

Brighton window



South Elementary third-grader Adan Acosta presents Brighton Fire Rescue Capt. Mark Brasel with a huge thank-you poster on Thursday when the school held its annual Patriot Day program. Third-graders honored Brighton police and firefighters in a musical program, fifth-graders introduced individual first-responders, and after the show, the officers and firefighters created a parade of emergency vehicles. More photos on page 2.

School District 27J photo

What is face of homelessness in Brighton?

Did you know that more than 300 homeless students attend schools in District 27J?

- That 70 percent of the homeless in Adams County are families with children?
- That homelessness is not only

Free Veterans Dinner today

Local veterans are invited to a chili dinner, 6-7:30 p.m. today, hosted by the Vikan National Junior Honor Society at the school, 879 Jessup St. Chili and dessert are free to veterans and their families.

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“living under a bridge” or sleeping in doorways or in local parks?

Homeless individuals and families might live in their vehicles, might share a house with one or more other families, might be children alone, who sleep on a different friend’s family couch for several nights. They might even have what many consider

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Two Days

Today

9:30-10:15 a.m. – Baby Bounce; Anythink Brighton; time with your little one with songs, rhymes and stories for babies and caregivers; for ages birth-23 months.

10-11 a.m. – One-on-One Tech Help. Anythink Brighton Appointments for one-on-one help from a tech guide; RSVP online or 303-405-3230.

2:30-3:15 p.m. – Baby Bounce; Anythink Brighton; time with your little one, with songs, rhymes and stories for babies and caregivers; for ages birth-23 months.

4-5 p.m. – STEAM Tuesdays; Anythink Brighton; explore science, technology, engineering, art and math. Appropriate for students in grades K-5. RSVP online.

5-6:30 p.m. – NaNoWriMo: Write In, Anythink Brighton; National Novel Writing Month is a fun, seat-of-your-pants approach to creative writing. Participants are working toward the goal of writing a 50,000-word novel by 11:59 p.m. on Nov. 30; a great space to start or finish your novel? The Write-in provides writers of all levels a comfortable and convenient space to work on their novel with professionals on hand to assist; for ages 12 and older.

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, improve flexibility, and overall fitness; taught by licensed physical therapist and certified Pilates instructor, \$9; RSVP 303-498-1840.

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

Wednesday

9:30-10:15 a.m. – Baby Bounce, Anythink Brighton; time with your little one: songs, rhymes and stories for babies and their caregivers; for ages birth-23 months.

10:30-11:30 a.m. – Primetime for Preschool, Anythink Brighton; stories, finger plays, songs, more, for ages 3-5.

11 a.m. – Kindness Counts, Eagle View Adult Center; fun, easy ideas for spreading kindness in the community; brighten the day for others; a new project each month.

1:30-2:30 p.m. – Active Minds: Putin’s Russia, Eagle View Adult Center; examine the story of Russia under the power of Vladimir Putin. \$5, **deadline, Nov. 13.**

4-5 p.m. – Kids Cafe: Wednesday Snack, Anythink Brighton; drop-in snack program sponsored by the Food Bank of the Rockies. Free for ages 18 and under.

4-5:30 p.m. – Let’s Talk Diabetes, Platte Valley Medical Center Medical Plaza 2, second-floor conference room; free class will cover overview of diabetes and pre-diabetes, blood-sugar monitoring, managing diabetes with your diet, meal-planning techniques to fit your lifestyle, medication management, prevention of chronic diseases and wound care, and exercise and activity. To RSVP or for more information, call 303-498-1699.

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“good” jobs, and they can come from even the “best” local families.

Learn more about homelessness in our own community, find out how you can help by using your circle of influence, and learn about available local resources that can assist homeless people you might know, even if you didn't realize they're homeless.

Join the Diversity, Equity and Inclusivity Council on Wednesday, 5:30-7 p.m. in the Brighton Armory, and share in the discussion. You might be helping a friend.

Panel members and participants will include: Paolo Diaz, Adams County Poverty Reduction manager; Shawna Miller, executive director of Brighton's Almost Home; Joseph Espinosa, executive director of the Brighton Housing Authority; Marv Falconburg, Brighton's assistant city manager; Dawn Semmen of Northern Hills Church (representing the faith-based community); and Desiree Quintanilla, from School District 27J Intervention Services.

Light snacks and refreshments will be provided. Doors open at 5; the program starts at 5:30.

The event is presented at no cost, but registration is required via Eventbrite, <https://deicouncilhomelessnesspaneldiscussion.eventbrite.com>.

Funeral notices

John J. Coffey, 81, of Brighton, died Nov. 2. He was born in Brighton to Alfred Leo and Alice (Morse) Coffey. He graduated from Brighton High School in 1955. He married Iva Jean Mitchell in 1957. John was an employee of Interstate Vending Co., retiring in 1991 after 30 years with the company. For 10 years John helped operate the Barr Lake Tavern. Survivors include his son, Leo J. Coffey of Brighton; sister Frances Steggs of New Mexico; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Iva, in 1993; son David in 2010; and daughter Shirley Steggs. Memorial service, 10 a.m. **Friday** at Tabor-Rice Funeral Home. [Tabor-Rice Funeral Home](#).

Gas gauge

\$2.38⁹ Lowest unleaded price at 6 p.m. Monday:

Afginity/ Cenex & Murphy Express on Bromley Lane.

South Elementary students celebrate first responders

South Elementary students Adan Acosta, left, Lilissa Rodriguez, Nayeli Zavala, Trinity Martinez and Lyrik Burton, sing and drum on Thursday in a patriotic performance, called *Americans We: Of the People, By the People and For the People*. The ceremony honored local first-responders. *School District 27J photo*



South students Valerie Zavala and Aliyah Guerrero introduce Brighton Police Officer Anthony Garcia on Thursday during the patriotic ceremony thanking emergency first responders, held at the school. It was one of two programs. An evening program was held for parents and other community members. *School District 27J photo*