



MIDDLE SCHOOL WINNERS

MORGANSTRONG ESSAY & ART COMPETITION



RACHEL S.

Are you tired of always having to drive to denver for recreational activities? In this essay competition I thank Morgan strong a non-profit organization to give me the chance to speak out to morgan county to provide more recreational activities. I believe there should be a bigger rec department with an indoor swimming pool during the winter and a gymnastics gym. There should also be a trampoline park for family and friends to get exercise.

I believe there should be a new recreation center in Fort Morgan because it will give children more opportunities to get active. Inside the recreation center it will include a basketball court, workout gym, walking track for elders, gymnastic gym, indoor swimming pool, and more. The reason I am focusing on a new gymnastic gym because the gym now we don't have the opportunity for trampolines and foam pits. We should also include an indoor swimming pool so professional swimmers could swim in the winter but you can also just swim for fun. This new rec building will be added onto the old building taking over Morgan County Motors as we already have plenty of car dealerships in Morgan county. Fort Morgan is not small, we are a growing community together needing more recreational activities.

Not only do we need a rec center but we need a place for kids to have fun. Yes there are plenty of places to have fun in Fort Morgan but we need something more extravagant that will make people come from many other places. In addition the idea could be a trampoline park for families and friends to hang out with each other. This way if kids don't like sports they will still stay active. Inside the trampoline park there would be foam pits, regular trampolines, and more. I believe this is a good idea because many people can have their birthday parties there and would make a good income. This trampoline park could be located on main street next to taco Johns since there is an empty lot just sitting there. If you believe there should be more opportunities for kids to get active speak out with me and listen to my voice.

If you think Morgan county is a small community, your wrong, we are growing in population and we should have the same opportunities as bigger towns! I know that we could become better in sports with new equipment and show other towns who we are. We can do this by building into the Fort Morgan recreation center with an indoor pool and gymnastics gym inside. Not only that but to instal a trampoline park. I believe that we need to make Fort Morgan a better Community.

JESUS E.

This is my submission to the Morgan Strong Essay Competition. I think to make Morgan County an even greater place to live in is to make it more fun and enjoyable. I hope you guys follow through this idea. If not that's ok, I really enjoyed writing this and trying to help the community.

I was thinking of putting many recreational activities into one building or area so many people can have fun. There could be a place where there is something for everybody. Children, teens, adults, and the elderly, something they can all enjoy, a place to meet new people, a place to volunteer, a place to help others. I would love to have a place with all those qualities and for people to have fun.

This place could be filled with recreational activities. It could have places for sports, a place for an arcade and laser tag, maybe even a go kart place. This could be so much fun for so many people. You can also make it so people can volunteer to help around the place and keep the place intact, maybe even let people get jobs there. It could open up job opportunities for the unemployed. This could truly help the community and even bring the community.

Along with helping the community, it could help make Morgan County a place known for having fun. You could start off with Fort Morgan and then slowly start adding other areas similar to the one in Fort Morgan close to the other towns and villages. I could see this as a true opportunity to make Morgan County an awesome place and get more tourists which could make even more money to help the community and fix up broken down buildings and repair damages in the town. I truly think this can work out and make Morgan County known for helping its residents.

BODIE W.

This essay is for the Morgan Strong essay competition. Morgan Strong is a non-profit organization that wants our help to improve Morgan County. I have plenty ideas of what Morgan County deserves to have and why. Our community is a great place and it needs more places to have fun and hang out.

There are many things that I think Morgan County deserves for sports and other fun activities, but I really think that a trampoline park would be the best. There are many things that people are able to do at a trampoline parks and they are all beneficial. Also just about all ages could have fun at a trampoline park and hang out with friends and family. There are also more opportunities to get jobs in the summer for teenagers. Really just overall everybody could have fun there or get paid to work there. A trampoline park is just about the funnest thing to do when you are bored.

There are many benefits of a trampoline. One including exercise. That is a really fun way to get exercise and stay in shape for whoever wants to. Not many people are going to go to a gym and work out, but they will go to a trampoline park and have fun with friends. There could also be like trampoline classes to have fun and be able to do like backflips and other cool tricks.

There are many places that this could be located. Morgan strong knows that there are lots of benefits of a trampoline park and there are all fun. I personally think that this building for this recreational activity can go out by the middle school in the empty field. Not the corn fields, but there is a field that doesn't grow any crops. This would be a good spot for it because there will be a lot of people that see it and will want to go to it.

