



Brighton Economic Development Corp. Chairman Valerie Escatel and EDC president and CEO Michael Martinez honor Shereen Fink, right, with a Strengthening Our Community Award on Friday. It was one of five awards presented during the annual awards dinner. See page 2 for more photos.

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## EDC honors five 2018 award winners

The Brighton Economic Development Corp. honored the 76 Commerce Center, Brighton Housing Authority, Big Choice Brewery, Shereen Fink and Lani Dolifka on Friday during its Annual Awards Dinner.

More than 100 business and community leaders attended the awards dinner at the Brighton Armory to reflect on and celebrate the business success that Brighton has witnessed during the past year.

The EDC Executive Committee selected the five winners earlier this summer:

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**The 76 Commerce Center:** The Next Big Thing Award, for outstanding achievement in business retention and expansion or entrepreneurial efforts that help promote jobs, capital investment and increasing community value;

**The Brighton Housing Authority:** The Community Partnership Award, which honors an individual or organization that embraces a spirit of regionalism and demonstrates distinction in promoting economic development throughout our community.

**Big Choice Brewery:** The "Accelerating Business" award, for a forward-thinking business or individual in Brighton that is positively changing the community while displaying the innovative spirit that

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## Four Days

### Today

**9:30-10:30 a.m. – Colorado Legal Services,** Eagle View Adult Center; access to high-quality, civil legal services for low-income and vulnerable people in Colorado; no income guidelines for seniors 60 and older; learn about services and how CLS might be able to help you. Speaker; free but please register; **deadline Aug. 8.**

**12:15-12:50 p.m. – Yoga,** Platte Valley Medical Center, Suite 130; \$6; certified instructor. Bring your mat.

**1-3:30 p.m. – Bunco,** Eagle View Adult Center; easy to learn; fun, refreshments, prizes, \$4, **deadline Aug. 7.**

**5-6:30 p.m. – Experiments in Sound,** Anythink Brighton; experiment in recording and assist in the creation of a sound installation; for ages 12 and older.

**6:30 p.m. – Elaine Padilla Memorial Dedication,** on the Memorial Parkway, 1985 Southern St.; the plaque will be dedicated in her memory for numerous volunteer efforts.

### Friday

**Noon – Friday's Feast,** Eagle View Adult Center; chicken salad sandwiches, fruit and cookies; entertainment by Over the Moon, a women's barbershop quartet; \$4, **deadline was Aug. 8.**

### Saturday

**10-11:30 a.m. – Fiber Arts Club,** Anythink Brighton; a morning filled with tea, crafting and community; bring a current project or start one at the library. Some supplies provided. All skill levels welcome.

**10 a.m.-noon – Eagle Express,** Barr Lake State Park; reserve your spot to view the bald eagle nest; seats are limited, RSVP to Nature Center, \$7 park entry per car.

**11 a.m.-noon – Cancer Support Group,** Platte Valley Medical Center, Medical Imaging waiting room; for cancer patients and their families, refreshments, RSVP to Oncology Clinic 303-498-2200.

**11 a.m.-3 p.m. – Old-fashioned Summer Picnic,** Adams County Museum, 9601 Henderson Road.

### Sunday

**11 a.m.-1 p.m. – Eagle Express,** Barr Lake State Park; reserve your to view the bald eagle nest; seats are limited, RSVP to Nature Center, \$7 park entry per car.

## CORRECTION

Do the math (journalists don't always do it well): **The Brighton High School Class of 1978 is celebrating its 40th anniversary reunion.** A headline on Page 2 of the Wednesday *Daily Post* indicated it was the 50th.

## Gas gauge

**\$2.52.9** Lowest unleaded price at 7 p.m. Wednesday:

**King Soopers** station on Bromley with SooperCard; Next Low: • **\$2.53.9** at **Murphy Express** and **Agfinity/Cenex** on Bromley, and **Gas-a-Mat** on South Main.

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embodies our history.

**Lani Dolifka**, owner of Watermill, a Brighton-based multinational purified water-vending franchise business whose charity work – providing fresh water to impoverished populations – is making a difference around the world. She dedicated her Strengthening Our Community Award to her parents, Bob and Joanna Sakata.

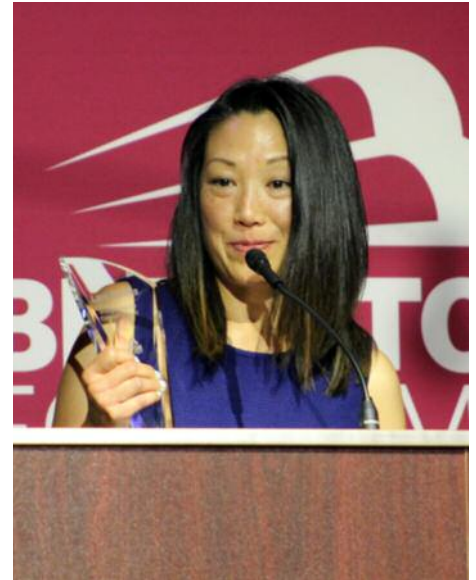
**Shereen Fink**: The co-founder and leader of the Diversity, Equity, Inclusivity Council, also earned a Strengthening Our Community Award, for involvement in economic development efforts and a demonstrated commitment to the future and long-term success of Brighton's economy.

