

Brighton window



Adams County's Jim Seidlecki introduces Alexandra Machado of Brighton, one of 22 outstanding students honored Thursday for Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Awards during an event held at Bella Sera Events Center in Brighton. Mayor Ken Kreutzer and City Councilors Greg Mills and Lynn Baca stand by to congratulate her. Additional winner photograph on Page 2. *Daily Post photo*

Diversity Council wants your thoughts

Brighton's Diversity, Equity and Inclusivity Council shared knowledge in February of the differences in individuals that make our community succeed (and sometimes fail). In March, an immigration attorney, a school district official working with immigrants and a DACA "Dreamer" discussed immigration laws and rights.

On Thursday, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Front Range Community College-Brighton, 1850 Egbert St., the council is turning to the community for your

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help: There are several more topics to cover (age, homelessness, sexual identities, etc.), and the organization wants your help on the topics that interest you most and some direction in the next steps to achieve its goals.

"Awareness, education and action are still at the forefront," DEI Council co-founder Shereen Fink said. "But where do we want to go?"

As the conversation circulated around the room during an event-

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Gas gauge

\$2.50⁹ Lowest unleaded price at 5:30 p.m. Sunday:

Sam Hill Oil / Conoco on South Main Street

Three Days

Today

9:30-10:15 a.m. – Toddler Tales, Anythink Brighton; stories, songs and finger plays; plus social time with other caregivers while the children play. For kids ages 2-3.

10:30-11 a.m. – Music & Movement, Anythink Brighton; sing, dance, play some basic instruments. For ages 2-6.

2-3:30 p.m. – Drop-in Job Search Help, Anythink Brighton; complete a job application, resumé, or search the Internet for jobs. Staff on hand to help. Bring complete job history, references, education, and any other information needed to complete a resumé or job application.

3-4 p.m. – Fill Your Freezer, Platte Valley Medical Center Conference Room A; With busy schedules and endless activities, a healthy dinner does not always make it to the table. Learn how to fill your freezer with nutritious meals that can be cooked or reheated in minutes. Sign up online or by calling 303-498-1481. [RSVP online](#)

4-6:30 p.m. – District 27J Art Show Reception, in the Armory, 2-D and 3-D art by 27J students.

Tuesday

9:30-10:15 a.m. – Baby Bounce, Anythink Brighton; songs, rhymes, stories; babies to 23 months, caregivers.

11 a.m.-noon – Drop-in Tech Help, Anythink Brighton; one-on-one tech help; discuss email, resumé, Internet searching, e-readers or ask any tech question; all ages.

4-5 p.m. – STEAM Tuesdays, Anythink Brighton; Spark Creation – Express yourself, explore different artist media; grades K-5. [RSVP](#).

5:45-6:30 p.m. – Pilates Mat Class, Platte Valley Medical Center, Suite 130 Plaza 1, strengthen and tone, increase flexibility, stamina, overall fitness; taught by certified Pilates instructor; \$9, [RSVP 303-498-1840](#).

6-7 p.m. – Xeriscaping: Go with the Flow, Anythink Brighton, Get water-wise in your summer landscaping. Learn about essential xeriscape principles and gain tips for improving water efficiency; Online [RSVP suggested](#).

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. For info, call Kristen, 303-654-0972, or Caroline, 303-659-4686.

Wednesday

9 a.m. – Book Club, Eagle View Adult Center; focus on real-life stories; read *The Elephant Whisperer: My Life with the Herd in the African Wild* by Lawrence Anthony.

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

10-11 a.m. – Wound-Care Nutrition Class, Platte Valley Medical Center Medical Plaza 2, 2nd-floor conference room; recommended for patients receiving wound-care treatment or at risk of developing a non-healing wound, family and caretakers of patients; registered dietitians explain how to optimize diet to live a healthier lifestyle and improve wound healing; healthy eating, nutrition for wound healing and nutrition for wound prevention.

12:30 p.m. – Drop-in Cribbage Tournament, Eagle View Adult Center.; prizes, refreshments; \$4

3-4 p.m. – Tabletop Gaming Club, Anythink Brighton; journey into the world of designing and playing tabletop gaming. Students in grades 6-12 welcome.

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Funeral notices

Connie Jean Kurtz, 76, of Brighton, died April 15. She attended the University of Colorado and graduated from the University of Nebraska with a Bachelor of Science degree in pharmaceutical sciences. This gave her a career that allowed her to help others, which she thoroughly enjoyed. Connie loved to travel with her family and spend time with her dogs. Survivors include her family. Memorial donations may be made to the "Jason Kurtz Nursing Scholarship Fund" www.coconofoundation.org. Olinger Highland Mortuary, Thornton, in charge.

T.C. Williamson, 80, of Brighton, died April 17. **Full obit Tabor-Rice**

Albert C. Herrman, 95, of Brighton, died April 15. He was born in Liebenhal, 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

for 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. **today**, 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., **Friday**, 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. Graveside service 11 a.m. **today** at Imperial Memorial Garden Cemetery, in Pueblo. **Full obit Tabor-Rice**

Robert A. Amador, 50, of Brighton, died April 11. Memorial service, 4 p.m., **Friday** 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. **Saturday**, at Hillside Cemetery in Cotopaxi.

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prep meeting last week, the treatment and sometimes lack of acknowledgment of homeless, the poor and immigrants in Brighton were frequent topics, as well as how the organization should treat those issues in ongoing conversations among the community.

The group agreed that DEI Council can help fulfill its mission to educate, create awareness and initiate action to connect people in need with the resources that are available, and sometimes to find those resources or connect with someone who can create such a resource. In some cases it might mean filling education gaps.

Rachel Monroe said one thing she likes about Brighton is that when a problem or an issue is identified, the community comes together and tries to find solutions.

It's possible some of the city's homeless might attend the meeting Thursday, and they could provide the

rest of the community with an understanding of their situations, which could lead to some new connections and solutions.

The meeting Thursday is free and open to the public: Join the conversation. For more information, email DEI Council@comcast.net.



Brighton's Rachelle Kardisco receives her Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award on Thursday at Bella Sera Events Center from Adams County's Jim Seidlecki, left, with Mayor Ken Kreutzer, and City Councilors Greg Mills and Lynn Baca. Each of the 22 recipients received a scholarship award or a gift card for their scholastic achievements after overcoming obstacles. *Local color photo*