



Brighton Fire Rescue District and neighboring departments battle flames from the abandoned Arthur's Brighton Grain Co. The fire started before 8 a.m. Friday and destroyed the building. No one was injured.

Photo by Dick Hodge

Fire destroys Brighton landmark

Fire on Friday morning destroyed a piece of Brighton's history: The building, owned by Union Pacific Railroad, was most recently known as Arthur's Brighton Grain Co.

Fire Chief Mark Bodane, of the Brighton Fire Rescue District, said there were no injuries or deaths from the fire. The cause of the fire is still under investigation. Investigators and fire crews worked during the week-end to attempt to determine the origin and cause of the fire as well as remove debris from the site.

Smoke rising from the building was reported by several witnesses before 8 a.m. Friday, and crews from Brighton Fire Rescue District and several area fire departments responded.

The original building, at 404 N. Main St., near Denver Street, might be traced back nearly 100 Years, when

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one of the mill's owners, Brighton Farmers Cooperative Elevator Co. incorporated grain elevator for the Brighton Grain Co-Op, was incorporated in April 1919.

A story in the March 21, 2013, *Brighton Banner*, reported that Brighton Grain Co. purchased the elevator from the Brighton Farmers Co-op in 1938. The property was sold in 1993 to William Arthur, who renamed the property Arthur's Grain Mill. It closed in 2012.

That same news story, written by late Brighton historian Albin Wagner, announced that the Brighton Historic Preservation Commission had added the building to its Watch List of historic Sites.

During the past year, the Historic Preservation Commission had received funding to survey the building on the Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way, but was still awaiting permission from the railroad to enter the property.

Two Days

Today

9:30-10 a.m. – Music & Movement, Anythink Brighton; Sing, dance, play some basic instruments; for ages 2-6.

10:15-11 a.m. – Cuento Time, Anythink Brighton; story-time featuring books, songs, rhymes, and play in English and Spanish; for kids ages 2-6. *Acompañanos para cuentos, canciones, rimas y juego en inglés y español. Apropriado para niños de 2 a 6 años.*

6-7:30 p.m. – Genealogy Research with FamilySearch, Anythink Brighton; Millions of family history records are being added to the FamilySearch database every year. Find out how to navigate the website and find records for your ancestors. Professional genealogist Sara L. Dawson will share her tips for making the most of FamilySearch's resources. RSVP online or call 303-405-3230.

Tuesday

9:30-10:15 a.m. & 2:30-3:15 p.m. – Baby Bounce, Anythink Brighton; songs, rhymes and stories for babies and their caregivers; for ages birth-23 months.

10-11 a.m. – Drop-in Tech Help, Anythink Brighton; an informal discussion of email, resúms, Internet searching, e-readers and more. Drop in anytime. All ages.

4-5 p.m. – STEAM Tuesdays, Anythink Brighton; Discover Challenge – Explore STEAM principles to build and create; for grades K-5; RSVP online

5-7 p.m. – Total Joint University, Platte Valley Medical Center; for patients scheduled for or contemplating a joint replacement; info from pre-op to recovery; RSVP dclements@pvmc.org or 303-498-1840.

5:45-6:30 p.m. – Pilates Mat Class, Platte Valley Medical Center, Suite 130 Medical Plaza 1; strengthen, tone your abdominals, hips and shoulders, increase flexibility, overall fitness, health; taught by licensed physical therapist, certified Pilates instructor, \$9, RSVP 303-498-1840.

6:30-7:30 p.m. – Pen and Ink Techniques, Anythink Brighton; explore techniques using pen and ink. RSVP.

7 p.m. – Bible Study Fellowship, Men's group at Zion Congregational Church on 27th Ave.; Women's group at Brighton United Methodist Church on Eighth Ave.; interdenominational, in-depth Bible study. All welcome. To learn more: Kristen, 303-654-0972; or Caroline, 303-659-4686.

Gas gauge

\$1.69⁹ Lowest unleaded price at 4:30 p.m. Sunday: at

Gas-a-Mat on South Main Street.

Funeral notices

Richard P. Dinges, 67, of Brighton, died Feb. 5. He was born in Brighton to Ralph and Lydia (Haffner) Dinges. Survivors include his brothers LeRoy, Randy, Rodney, and Roger Dinges, and sister Rhonda Michel. His stay at his foster home was a place where he knew he was always safe and loved, thanks to Avery and his wife. Funeral service, 1 p.m. **today**, all at Tabor Rice Funeral Home. **Full obit Tabor-Rice**

Judy L. Smith, 63, of Brighton, died Feb. 2. Survivors include her husband, Victor, sons Sirio D. (Courtney) Martinez, Cole Brandon Smith, daughter Sierra D. (Dane) Pulmano; and four grandchildren. A private family service will be held.

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Rec Center waives daily fee for ‘everyday heroes’

The Brighton Recreation Center will waive its daily admission fee this week as its way of saying thank you to everyday heroes. Feb. 10 to 16 any everyday heroes will be allowed to use the facility at no charge.

Everyday heroes are considered to be men and women in law enforcement, emergency responders, active military and veterans, according to

the news release from the city announcing the fee waiver.

A valid department or military ID will be required to receive the benefit.

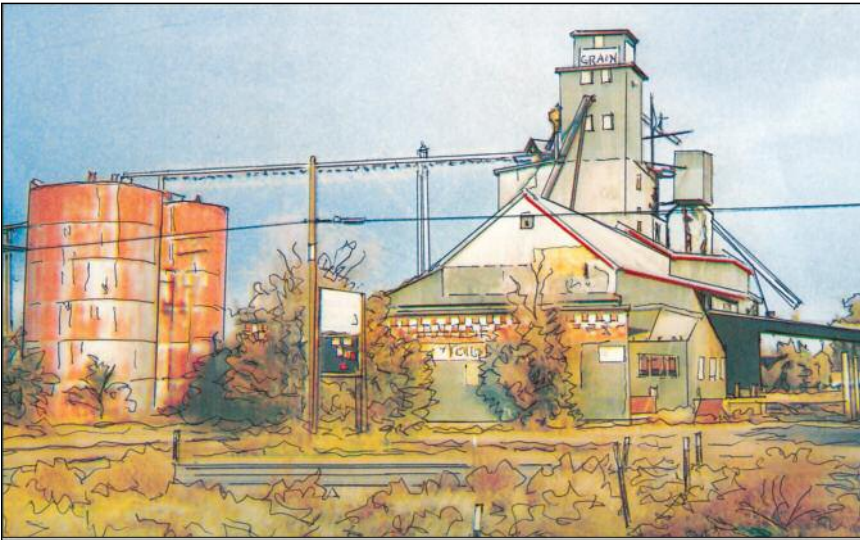
The Recreation Center also will show everyday heroes some love on Thursday, Valentine’s Day, by providing fresh coffee, tea, fruit and pastries in the lobby from 8 a.m. to noon.

During the week, donation bins

will be set up for the community to help fill. Vietnam Veterans of America will stop by on Tuesday and Thursday to pick up donations such as clothing, home goods, tools and anything you would like to donate. All your donations will go to veterans in need.

For more information, call Lili Trevizo at 303-655-2235.

North Main grain elevator lost to fire



The late Albin Wagner, a local historian, painted a picture of Arthur’s Brighton Grain Elevator, which was used with a 2013 story about Brighton Historic Preservation Commission listing the complex as a threatened historic asset.

Right: Fire crews target hot spots on Friday and, below, continue cleanup and investigation on Saturday. *Daily Post photos*