That trampoline park is the recreational activity that Morgan County deserves the This would be a good idea because people can get exercise by having fun on trampolines. Those are all the reasons that I think that the people of Morgan County deserves a trampoline park in their community.

AUNDREA C.

I would like Fort Morgan strong to hear what I would like to say for Fort Morgan. All of these kids should be heard because they would also like to change Fort Morgan. They should be heard and listen to because they might have to say something that might surprise you. Anyway, hopefully you will get this because I would love it if you could make some changes for Fort Morgan. Fort morgan should deserve to be like all the other fun, safe, and very interesting town. I know that it would not look like Denver but I would at least have some features from Denver.

1st thing I want to talk about and change is the sports. I do Volleyball and I love it. But at that time my family was struggling with money. A Lot of parents really want their kid to be happy and they would do anything for them to accomplish that. So I would like to start off with the uniforms. Every team has matching, cool uniforms and those uniforms are very expensive. For example Basketball. Basketball is a very fun sport to play. There uniforms are at least 75\$-120\$. The only reason why I'd because of the graphics. So people really do struggle with money and it pays a lot just to make a child happy. So I think just to sign up for the sports it should be at least 15\$-20\$, depending on the sport they want to participate in, and for the uniforms, they should at least be 25-30\$ and add an extra 5\$ for graphics. Or even 5-10\$ depending of how good the graphics are.

Next thing I would like to change and discuss is that I would really like some lessons on anything. Whenever I go to downtown Denver, I see little tiny shops open that are like 3 dollars just to do one lesson. And they could be anything like pottery or baking or even art decorating. Honestly there is a lot of people that come down to hike or just to get away from the big city and just do something fun and I think that would really help Fort morgan and make it happy and fun. They could be open when ever they want depending on the seasons and the weather. They should mostly be open in the summer because it is really nice weather!

I think the last two things I would like to discuss is that I really really want a spot to hang and do a bunch of things to do like an arcade or something like that. Every friday or saturday and go to the brush roller rink and just skate, eat and hang out with some friends. Honestly I don't like driving just like 15 minutes just to go to the ruler ink and then spend 2 hours skating and then leave. I think it is a hassle. So I think we can have a friendly but cool hang out spot with an arcade and some things like bowling, laser tag or just a regular eat and arcade place. I went to Greeley and I went to an arcade that had

food, bowling and laser tag. It was very very fun and there was prizes for all the arcade tokens and cards. Last thing is that i want a cool nice park with a community garden. Some schools have gardens but wont let anyone garden there. And there is people that loves to garden. But I think it would be the best so if you want to take a kid and teach then how to garden and learn the meaning of growing crops. Also, there should be a very cool park. I went to this park in loveland the park was called the twin towers i think and it was very safe and cool and very thrilling at the same time.

In conclusion I really want some of these things change and I think at least two things should be changed. I think they would attract more people to come to Fort Morgan.! Thank you for listening and hearing my thoughts and hopefully take some of my suggestions.

SORAYA P.

I think we should have more activities and sports in Fort Morgan that kids can enjoy and get things out of it. I think this would be good because in this century kids are getting very lazy and they do not want to be active. People can volunteer to help with coaching and teaching kids how to do sports and what it is all about. I think this would be a very good way to teach kids that being active is good because it helps you keep a good body form and to stay healthy. I think we deserve more sports equipment because like I said this will help our community be more active, I also think older kids should be able to play sports for rec so they can get a little more practice.

My idea is to have more sports and runs here in Morgan because I think the more we are active we can be faster and more energized throughout the day. What I think we should do for Fort Morgan is we should make another rec center or some where were people can go work out or play sports and possibly just have fun while exercising. I think we should also have a pool in it to so that we can go in there for practicing swimming and water sports. We can make this sports center where everyone goes which is on main street. People who love sports and being active will love this because they do not all have to go to one area that has activities and sport. This is one thing that I would love to see here in Fort Morgan, Colorado.

Our community deserves this because we need more things going on here in Fort Morgan, we are kinda getting lazy as people so I think this will help the community out a lot. We should really try to make this because I think it is well for our community and we can make a change for us in general. Thank you for taking your time to read my essay about what I think we should have in our community, I hope you take this into consideration.

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