

## Brighton window



Henderson Elementary second-graders Esiah Hernandez, Gunner Casady and Jordin Wallen pose for a picture in the "photo booth" during the school's Feb. 11 kickoff of the "Start with Hello" program, sponsored by the Sandy Hook Promise organization. It teaches a culture of inclusion and connectedness that can start with the simple act of saying, "Hello." *District 27J*

## CASA volunteers sworn in to help children

Judge Edward Moss swore in 14 individuals as new volunteers for Court Appointed Special Advocates of Adams and Broomfield Counties, serving abused and neglected children. Family and friends gathered in the Broomfield County Courthouse to watch the volunteers take an oath promising to advocate for the best interest of the child.

The newly appointed CASA volunteers, who took their oath Feb. 11 at the Broomfield County Courthouse,

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join more than 200 other dedicated community members who have been trained and are advocating for foster children in the county's juvenile dependency court system. The new advocates are: Laura Bohlen, Margaret Buck, Tamara Camalick, Emily Davis, Anthony Erickson, Annette Garrison, Randy Henderson, Charles Hensel, Diane McManus, Guiovanna Nance, Robin Sonntag, Dorcas White, and Jenny Worster.

As officers of the court, they ensure that the children's needs are recognized and best interests are consid-

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### Reader to Reader

#### BRIGHTON SHARES THE HARVEST

will host a **Seed Exchange** Saturday, Feb. 27, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Extension Office, 9755 Henderson Road. Free to the public, no RSVP required. [Click for information.](#)

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#### ADAMS COUNTY EXTENSION

will offer a gardening class on "Greenhouses and other Season Extenders", Saturday, Feb. 27, 10 a.m.-12:15 p.m. at the Extension Office, 9755 Henderson Road. Open to the public, \$10 fee, **registration required**, 303-637-8016.

## Three Days

### Today

**11 a.m. – Healthy Tips**, Eagle View Adult Center; the latest on nutrition and healthy eating

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

**6-7 p.m. – Phoneography**, Anythink Brighton; The best camera is the one that's with you. Explore photography techniques, be inspired by great photographers, and take your photos to the next level with a series on phone photography. Bring your smart phone or tablet to practice.

**6-8 p.m. – Grandparents' Support Group**, Brighton Police Department, 3401 East Bromley Lane; for grandparents or others raising young family members; learn about resources to help with everyday challenges. Free adults-only meeting, snacks. Call 303-637-8113 for info.

**7 p.m. – Fiddler on the Roof**, in the Armory, Prairie Playhouse production of the classic TONY Award winner; all-ages cast, live orchestra; romance, comedy, family and history; tickets online \$12 adults, \$10 for ages 12 and under; at the door, \$15 and \$12.

### Friday

**10-11 a.m. – Little Makers**, Anythink Brighton; Discover ways to use technology to help your child develop a love of reading and learning. Caregivers with children up to 4 years old are welcome to this program. RSVP online.

**1-2 p.m. – Mommy Mingle**, Platte Valley Medical Center; Connect with other moms and newborns 2 to 12 weeks old; led by lactation specialists and other medical professionals; learn what's normal and expected when it comes to healing after delivery and raising a baby; free. Sign up at [pvmmc.org/events](http://pvmmc.org/events) or 303-498-1481.

**3-3:30 p.m. and 3:45-4:15 p.m. – Sewing Basics**, Anythink Brighton; Learn to identify basic parts of sewing machines and how to set up and use them. Learn basic skills required to use the library's sewing machines independently. RSVP online.

**3-4:30 p.m. – Open Studio**, Anythink Brighton; Sewing and Crafts – Get crafty with our sewing supplies; Learn something new, check out the 3-D printer, finish a project, or share your creative talents with others. All ages.

**6-8 p.m. – Spring Enchantment Artists Reception**, City Hall; meet and greet the artists; refreshments.

**7 p.m. – Fiddler on the Roof**, in the Armory, Prairie Playhouse production of the classic TONY Award winner; all-ages cast, live orchestra; romance, comedy, family and history; tickets online \$12 adults, tickets online \$12 adults, \$10 for ages 12 and under; at the door, \$15 and \$12.

### Saturday

**10-11 a.m. – Beginning Yoga**, Anythink Brighton; Interested in yoga but unsure about where to start? This class is for you! Real yoga is for everyone, regardless of size, background, age or flexibility. Explore yoga with us. Fun poses and learn breathing techniques that will help calm and de-stress your body. For ages 12 and up.

**3 p.m. and 7 p.m. – Fiddler on the Roof**, in the Armory, Prairie Playhouse production of the classic TONY Award winner; all-ages cast, live orchestra; romance, comedy, family and history; tickets online \$12 adults, \$10 for ages 12 and under; at the door, \$15 and \$12.

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ered both in the courtroom and in the community.

