

Brighton window



Home-grown pumpkins – many from the park garden – corn stalks, youth crafts, kids' games, family photo opportunities, a petting zoo and hay rides were just some of the attractions that drew more than 800 people to Barr Lake State Park on Saturday for its annual Harvest Festival. It was the largest-ever Harvest Fest crowd at the park.

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School District 27J Choir Festival Friday

School District 27J will hold its third annual Choir Festival, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. on Friday, in the Prairie View High School auditorium, 12909 E. 120th Ave.

All three comprehensive high school choirs and four middle-school choirs will perform in the Choir Festival.

School choirs will spend the first half of the day rehearsing as a combined choir with guest conductor Julia Dale, from Rock Canyon High School in Douglas County. Later in the day, the high school choirs will perform for middle school students.

The day will end with a performance of two musical pieces the students will learn that morning.

Prairie View High School Choir Director Madeline Gardner said the Choir Festival was started to build community with students and teachers involved in the choir programs across 27J Schools.

"It serves as a great recruitment tool for the high school programs," Gardner said. "Students have a great day meeting new peers, singing, working together, and getting inspired to continue singing."

Schools participating in the District Choir Festival: **Stuart Middle School** – Choir Director Marissa Mink, 35 choir students; **Vikan Middle School** – Jackie Weiss, 57 choir students; **Prairie View Middle School** –

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Three Days

Today

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

10-11 a.m. – One-on-One Tech Help, Anythink Brighton, by appointment: RSVP online or call 303-405-3230.

4-5 p.m. – STEAM Tuesdays, Anythink Brighton, Learn about a natural facet of Barr Lake; grades K-5. RSVP.

4 p.m. to sunset – Tuesday Evenings on the Eagle Express, Barr Lake State Park: a 2-3-hour excursion on the Express around the lake; seating limited; RSVP at 303-659-6005 and confirm departure time; Dress for the weather. Pack a picnic for dinner stop. Meet at boat ramp.

5:45-6:30 p.m. – Pilates Mat Class, Platte Valley Medical Center; strengthen abdominals, hips, shoulders, increase flexibility, overall fitness and health; certified Pilates instructor, \$9 per class, RSVP 303-498-1840.

6-7:30 p.m. – Learn Guitar with City Strings Guitar, Anythink Brighton: learn to play the guitar, listen to each other as an ensemble, write songs; open to students with good finger strength and dexterity and willing to practice during the week; bring guitar. All ages. RSVP online.

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.; 7 p.m.; interdenominational, in-depth Bible study. All welcome. To learn more call Kristen at 303-654-0972.

Wednesday

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

10-11:30 a.m. – Brighton Book Lovers, Anythink Brighton: Discuss *A Gentleman in Moscow*, by Amor Towles. Appropriate for adults. Registration suggested, but not required.

10:30-11:30 a.m. – Primetime for Preschool, Anythink Brighton: Enjoy stories, finger plays, songs and other fun activities just for preschoolers. Appropriate for ages 3-5.

5-7 p.m. – Intro to GarageBand on iOS, Anythink Brighton: Learn the step-by-step basics of GarageBand on iOS in a group setting. Share your work with our interactive light display. Appropriate for ages 12 and older. No registration required.

Thursday

9:30-10 a.m. – Music & Movement, Anythink Brighton: Sing, dance, and learn how to play some basic instruments. Appropriate for kids ages 2-6.

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.

4-5 p.m. – Story Lab, Anythink Brighton: Discover the world of story through reading, writing and storytelling every Thursday. Appropriate for kids in grades 3-8.

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Funeral notices

Richard Garcia, 69, of Brighton, died Oct. 12. Richard was born in Denver to Jenny (Pacheco) and Albert Garcia. He attended public schools in Denver and California. He married Silvia in California in 1987. Richard worked for School District 12 as a janitor for 17 years, and numerous other schools in the Denver Metro Area. He lived in the Brighton and Fort Lupton area since moving here from California in 1994. He was a member of St. Augustine Catholic Church. He loved fishing, camping, and enjoyed his trips to the mountains. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Survivors include his wife, Silvia, of Brighton; children Rosalie (Edurado) Campos of Bellflower, Calif., Beto (Bridgette) Anguiano of Brighton, Alejandra (Ivan) Raminéz of El Paso, Texas, and Irene (Raul) Realibazquez of Thornton; sister Rita Sabas of California; 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Memorial service, 11 a.m., **Friday** at St. Augustine Catholic Church Friday. Arrangements made by Tabor-Rice Funeral Home. [Full obit Tabor-Rice](#)

