

## Brighton window

Mayor Ken Kreutzer addresses the audience at the Armory on Monday during the annual State of the City address. In his first State of the City since being elected mayor last fall, Mayor Kreutzer introduced a real-time survey with five questions, about quality of life in Brighton, that allowed (and encouraged) audience members to participate, using cell phones.

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## S.P.E.A.K. Week starts April 29

Registration is open for the Brighton Youth Commission's annual S.P.E.A.K. Week Walk, May 5 – following a week of suicide-prevention activities in schools.

S.P.E.A.K. (Suicide Prevention, Education, Awareness and Knowledge) Week, April 29-May 5, promotes awareness in the community and among their peers about the warning signs of suicide, and aware-

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ness of local resources for those who are struggling.

The Brighton Youth Commission and School District 27J are working jointly to provide a full week of education in local elementary, middle and high schools. This year approximately 7,500 students are participating in the movement. Each school can choose which activities it wants to participate in, and participation dates. Following is the general schedule:

• **April 30** – All schools will show the Youth Commission S.P.E.A.K.

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## Three Days

### Today

**10-11 a.m. – Little Scientists**, Anythink Brighton; Explore early literacy through experiential stations; and gather at times throughout the hour for a group movement or story activity. Caregivers with children through age 4 welcome.

### Saturday

**7 a.m.-noon – 9Health Fair**, Platte Valley Medical Center; numerous screenings and informational resources; learn more at [pvmc.org](http://pvmc.org).

**8 a.m.-1 p.m. – Bird Conservancy of the Rockies 30th Anniversary Party**, Barr Lake State Park; celebrate 30 years of progress in conserving birds and their habitat; guided bird walks, bird-banding demonstrations, live bird presentations, educational activities for kids and adults, lunch and birthday cake – plus a kite festival hosted by Friends of Barr Lake. Admission: \$5 per vehicle, which includes park entrance fee, lunch and kites; register at [www.birdconservancy.org/30years](http://www.birdconservancy.org/30years)

**9 a.m.-4 p.m. – Best of Spring Bazaar**, Adams County Regional Park, 9755 Henderson Road; 200-plus booths in two buildings; benefit for the Adams County Museum; admission \$3

**10 a.m.-noon – Barr Lake Birders**, Barr Lake State Park; a club for ages 6-15 to learn about the birding world; parents, plan to attend the first meeting to help make a few decisions on field trips, RSVP 303-659-6005.

**1-3 p.m. – Mommy Mingle**, Platte Valley Medical Center Conference Room C; Connect with other moms and newborns 2-12 weeks old; led by lactation specialists AND other medical professionals; learn what's normal and expected in healing after delivery and raising a baby; free. Sign up: [pvmc.org/events](http://pvmc.org/events) or 303-498-1481.

**7:30 p.m. – Guys & Dolls in Concert**, presented by Platte Valley Players in collaboration with BrightonMusic Orchestra, in the Armory; musical fable of Broadway based on story and characters of Damon Runyon; tickets online, [PlatteValleyPlayers.org](http://PlatteValleyPlayers.org), or at the door; adults \$15 online, \$17 at the door; under 12 & senior 65+ \$13 / \$15.

### Sunday

**4 p.m. – Guys & Dolls in Concert**, presented by Platte Valley Players in collaboration with BrightonMusic Orchestra, at First Presbyterian Church, 510 S. 27th Ave.; buy tickets through Platte Valley Players online, [PlatteValleyPlayers.org](http://PlatteValleyPlayers.org), or at the door; adults \$15 online, \$17 at the door; under 12 and senior 65+ \$13 / \$15.

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video, kicking off the week with information about S.P.E.A.K. Week and removing the stigma of mental illness.

- **May 1** – Stress balls will be distributed to help students deal with anxiety or worry.

- **May 2** – S.P.E.A.K. booklets will be distributed. Booklets include the S.P.E.A.K. schedule, warning signs of suicide, mental-health resources and inspirational messages.

- **May 3** – Teachers are encouraged to start class with a 5-minute meditation, designed to help students learn the benefits of meditation in a positive environment that allows them to see the good in others.

- **May 4** – The entire student body will be asked to wear yellow. The color symbolizes that, as a community, we are speaking out against suicide and breaking down the stigmas of mental health.

- **All week** – PSA/posters aiming to break down the stigmas of mental health will be displayed.

The community is encouraged to participate in the 5-kilometer S.P.E.A.K. Walk on May 5, starting at Benedict Park. The theme will feature paper lanterns at an evening walk so you can spread your light in a time of darkness, a news release from the Youth Commission states. Pre-walk festivities begin at 5 p.m. with entertainment, food trucks and supplies for participants to decorate their lanterns. The actual walk will start at 7:15 p.m. and end at 8:45 p.m.

Cost to participate in the S.P.E.A.K. Walk is \$20 for adults and \$15 for students. Participants will receive a lantern, commemorative T-shirt, coupon book, and event bag. Community members can register online at <https://www.brightonyouth-commission.org/speak> or in person at Historic City Hall, 22 S. Fourth Ave.

