

Brighton window



Zion Lutheran School's junior varsity girls' volleyball team took first place in it's end-of-season tournament and is pictured with the championship trophy. School Principal Zach Brewer reported that the team's overall season record was 6 wins and 1 loss. They won the double-elimination tournament with 3 wins and a loss. Zion's JV girls' volleyball team had to play two games in the championship round to win the tournament.

Photo courtesy Zion Lutheran School

City of Brighton reaps gold for solar

Brighton has received national recognition as a leader in advancing solar energy by adopting programs and practices that make it faster, easier and cheaper to go solar.

SolSmart, a program funded by the U.S. Department of Energy SunShot Initiative, has awarded the city a gold designation to recognize Brighton as a leader in advancing solar energy, according to a city news release.

A SolSmart Gold designation is a signal that the community is "open for solar business," helping to attract solar industry investment and gener-

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ate economic development and local jobs.

To achieve designation, cities and counties take steps to reduce solar "soft costs," which are non-hardware costs that can increase the time and money it takes to install a solar-energy system.

Examples of soft costs include planning and zoning; permitting; financing; customer acquisition; and instal-

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Three Days

Today

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

10:30-11:30 a.m. – Primetime for Preschoolers, Anythink Brighton; stories, finger plays, songs and other fun activities just for preschoolers. Ages 3-5. RSVP online

2-4:30 p.m. – After School Hangout, Anythink Brighton; Hang out with friends in The Studio, create fun projects uniquely your own. For grades 6-12.

2:30-4:30 p.m. – After-School Get Together, Anythink Brighton; Join your friends and family at the library. For students in grades K-5.

6-7:30 p.m. – Historic Downtown Open House, in the Armory; hosted by the Brighton Historic Preservation Commission, a final opportunity to ask questions and/or share concerns about proposed historic downtown district.

Thursday

9:30-10 a.m. – Music & Movement; Anythink Brighton; sing, dance, and learn to play some basic instruments. For ages 2-6. RSVP online.

12:15-12:50 p.m. – Yoga, Platte Valley Medical Center, Suite 130; \$6 drop-in rate; certified instructor. Bring your mat, info 303-498-1840.

3:30-5:30 p.m. – Action Lab: Creature Creation, Anythink Brighton; Edible FX – Create your own creature effects using edible household items; craft your own creature creations in the lab; a hands-on opportunity to craft a unique creation with the help of the resident artist and costume creator. For grades 6-12.

7 p.m. – Art Salon featuring Jeremiah J. White, Main Street Creatives, 36 S. Main St.; presentation and demonstration on a contemporary realist's approach to still life; snacks and refreshments; free.

Friday

10 a.m. – Immersion in Nature adults-only walk, Barr Lake State Park; a destressing walk in the park based on the Japanese practice Shinrin-Yoku with a wide range of healthful and healing benefits of "forest bathing;" about 2 hours with no destination or purpose other than to be in nature. Meet at the Nature Center. Leave your cell phone, even binoculars in the car.

10-11 a.m. – Little Movers, Anythink Brighton; Explore early literacy through transportation and exercise crafts and activities, and gather at times for a group movement or story activity. Caregivers with children through age 4. RSVP online.

7:30 p.m. – To Kill a Mockingbird, in the Armory, 300 Strong St.; Platte Valley Players presents Harper Lee's classic story about Scout, a young girl in a quiet southern town who is about to experience dramatic events that will affect the rest of her life. Tickets at plattevalleyplayers.org - Adults \$12, senior citizens and children under 12 \$13; at the door: \$17 and \$15

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lation labor.

Soft costs now represent roughly two-thirds of the total price of an installed residential system, according to information from SolSmart. Reducing those costs leads to savings that are passed on to consumers.

In this effort, Brighton offers solar installations as an allowed use in all zone districts. This eliminates the need for applicants to navigate through a special review with the Planning Division and the City Council, saving both time and money for the consumer. Brighton also has incorporated expedited permit reviews and capped fees related to solar permits for both commercial and residential solar system installations. In addition, Brighton's web site offers

many resources for planning and financing home and commercial solar installations.

