thompson Valley</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>
3/22/17	Baseball (JV)	Valley	Away	4:00pm
3/23/17	Soccer (V)	Silver Creek	Away	4:00pm
	Soccer (JV)	"	"	5:30pm
3/24/17	<b>Golf</b>	<b>FMHS Invite</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>9:00am</b>
	Baseball (C)	Eaton	Away	4:00pm
3/24-25/17	Baseball (V)	LaJunta	Away	1:00pm
3/25/17	Track	Yuma	Away	9:00am
	<b>Soccer (V)</b>	<b>Denver West</b>	<b>Home</b>	
	<b>11:30pm</b>	"	"	
	<b>Soccer (JV)</b>	"	"	<b>1:30pm</b>

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3/12-14/17	Knowledge Bowl	State	CSU	All day
3/15/17	Cheer Banquet	Commons		6:30pm
3/18 & 25/17	Drama Set Building	Auditorium		8:00am

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**Largest Broncos Staff Changes**

By: Isaac Greenwood

The Denver Broncos have overhauled the coaching staff after the Super Bowl 50 Champions sunk to a disappointing 9-7 season. The former Head Coach, Gary Kubiak, retired due to health concerns and several people were let go as well. The stellar Wade Phillips, our former defensive coordinator, headed to Los Angeles. Joe DeCamillis, the special teams coordinator, moved to coach in Jacksonville. As the last major coaching piece, Offensive Coordinator Rick Dennison was fired after the Broncos had a lackluster offensive performance during the season. This left the team with gaping holes at the most critical team positions. Here is a look at the new coaches in those key positions as found on the January and February 7 Mile High Report

**Head Coach Vance Joseph:** The former Miami Dolphins Defensive Coordinator, Vance Joseph used to be a quarterback at CU. He was hired for his leadership skills and wanting to fit the system to the players, not the players to the system. He had previously impressed John Elway, the Broncos general manager, when he was last interviewed for a team position. This head coaching change should help get the Broncos back on a winning track.

**Offensive Coordinator Mike McCoy:** Mike McCoy returned to the Broncos after a brief time as the Head Coach of the San Diego Chargers. He has helped coach the likes of Peyton Manning and Philip Rivers, two excellent quarterbacks in their own regards. He should be able to revamp the Bronco's offense back to its former glory.

**Defensive Coordinator Joe Woods:** Joe Woods use to hold the position of Defensive Backs Coach, and was promoted to Defensive Coordinator after furthering the dominance of the "No Fly Zone." He helped coach Aqib Talib and Chris Harris Jr. into the league's most elite cornerbacks, as well as pushing Darian Stewart into a Pro Bowl worthy season. His stated purpose is to "tweak" the defense in order to improve the run game, but he wants to continue the utter dominance of the Bronco's exceptional defense.

**Special Teams Coordinator Brock Olivo:** After making the move from Kansas City, Brock Olivo, the former Special Teams assistant, comes with a clear mission to improve the Bronco's mediocre special teams. He said that his goal was to, "make sure the players understand the system." He also learned from the best in Dave Toub, the special teams genius of the Kansas City Chiefs. Under Olivo's guidance the special teams unit will be able to go from decent to great, as he has learned under the best.

I expect the Broncos to have immediate improvement,. However, I would also think that next season should start off pretty slow. That could be attributed to working out the kinks because of these many major changes, and even more minor ones. As long as the Broncos are able to improve the offensive and defensive line, look for the team to return to being a Super-Bowl contender.

**The Last One**

By: James Hochanadel

**A NEW START**

By: James Hochanadel



James Hochanadel, Victor Chacon photo



Edwin Pablo, Victor Chacon photo

This track and field season we are looking for a fresh start from returning athletes and for kids coming from winter sports.

Coach Hochanadel, the throws coach, is looking for improvement

and consistency. He is looking for hard work everyday and to improve from one day to the next. Technique and form for the two events are being introduced in the practices for the throwers. His comment on the new start is "it is a new start for some because they are new to the sport. Also, it is a new season for the returning lettermen and returning throwers from last year." Coach Hoch stated as well that we have two state qualifiers returning and that one is a state placer for discus. We also have a two time state qualifier and state placer in the girls shot put.

The Fort Morgan Invitational on Saturday February 11 was the first meet of the year. Shot Put trials for that meet were held on February 3. The top three for the boys are John Hochanadel, Ryan Eggleston, and Edwin Pablo. The girls have Hailey Lewis, Marissa Cervantes, and Elizabeth Mia. John Hochanadel, James Hochanadel, and Ryan Eggleston represented Fort Morgan in discus. Results will be in the next edition of HOOFBREAT.

Victor Cabral stated that his Senior year as a wrestler was very emotional. He started wrestling during his Freshman year, but sort of burned out for Sophomore and Junior year. This year with a new head coach in charge, Victor had some doubts about joining again. His senior friends on the team suggested that he go for it. "I joined cause I wanted to enjoy my last time wrestling," he said. Little did he know that during the season his classmates would be cut or chose to end their season due to the amount of work and dedication required. Ultimately he became known as the only senior wrestler of the class of 2017. Ending his season as a state qualifier was the highlight of his wrestling career. The team will definitely miss him.