Following brief remarks from U.S. Rep. Mike Coffman, EDC President and CEO Michael Martinez, provided an overview of the year, highlighting



**David Leon**, vice chairman of the Brighton Housing Authority, accepts the Community Partnership Award on behalf of the Housing Authority staff. *Daily Post photos*

that the business community is the backbone of our strong economy, stated a release from the EDC.



**Lani Dolifka**, owner of Watermill Express, was recognized with the Strengthening Our Community Award, which she dedicated to her parents, Bob and Joanna Sakata.

To learn more about the Brighton EDC, visit [www.brightonedc.org](http://www.brightonedc.org) or call 303-655-2155.

## Funeral notices

**Bessie Maestas**, 87, of Brighton, died Aug. 5. She was born in Hudson to Tony and Emily Lozano and was raised in Brighton with six siblings. She attended Brighton schools until the love of her life, Max Maestas, returned from the military. With the war just ending and Max just returning from the military, she married Max at the age of 15. Bessie started her career as a full-time homemaker while she raised all of her children in her Brighton home on 10th Street. When her children were old enough, she went to work helping her husband as proprietors of the Hide-away Tavern & Grill in Brighton. A self-made entrepreneur, she would later open her own tavern, and then even later establish a family tax-preparation service. Bessie and Max were always the life of any gathering, funny, high-profile jokesters. After nearly 30 years of marriage ended, they still remained great friends until he passed. She later married Sam Chaparro who died after 10 years of marriage. She was preceded in death

by her siblings Rose Duran, Patty Lozano and brother Felix Lozano; daughter Maxine Ramirez and son Anthony Maestas. Survivors include children David (Amy) Lozano, Jeff (Judy) Lozano, and Laurie (Joseph) Maier; children Shirley (Ray) Flores, Peggy (Frank) Maestas, Gloria Rita Maestas, Beca (Alfredo) Dominguez, and Ronnie Maestas; who together blessed her with more than 100 grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. Celebration of Life, 11 a.m. **Monday** at The Healing Place, 17801 E. 160th Ave. **Full obit Tabor-Rice**

**William Roger Scott**, 86, of Brighton, died Aug. 5 in Brighton. He was born in Storm Lake, Iowa, to Alex Scott and Zula (Hogge) Scott. He married Darleen Marlowe in 1954 in Smokey Hill, Kan. William was a jet mechanic, spending most of his career with Continental Airlines. He served in the Air Force during the Korean conflict. He moved to Brighton in 2004. As a young man, he was involved with the Boy Scouts, was a member of the Brighton Masonic Lodge, and Shriner's Marching Pipe Band. He was a perfectionist at heart. He collected guns and enjoyed repairing and building them. He belonged to the Denver Muzzleloaders, he also manufactured beautiful collector knives, rebuilt old hit-and-miss engines, and John Deere tractors. Survivors include his wife Darleen of Brighton; children Debra Davis of Trinidad, Margaret (Jeffrey) Cook of Brighton, and Jeffrey (Tracey) Scott of Coon Creek, Minn.; sister Janet (Bruce) Rundquist of Houston, Texas; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Celebration of life, 1 p.m. **Friday** at **Tabor-Rice Funeral Home**.

**Patrick J. Torres**, 66, of Fort Lupton, died Aug. 2. He was born in Southerland, Neb., to John and Andrea (Alvarado) Torres. Patrick married Deana Dean in

1989 in Brighton. Survivors include his wife, Deana, of Fort Lupton; sons Van of Castle Rock, and Joseph (Brianna) of Fort Lupton; brothers Raymond of Brighton, and John of Greeley; sister, Rosemary Cordova of Denver; and three grandchildren. Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m., **today**. Mass of Christian burial, 11 a.m. **Friday** both at St. Williams Catholic Church, Fort Lupton. **Full obit Tabor-Rice**

**Jason Daniel Murphy**, 43, of Brighton, died July 24. Survivors include his children, Levi Collin and Autumn Kay; five grandchildren, and an unborn grandson; his father David Murphy, mother and stepfather Mark & Mary Bullock; sister Tracy (Corey) Atencio; and brother Matthew Bullock. Celebration of life, 7 p.m., **Aug. 14**, at Tabor-Rice Funeral Home. **Full obit Tabor-Rice**

**Bransford (Tony) L. Chunn**, 80, died July 31. He was born in Johnston, Ill., to Vernon and Elsie Chunn, of Erie. He graduated from Erie High School then served in the Army. Tony married Rose E. (Valenzuela) in 1961. He was a machinist for Gates Rubber Co. in Denver for 33 years. Survivors include his children Kathy (Tom) Connell, Stephen (Norma) Chunn, and Greg Chunn; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Celebration of life, 1 p.m., **Aug. 19** at The Alli Event Center, 100 S. Third Ave. **Full obit Tabor-Rice**

**Kelly Michelle Yarish**, 56, died July 21. She was born in Borger, Texas, but made Brighton her home for more than 40 years. She was a 1986 graduate of the University of Northern Colorado. She married Steve Yarish on Christmas Eve, 1986. Kelly was a devoted mom to son Nick and daughter-in-law Jessie. A party celebrating Kelly and her life is planned for **Aug. 25**, at Barr Lake State Park in the Nature Center, from 5 to 9 p.m. **Full obit Tabor-Rice**

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