

## Brighton window

Mayor Jan Pawlowski and City Councilors Dick McLean, Terry Moore, Rob Farina, Cynthia Martinez, Daryl Meyers, Wilma Rose and David Gill prepare to recite the Pledge of Allegiance before the State of the City address Thursday.

*Daily Post photo*



## Mayor measures city's progress

Mayor Jan Pawlowski and Brighton's city councilors took measure of the city's short-and long-term changes Thursday in the mayor's seventh annual State of the City address at the Brighton Recreation Center.

"We've come a long way, baby," she said, citing the recent Gadberry Group report that placed Brighton second in the nation in notable high-growth places. Gadberry, a consulting firm that provides location analysis to large retail concerns, noted that between 2000 and 2007, Brighton had grown 122 percent and average household income grew by nearly \$10,000 a year.

"Brighton is a sound and growing community and this is recognized by more than growth ratings," she

said, citing today's tour of Brighton by leaders from nine countries in the Institute of International Education's Visiting Leader Program.

She cited commercial growth in the past year, including 12 new stores at Prairie Center, several more planned, and the new Eagle's Landing project – a new home for the Raptor Education Foundation on four acres near 136th Avenue and Buckley Road.

Downtown redevelopment, the library-Armory plans at Third Avenue and Bridge Street and the hospital reuse program – 80 percent leased just a month after the sale closed – also made the highlights.

Councilors cited the addition of parks and open space, the Fourth Avenue redevelopment project, new traffic light (due in April) at Bridge and 27th Avenue and a roundabout to temporarily fix traffic issues at Interstate 76 and Bromley Lane.

The new Boys & Girls Club and the proposed Adult/Senior Recreation Center were praised as quality-of-life assets, as was the Youth Commission.

## Three days

### Today

**10:30 a.m.** – **Story Time**, Brighton Library, 575 S. Eighth Ave., 303-659-2572

### Saturday

**9 a.m.-1 p.m.** – **Bonfils Blood Drive**, VFW Hall, 161 N. Main St.

**11 a.m.-2 p.m.** – **Spaghetti Luncheon**, Senior Center, 575 Bush St.; spaghetti, salad, bread, beverage and dessert; proceeds benefit Brighton Senior Olympic Athletes; \$6 adults, \$4 children 12 and under

### Sunday

**8 a.m.** – **Polar Bear Swap Meet**, Fairgrounds, Al Lesser Building

## Funeral notices

**JoAnn Nykamp**, 49, of Greeley, died Jan. 22. Survivors include her husband; sons Wyatt (Kerry) of Brighton, Derek of Greeley; daughter Amanda Nykamp of DeBary, Fla.; brother David (Gale) Gale Olson, of Lyons; sister Donna (Larry) Progrebra of Willow Creek, Mont., grandson Dante Villano-Nykamp, of Brighton. Memorial service, 2 p.m. **today** at the First United Methodist Church of Greeley. Inurnment at Linn Grove Cemetery. Allnut Funeral Service, Greeley, in charge.

**Ralph John Erger**, 69, of Brighton, died Jan. 19. Survivors include brother Robert (Winnie); sister Betty (Jack) Parisan; children Katherine (Chuck) Davis, Shari (Terry) Frank, Julie (Joe) Huey and Jeffrey (Vicky) Erger; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. A Rosary will be held at 6 p.m. **today** at St. Augustine Catholic Church. Funeral services will be at 12:30 p.m. **Saturday** at St. Augustine Catholic Church.

## Now playing

### Kerasotes Theatres in Brighton Pavilions

Call 303-655-1591 or click for showtimes

**27 Dresses** PG-13

**Alvin and the Chipmunks** PG

**Bucket List** PG-13 • **Cloverfield** PG-13

**How She Move** PG-13 • **I Am Legend** PG-13

**Juno** PG-13 • **Mad Money** PG-13

**Meet the Spartans** PG-13

**National Treasure: Book of Secrets** PG

**Michael Clayton** R • **Untraceable** R

**No Country For Old Men** R • **Rambo** R

**Rangeview Library District – Request for Qualifications & Proposal (RFQ&P) for Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) Services for the new Brighton Library, a 20,000 SF, \$ 4MM+ (approx.), LEED Silver Certified project.**

Send email to justin\_sager@comcast.net (Wember Inc.) to request full electronic file of the RFQ&P.

Responses to RFQ&P are to be submitted and received by **5:00 PM MST, Thursday, February 14, 2008.**

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