



United Power and the Brighton Police Department recognized two Walgreens employees who prevented a customer from becoming victim to a utility scam on Friday morning. United Power Director of Public Affairs, Troy Whitmore, left, and representatives from the Brighton Police Department present Walgreens employees Kathy Olson and Jessie Porter with Scam Stopper awards. *United Power photo*

## Pre-paid debit-card scam averted

The proactive actions of Brighton Walgreens employees prevented a United Power member from becoming the victim of an attempted utility scam – saving the customer hundreds of dollars. United Power teamed up with the Brighton Police Department Friday to present Scam Stopper awards to attentive store employees.

“We commend Walgreens and your employees for looking out for your customers, and stopping this scam attempt,” United Power Public Affairs Officer Troy Whitmore said. Unfortunately, this type of scam happens

more frequently than we’d like, and not all of our members are this lucky. Proactive efforts by local businesses like Walgreens are one of our best defenses against these scams.”

The phone-scam attempt surfaces regularly in the United Power territory. A member is contacted on the phone by a utility imposter who instructs the member to purchase a pre-paid debit card to pay an overdue electric bill. The caller threatens disconnection of electric service if they don’t pay immediately.

One lucky member who came close to becoming a victim received a similar call Friday morning. After receiving demands to pay immediately, the member visited the Brighton Walgreens to deposit \$400 onto a pre-paid debit card.

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## Three Days

### Today

**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. Inappropriate 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 step-by-step basics of GarageBand on iOS in a group setting. Share your work with our interactive light display. For ages 12 and older.

### 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.

### Friday

**10 a.m. – Nature Walk & Talk**, Barr Lake State Park: Share your knowledge, experiences and enthusiasm with other Barr Lake visitors and volunteers and discover/rediscover the park’s hidden treasures. Program for adults. Meet at the Nature Center, dress for the weather.

**7-8 p.m. – Friday Night Campfire Tales**, Barr Lake State Park: a good story and roast marshmallows around the campfire with a ranger, kids’ craft in the Nature Center. If you want to bring your own hot dogs and fixings, you can use park’s fire and roasting sticks to cook dinner at 6:30 p.m. Limited to 25 kids. RSVP required, 303-659-6005.

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## Gas gauge

**\$2.62<sup>9</sup>** Lowest unleaded price at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday:

Murphy Express station on Bromley Lane.

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## Funeral notices

**Melvin Burback**, 82, of Henderson, died Oct. 12, surrounded by his family. Melvin was born in Longmont to Henry and Mary Burback. He graduated from Fort Lupton High School. In 1956 he married Bettejo Lancaster and they enjoyed 50 years of marriage. He retired in 1994 after 30-plus years of being a local truck driver and remained a member of the Teamsters Local 17. Melvin enjoyed fishing and camping with his family in Wyoming at lake Hattie and would come back with many stories. He was a talented woodworker, a hobby he enjoyed and made many keepsakes for his family and friends. Mel was a family man who took great pride in his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Holidays were for family and he spent them surrounded by his family. Melvin shared the last 10 years of his life with his kind and loving companion, Mildred Shelburne. They enjoyed spending quality time together along with their family and friends, took pride in growing their garden and looked forward to baseball season. He was preceded in death by his wife Bettejo, his sister Eileen Miller, and his father-in-law and mother-in-law Bud and Helen Lancaster. Survivors include his children, Helen (Fred) Muskopf, Marvin Burback and Jodi (Gordon) Pike; 10 grandchildren, his companion Mildred Shelburne; siblings Anna Kipp, Robert (Brenda) Burback, and Henry (Glenda) Burback; and brother-in-law Lew Lancaster. Visitation, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**Thursday** at Tabor-Rice Funeral Home. Memorial service, 11 a.m. **Friday**, at Henderson Community Church, 12001 Oakland St. Luncheon to follow service. [Full obit Tabor-Rice](#)

**Richard Paiz**, 80, of Arvada, died Oct. 14. He was born in 1937, and was adopted by Cresencia Paiz. Richard graduated from Valley High School in 1954. After high school, he married Bernadine Fernandez. Richard worked for the Associated Groceries as a warehouse man most of his life while growing up in the Gilcrest area. For fun, Richard enjoyed taking his family on vacations, camping, and making numerous trips with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Survivors include his children Richard Jr. (Shelly) Paiz of Brighton, Doris Paiz of Thornton, Roberta Paiz of Tucson, Ariz., Christopher Paiz of Westminster and his sister Gloria Blanco of Gilcrest. He was preceded in death by his wife Bernadine Paiz in 1996. Visitation, 6 p.m.

**Sunday** at Tabor-Rice Funeral Home. Followed by a rosary at Tabor-Rice at 7 p.m. Mass of Christian burial, 11 a.m. **Monday** at St. Augustine Catholic Church. Arrangements made by Tabor-Rice Funeral Home. [Full obit Tabor-Rice](#)

**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 (Eduardo) 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 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 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. **today** 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. The couple made their home in Brighton. He served 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. He and Delfina moved to Three Forks in 1995 to be near their first granddaughter. He was preceded in death by 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. **today** at Holy Family Catholic Church, followed by the Rosary at 7 p.m. Funeral mass, 10 a.m., **Thursday** at Holy Family Catholic Church, followed by the graveside committal with Military honors at Three Forks Cemetery. Share condolences with the family at [www.dahlcares.com](http://www.dahlcares.com).

**Laura Lynn Irsik**, 55, of Brighton, died Oct. 11. Memorial service, 3 p.m. **today** at Tabor-Rice Funeral Home. [Full obit Tabor-Rice](#)

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Walgreens employee Kathy Olson was running the register Friday morning and felt uneasy about the transaction after the customer mentioned she was instructed to load the pre-paid card. She consulted with store Assistant Manager, Jessie Porter, and they advised the member of the likelihood of a scam. They encouraged the customer to verify with United Power before giving anyone money over the phone, and the member went straight to utility's office.

United Power warns members to be alert to such fraudulent activity, and to stay informed of their account status. United Power reminds members that the cooperative will never call in person to collect payment, will never demand pre-paid debit cards as payment for overdue electric bills, and will never visit a member in person to collect money. If ever in doubt, call United Power at the phone number printed on your statement, or visit your account online through the SmartHub Billing & Payment portal.

Brighton Police Department encourages residents to always report suspicious activity. Even if you don't become a victim of a scam, your information helps law enforcement in their efforts to stop the perpetrators of these sophisticated scams.