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Professional Portfolio

Background

I am a native of Northeast Colorado and grew up in the Fort Morgan Area. Both of my grandfathers farmed in the area – one by Snyder and one south of Last Chance. My family has always been involved in farming and ranching, with my Dad accepting a Ranch Foreman job in Gunnison for a cow/calf operation. I have one brother who is retired from the US Army (for the 2nd time) and retired again after some time with the FBI. Neither of us followed the agriculture tradition, but we have maintained close ties and fond memories.

I started out as a bank secretary in Gunnison, worked in Denver and Fort Morgan in banking and then moved up to Operations officer in a brand new bank built in Loveland, Colorado.

I then went to college at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas and after receiving my degree in Hotel Administration I managed hotels in Arcadia, California; Phoenix, Arizona; Natchez, Mississippi; Montgomery, Alabama; St. Paul, Minnesota and Fort Morgan, Colorado.

About 15 years ago I returned to Fort Morgan to open my consulting business and be closer to family.

Education & Training

- M.S. in Organizational Leadership (capstone pending for final degree)
- B. S. Hotel Administration University of Nevada at Las Vegas
- Graduate of Leadership Morgan County
- Silver Level Advanced Toastmaster
- Leadership Development Course – PFM Excel

Professional Affiliations

- Member, Fort Morgan Area Chamber of Commerce
- Past Member & Alternate Board Member for Morgan County, Progressive 15
- Past Secretary/Treasurer of the FmaC Foundation
- Past President of CORE Foundation
- Past Member, Parks & Tree Board, City of Fort Morgan
- Member, Morgan County Economic Development Corporation
- Member, Progressive 15
- Past Chair, Colorado Rural Development Council
- Past Chair, Northeast Colorado Travel Region
- Past Executive Board Member, National Rural Development Partnership
- Also Served:
 - Colorado State Rail Plan Advisory Group
 - Colorado Transportation Planning Blue Ribbon Panel
 - Colorado Green Jobs Council
 - Comprehensive Planning Group for Morgan County
 - Strategic Planning Group for RE-3 School District
 - Comprehensive Planning for City of Fort Morgan
 - Governor Romer's Smart Growth Council
 - Delegate to State House Conference on Small Business
 - Planning Process for Progressive 15
 - Regional Planning Group for Heartland route
 - Beanpole Legislation
 - Morgan County Relay for Life – Entertainment/Activities Chair
 - March of Dimes – County Liaison
 - Vice President – UNLV Hotel Association
 - Chair, Colorado Safe Deposit Association
 - 4-H leader and Home Economics Judging Coach

Awards & Honors

- Citizen of the Year for Fort Morgan in 2002
- Chamber Star for volunteerism
- Outstanding Junior Leader in 4-H
- Danforth Award in 4-H
- Outstanding Young Business Woman in Loveland
- Morgan County Favorite Community Leader in 1995
- Colorado Community College State Leadership Team