S.P.E.A.K. Week is a youth-led,

youth-driven initiative that was started by Youth Commission members in response to the death in fall 2011 of friend and classmate, Joshua Dillon. The first S.P.E.A.K. Week and walk was in April 2012.

To learn more about S.P.E.A.K. Week in local schools, the S.P.E.A.K. Walk, or how to be involved, contact Youth Services Manager Tawnya Russell at 303-655-2123. If you have questions or concerns about your child and their involvement with S.P.E.A.K., you also can contact Russell or Kevin West, the director of intervention with School District 27J, at 303-655-2816.

## Now playing

### AMC Theatres in Brighton Pavilions

Super Troopers 2 R • I Feel Pretty PG13 • Truth or Dare PG13 • Isle of Dogs PG13 • Sgt. Stubby: An American Hero PG • Rampage PG13 • The Miracle Season PG • A Quiet Place PG13 • Blockers R • Ready Player One PG-13 • I Can Only Imagine PG • Sherlock Gnomes PG • Black Panther PG13 •

## Funeral notices

**Albert C. Herrman**, 95, of Brighton, died April 15. He was born in Liebenthal, Kan., to Fredlin and Amelia (Schupman) Herrman. A lifetime member of St. Augustine Catholic Church, he married Mary Billinger in 1946 at the church. At age 17, Albert joined the Civilian Conservation Corps, serving from January 1940 through June 1941 with an honorable discharge. Albert enlisted into the Navy, where he served from 1942 through 1946. After an honorable discharge from the Navy, Albert worked at the Great Western Sugar Co. (5 years), Trailmobile (20 years), and American Semi-Trailers until his retirement. If Albert was unable to "fix" something, he would just build something new. Survivors include his daughter, Stephanie (Ken) Jump of Brighton; sister Irene McFall of Commerce City; brother Simon Herrman of Arizona; two grandsons;

and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his baby sister, also named Irene. Visitation, 5-7 p.m. **Monday**, Tabor-Rice Funeral Home; Mass of Christian burial, 11 a.m. **Tuesday**, St. Augustine Catholic Church. **Full obit Tabor-Rice**

**Dorothy Jacobucci**, 99, died April 13. She was born in Henderson to William and Ora Heebner. Dorothy was a lifelong resident of the Brighton area. In 1940, she married Victor Jacobucci and they lived and farmed the family farm west of Brighton. Dorothy was a member of St. Augustine Catholic Church as well as the Altar and Rosary Society. For many years, Dorothy dedicated herself to cleaning the church during October in remembrance of her son. Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, Victor; son Gary; as well as sisters Elizabeth Harvey, Julia Herskind, Alice Gress and Edna Haselbush. Survivors include her daughters Ora (Frank) Macri, Betty (Gary) Smith; three grandsons; daughter-in-law Charlotte; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Memorial services, 11 a.m., **April 27**, at St. Augustine Catholic Church. Reception to follow at the parish hall.

**Charles L. "Chuck" Phelps**, 86, of Brighton, died April 12. He was born in Pueblo to Jean (Dickinson) and James Phelps Sr. He was a warehouse manager for Frontier Airlines, managed an appliance store, was a Carpet Mill representative, owned a grocery store, was district and regional manager for Parents Without Partners. Survivors include his wife, Shirley; children Jackie Phelps (Tom) Clark of Flower Mound, Texas, Pamela Phelps Genevesi of Salt Lake City, Utah, Brett

Halsey and Robert Halsey of Brighton; 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his name to: Eagle View Adult Center, 1150 Prairie Center Parkway, Brighton, CO 80601. Visitation, 2-4 p.m. **Sunday** at Tabor-Rice Funeral Home; graveside service 11 a.m. **Monday** at Imperial Memorial Garden Cemetery, in Pueblo. **Full obit Tabor-Rice**

**Christopher R.G. Tortolito**, 59, of Denver, died April 12. He was born in Cheyenne, Wyo., to Josephine (Hernandez) and Jimmy Tortolito. He married Patricia in 1996 in Brighton, where they lived for 10 years. Christopher was a cook for many Denver-area restaurants. Survivors include his wife, Patricia; and mother, Josephine of Cheyenne. Funeral Mass, 11 a.m., **today** at St. Augustine Catholic Church. Interment to follow at Fairview Cemetery in Brighton. **Full obit Tabor-Rice**

**Robert A. Amador**, 50, of Brighton, died April 11. Memorial service, 4 p.m., **April 27** at the Horan & McConaty Family Chapel, 9998 Grant St., Thornton.

**Richard D. Kaess**, 75, died March 26 in Derby, Kan. He was born in Salida to Melville C. Kaess and Alice M. Bigelow. Rich attended Metro State, where he earned a degree in criminal justice. He worked 32 years in corrections for the state of Colorado. He lived in Brighton for 43 years. Survivors are his children, DeeAnn (Ron) Hill, of Pratt, Kan., and Brad (Barbara) Kaess, of Huntington Beach, Calif.; brother Don (Sue) Kaess; sisters Karen (Ben) Yeatts, and Melette (Doug) Maypark; and three grandchildren. Graveside service, 1 p.m. **April 28**, at Hillside Cemetery in Cotopaxi.

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