The SolSmart designation team, led by the International City/County Management Association (ICMA), evaluates communities and awards them points based on the actions they take to reduce soft costs and other barriers to solar. Communities that take sufficient action are designated either gold, silver or bronze.

As part of the SolSmart program, all participating communities are eligible to request no-cost technical assistance from a team of national solar experts to help them achieve designation. The SolSmart technical-assistance team is led by The Solar Foundation.

Launched in April 2016, SolSmart

aims to designate 300 communities during the three-year, federally funded program.

Council OKs 2018 budget of \$99 million

The Brighton City Council unanimously adopted a resolution to approve the city's 2018 budget during its regular meeting Tuesday.

The \$99,047,975 budget, approved 8-0 – with Council Member Rex Bell absent – includes all the operating, capital, utility (water, wastewater and storm drainage) funds and non-major funds, the city announced in a news release.

The adopted budget reflects a \$1.5 million decrease from the 2017 adopted budget of \$100.5 million. The 2018 budget covers the calendar year (January through December) and will focus on the commitment to find ways to align the city's recurring revenues with its recurring expenditures.

The release stated: "As the city of Brighton continues to grow, we must rise to the challenge of providing core services to our community that includes public safety, accessible and safe transportation options, beautiful parks, recreational facilities for all ages, high-quality and dependable water, building safety measures and a number of amenities that our residents, businesses, and visitors have come to expect from their local government."

The City Council succeeded in balancing the 2018 budget while maintaining the required city Reserve Fund of 28 percent, the release stated. The Council also approved a 6.650-mill levy for 2017 property taxes collected in 2018. The mill levy has remained the same since 2003, though Finance Director Jean Starr noted that the funds collected have grown with property values. It is expected to raise \$2,687,900.

A majority of the city's revenue is derived from sales tax.

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Funeral notices

Stanley "Stan" Dreyer, 86, of Springfield, Va., died Oct. 7. He was born in Brighton to Jannett and Frank Dreyer and grew up on the family farm where he was active in 4-H. He graduated from the University of Colorado and received a master's degree in agricultural economics from the University of Minnesota. Survivors include his wife, Sharron; daughter Beth (Don) Kingston of Elizabethtown, Kent.; son Steven of Gulf Breeze, Fla.; and two grandsons. Celebration of Stan's life, 1 p.m. **Thursday** at Grace Presbyterian Church, 7434 Bath St., Springfield.

Edwin "Perry" Miller, 95, of Brighton, died Oct. 10. He was born in Lincoln, Neb., to John H. and Joy (Mills) Miller. He graduated from Lincoln High School in 1940 and attended the University of Nebraska for one year before being drafted into the Air Corps. He married Jewel White in 1977 in Brighton. Perry has lived in Brighton since 1971, an original homeowner of

the Van Aire community. Flying was a lifelong love of Perry's, a pilot since age 16, achieving his goal in 1976 of owning a Staggerwing Beech. He owned and operated Denver Imported Cars for many years. Survivors include his wife, Jewel; daughter Nancy (Michael Biglan) Miller of Brighton; stepchildren, Gary Jamieson, Diane Boehringer, Cindy Jamieson and David Jamieson; brother Dick (Kaye) Miller of Lincoln; two grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and one step great-grandchild. Memorial service 11 a.m. **today** at Brighton United Methodist Church. Memorial contributions can be made in his name to the Suicide Prevention Coalition of Colorado, P.O. Box 17614, Boulder, CO 80308. **Obit Tabor-Rice**

Eleonora "Nora" P. Hallett, 82, of Brighton, died on Oct. 4. She was born in Brazil. She worked as a dental technician while in Europe and while in the States worked as a CNA. She lived in Brighton for the last eight years. Survivors include her daughter, Regina Storms, of Dacono; step-sons Michael Piotrowski and Mark Dalby; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Celebration of Life, 2-5 p.m. **Oct. 28** at The Alli Event Center, 100 S. Third Ave. **Obit Tabor-Rice**



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