CASA volunteers are asked to meet with the child regularly and are authorized to interview people in the child's life such as social workers, attorneys, and teachers. They attend court hearings with the child and report their findings to the judge.

"Without volunteers like yourself, many children do not have a voice in this courtroom," CASA Executive Director Lindsay Lierman said.

With more than 1,300 children waiting for a CASA volunteer, many more advocates are needed. There are no prerequisites for becoming a CASA volunteer except being at least

21 years old, clearing an extensive background screening and successfully completing 30 hours of training.

The next advocate training session for Adams and Broomfield Counties begins the second week of March. To learn more about becoming a CASA volunteer and the rewards that come along with serving as the voice of a child, contact Sara Boon, at 303-655-3924 or sara@casa17th.com.

## Gas gauge

**\$1.32.9** Lowest unleaded price as of 5 p.m. Wednesday:

- **Murphy Express** station on Bromley Lane
- **Gas-a-Mat** station on South Main Street
- **Valero** station at Fourth and Bromley
- **King Soopers** stations on Bromley Lane and Bridge Street with Sooper Card

## Funeral notices

**Helen Craig**, 86, of Brighton, died Feb. 8. She was born in Hudson to Emanuel and Katherine (Wagner) Achziger. Helen grew up on the family farm. In 1947 she married Ernest Craig in Johnstown. She and Ernest farmed in several locations, mostly on 40-plus years southwest of Frederick. Helen was a classic example of a hard working farm wife. In 1993, Helen and Ernst moved from the farm to Brighton due to his health. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ernest Craig in 1999; sister, Dorothy Davis, and brother Harold Achziger. Survivors include daughters Maggie (Randy) Gerdes of Loveland and Debra (Kenneth) Rutt (Kenneth) of Vancouver, Wash., three grandchildren, one great-granddaughter, and one great-great-granddaughter. Family services were held. Inurnment at Foothills Gardens of Memory, Longmont. Memorial contributions may be made to Brighton United Methodist Church.

**Robert "Bob" F. Mills**, 80, of Fort Lupton, died Feb. 16. He was born to William H. and Myrtle I. Mills in Painesville, Ohio. Bob married Joyce J. Cromer in 1956. They were married for 46 years and raise would 3 children: Stephen, Philip and Chery together. Bob and Joyce shared a passion for traveling and traveled extensively. In 1954, Bob enlisted in the Air Force. He was stationed in Clovis, N.M., as a USAF firefighter. During the next 20-plus years, he was stationed in Spain, France, Korea, Vietnam, Georgia, Texas, Washington, D.C., California and finally Colorado. In 1978, Bob took a job in civil service as a fire inspector at Lowry Air Force Base. He then went to work as the chief fire inspector for the Brighton Fire District; a job he held for four years. Survivors include his sons, Stephen Mills of Strasburg, Philip (Catherine) Mills of Thornton; daughter Cheryl (Rich) Wolfe of Casper, Wyo.; seven grandchildren and 14

great-grandchildren. He was preceded by his wife, Joyce; five brothers and two sisters. Service, 11 a.m. **Saturday**, Tabor-Rice Funeral Home. Interment to follow at Hillside Cemetery, Fort Lupton. **Full obit Tabor-Rice**

**Monica Lynn Zapata**, 40, of Westminster and formerly of Fort Lupton, died Feb. 14. She was born in Denver to Maria and Candelario Zapata. She attended school in Fort Lupton. Monica began working at Dairy Queen in Brighton and continued her career in retail at Walmart as a cake decorator. She became a supervisor and then assistant manager, where she remained for 14 years. She then followed her longtime dream and went to cosmetology school, where she wanted to make other people beautiful. Monica needed only 5 months to graduate. Survivors include her mother, Maria Martinez; children Natasha Torres, Jessica Murguia, and Diego Duran; sisters Stephanie Villalobos, Ashley Zapata and Nicole Zapata and brother Gonzalo Zapata. She was preceded in death by her sister Angie Zapata. A vigil service, 6 p.m. **today**; funeral service 1 p.m. **will be Friday**, all services at The Healing Place, 17801 E. 160th Ave. Interment at Hillside Cemetery. **Full obit Tabor-Rice**

**Armando Lopez**, 76, of Thornton, died Feb. 8. Memorial service, 2 p.m. **Saturday** at The Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witness, 12760 Quebec St., Brighton. **Full obit Tabor-Rice**

**George Joseph Driscoll**, 77, died Feb. 10. He was husband of Patricia Driscoll, father of Joseph Driscoll, Regina Swezey and Sean Driscoll; son of Jeanette Driscoll, brother of Peg Pangburn and Joan Kenney. George was also a grandfather and great-grandfather. Services, 2 p.m. **today**, at Fort Logan National Cemetery, Staging Area A. **Full obit Tabor-Rice**

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