

Brighton window



Visitors to the 1950s Rock-a-Billy nostalgia street fair on Saturday “Stroll” North Main Street in what was a continuous line of dancers. When rain threatened the outdoor event, complete with vendors and information tents, a dance contest moved inside to Jordinelli's.

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Grafton to lead Adams County Economic Development

Jenni Grafton has been named director of the Adams County Community & Economic Development Department. Grafton will begin on Tuesday.

“The remarkable growth in the county brings challenges and Jenni is well equipped to lead our CED team as they navigate high-profile land-use, zoning, and oil and gas regulations,” Adams County Manager Raymond Gonzales said. “Having local experience and expertise will certainly shorten the learning curve for Jenni in this critical role.”

Grafton has worked in housing and land-use-planning roles in nonprofit

and governmental organizations, including as the Economic Policy and Development manager in Westminster. There, she led long-term economic recovery efforts. The efforts included \$3.6 million in business-assistance grants, and more than \$600,000 in housing assistance with CARES Act funds; more than \$1 million in Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus funds; and MORE THAN \$540,000 in Tenant Based Rental Assistance.

In her new role with Adams County, Grafton will focus on the Advancing Adams trio of plans, including updating the Comprehensive Plan; creating the Transportation Master Plan; and updating the Parks, Open Space, and Trails Plan. In addition, Grafton will be responsible for overseeing development and enacting strategic overlays and enhancing the development

review process.

Grafton earned her bachelor’s degree in psychology from the University of Colorado-Boulder, and dual master’s degrees in Architecture and Urban Design from the University of Colorado-Denver.

Brighton your day

Today, Strawberry Full Moon (7.93-mile) Ride at the Emi Chikuma Splash Pad: sign-up begins at 6:15 p.m., ride starts at 6:30 p.m. Organizers recommend riders bring helmet, water, bug spray, lights and mask.

Today, 7 p.m.: Artists’ Salon featuring presentation on Functional Pottery from Start to Finish by Anastasia “Stacey” Bliss Humphrey, BFA in Ceramics. She also will demonstrate pottery throwing. Free. Main Street Creatives, 36 S. Main St.

Today, at dusk, in Carmichael Park – Disney’s Moana (PG): first movie in the Flix and Kicks series. Free but seating is first-come, first-serve. Attendees encouraged to bring blankets, lawn chairs, bug spray. COVID-19 guidelines apply.

Funeral notices

Kathleen Mary Bittler, 75, of Brighton, died Feb. 24. She was born in Chicago, Ill., to Edward Kulikowski and Virginia Majewski. Katy enjoyed camping, hiking, skiing. In free time she did needlework and volunteered at food banks. Survivors include her sister, Elizabeth A. Kulikowski, nephew Thomas and nieces Dawn and Kathy. Service, 10 a.m. **Saturday** at *Tabor-Rice*.

Joe Gallegos, of Brighton, died June 16. He was born to Leo Gallegos and Rayitos Chacon. He married Wanda Jefferies. Survivors: Children Michael Gallegos and Debbie (Mike) Brown, six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Funeral, 11 a.m. **today**, *Tabor-Rice*.

Armando J. Romero, 81, of Brighton, died June 6. Service, **Monday**, 11:30 a.m., at Fort Logan Cemetery.

Russell Gilbert Dunham, 90, died April 20. He was born in Brighton to Walter and Maude Dunham. He married Annabelle. Survivors: Sons James, Robert and Andrew; daughter Laurie (Tony) Johnson; seven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren. Service, 10 a.m. **Friday**, Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Grand Junction.

Wilbert Gene “Willie” Meier, 87, of Brighton, died June 15. He married Vera Billinger. Survivors: Son Bryon Meier of Brighton, daughter Paula (Greg) Snyder of Pine Top, Ariz., one grandson. Celebration, **July 10**, 1 p.m., VFW Post 7945, 10217 Quivas St., Thornton.

Josephine (Jodi) Trujillo, 86, died June 3. Recitation of the Rosary, **July 6**, 10:30 a.m., followed by Mass of Christian burial at 11 a.m.; both at St. Augustine Catholic Church. *taborfuneralhome.com*

Mary Edith Goeritz, 73, of Brighton, died May 10. Celebration of Life **July 3**, at 11 a.m., in American Legion Hall Park, 120 W. Eighth St., **Palisade**.