Barbara "Bobbie" E. Wuertz, 81, died Oct. 13. She was born in Denver to Alfred and Marion (Bull) Hines. She graduated from Washington Lee High School in Arlington, Va. She attended Colorado State University where she met her husband Robert. Barbara loved working side by side with Robert on the farm for 60 years and also worked at Malo Feed Co. and Anderson's Star Market in Hudson. She enjoyed cooking, cake decorating, and watching sports. Also, she took pride in the day-to-day activities on the farm as well as taking care of the animals and her garden. Survivors include her husband, Robert, whom she married in 1958; and her children Pam (Russ) Gibson of Hudson, Laurie of Lancaster, Mo., and Linda (Ron) Yeager of Greeley; her grandchildren Dan (Emily) of Hudson, Matt (Krista) of Hudson, Jacob (Melissa) of Ankeny, Iowa, Nicole of Columbia, Mo., Michael of Greeley, and Jenny of Greeley; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her son-in-law, Jim Nagel, of Lancaster, Mo. Visitation, 6 p.m. **Wednesday** at Tabor-Rice Funeral Home, with a Rosary to follow at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be held at St. Augustine Catholic Church at 11 a.m. on **Thursday**, with interment at Elmwood Cemetery following service. Arrangements by Tabor-Rice Funeral Home. [Full obit Tabor-Rice](#)

Former Brighton resident **Jeffery "Jeff" Clifford Owens Sr.**, 63, of Three Forks, Mont., died Oct. 11. He was born in Scottsbluff, Neb., to Eugene and Betty (Jurgens) Owens. Jeff was raised and educated in Brighton. He met the love of his life, Delfina Moreno, while he was at North Junior High. They were married in 1971 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Denver. Jeff and the family moved to Thornton, he worked for Timpco, building semi-truck trailers. The couple made their home in Brighton. He served our country in the Army, in the 82nd Airborne, in Fort Bragg, N.C., during the Vietnam era. Jeff and family purchased their first home in Commerce City in 1977, lived there for six years, then moved back to Brighton. Jeff was the president of the Brighton Wrestling Club for 13 years. Jeff and Delfina moved to Three Forks in 1995 to be near their first granddaughter. While in Three Forks, Jeff worked for Lehrkind's Coca-Cola as a production supervisor and maintenance supervisor for nine years, he then went to work as a builder in Big Sky for many years. Jeff was an avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed hunting – both archery and rifle – he was an avid fisherman who loved to spend time on the water on his raft navigating the rivers. He also loved hiking with the family. Jeff was a member of the Holy Family Catholic Church in Three Forks. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Stephen.

Survivors include his wife, Delfina; sons Adam (LeAnna LeCount) Owens and Jeff Jr., all of Three Forks; six grandchildren; brother Keith (Marisa) Owens of Roggen; sister Carol (Ron) Dean of Brighton; and two nephews, Nick and CJ Moreno, who were raised as sons to Jeff. Visitation, 6 p.m. **Wednesday** at Holy Family Catholic Church, followed by the Rosary at 7 p.m. The funeral mass will be held 10 a.m., **Thursday** at Holy Family Catholic Church, followed by the graveside committal with Military honors at the Three Forks Cemetery. Memorials may be made in his name to the Holy Family Catholic Church in Three Forks. Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.dahlcares.com.

Laura Lynn Irsik, 55, of Brighton, died Oct. 11. Memorial service, 3 p.m. **today** at Tabor-Rice Funeral Home. Memorial contributions can be made to Gentle Barn Foundation, 15825 Sierra Highway, Santa Clarita, CA 91390. Arrangements made by Tabor-Rice Funeral Home. [Full obit Tabor-Rice](#)

Shirley R. Jensen, 78, of Brighton, died Oct. 7. Shirley chose to be cremated with no services. Her remains will be transported to St. Paul, Neb., then taken to Elmwood cemetery for burial, next to her husband, Howard Jensen. Shirley was born in Wolbach, Neb., to Alfred and Doris Berney. In 1957, she married Howard Jensen. Later they moved to Lakewood, Colo., where Howard was employed at Keebler Cookie Co. Shirley was a homemaker. They had no children. She enjoyed sewing and cooking. She celebrated holidays, picnics and special occasions with her brother Denny, his wife Marilyn, and their children Matthew, Tim and Sheri. Sheri married Scott Yohe and they have two girls, Makayla and Jozlynn. The family all lived close to each other. Arrangements made by Tabor-Rice Funeral Home. [Full obit Tabor-Rice](#)

Wayne Greenfield, 78, of Brighton, died Oct. 6. Celebration of life, 11 a.m., **today**, at Tabor-Rice Funeral Home. [Full obit Tabor-Rice](#)

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Heather Landon, 72 choir students;
Overland Trail Middle School – Rudi Thompson, 35 choir students;
Brighton High School – Dorie Summers, 21 choir students;
Riverdale Ridge High School – Susan Forsyth, 60 choir students;
Prairie View High School – Madeline Gardner, 32 choir students.

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