

Brighton window



Night Owl, left, by Jay Jaramillo, and **XochiQuetzal**, mixed media, also by Jaramillo, are on display in the Cycles of Life exhibit at City Hall, 500 S. Fourth Ave. An artists' reception will be 6-9 p.m. Friday. Meet the artists and learn more about Brighton's continuing growth and regional impact on the art community. *Daily Post photo*

27J graduation rates outperform state

2018 graduation rates increased at all five District 27J high schools – including one charter school and two alternative education centers – and overall, those same schools outperformed the state average, the district announced in a news release.

The Colorado Department of Education recently announced that Colorado's four-year graduation rate increased to 80.7 percent for the Class of 2018. 27J Schools' graduation rate increased from 77.4 percent in 2017 to 81.5 percent in 2018, representing a 4.1 percent growth in the total graduation rate in one year and 0.8 percent ahead of the state rate.

The 2018 four-year graduation rate of 81.5 percent is the highest in 27J Schools since the state changed the manner

graduation rates were calculated, beginning in 2006.

"I could not be more proud of the progress we continue to make," Superintendent Chris Fiedler said. "Even more exciting is our continued work to close the gap in our graduation rate between our (Anglo) and Hispanic students. As recently as 2012 the gap between our (Anglo) students (80.5 percent) and Hispanic (62.6 percent) students was 17.9 percent. The gap is down to 5.5 percent with (Anglo) and Hispanic student graduation rates at 84.2 and 78.7 percent respectively.

27J Schools outperformed the state graduation rate for female (up 2.1 percent), American Indian (up 2.9), Hispanic (up 5.3), and two or more races (up 8.9). The male and Asian graduation rates were almost even with the state rate at 76.5 percent and 90.0 percent respectively. Both black and white students performed slightly below the state rate at 73.3 percent (.6 percent below state) and 84.2 percent (1.1 percent below state) respectively.

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Three Days

Today

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

10-11 a.m. – Wound-Care Nutrition, Platte Valley Medical Center, Medical Plaza 2 second-floor conference room; learn to optimize your diet to live a healthier lifestyle and improve wound healing; healthy eating, nutrition for wound healing and nutrition for wound prevention; recommended for patients receiving wound-care treatment or at risk of developing a non-healing wound, and family and caretakers of patients, 303-498-1699.

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

Thursday

9-11 a.m. – Total Joint University, Platte Valley Medical Center; for patients scheduled for or contemplating a joint replacement; info from pre-op to recovery; RSVP dclements@pvmc.org or 303-498-1840.

9:30-10 a.m. – Music & Movement, Anythink Brighton; sing, dance, play some basic instruments; for ages 2-6.

10:15-11 a.m. – Toddler Tales, Anythink Brighton; stories, songs and finger plays; and some social time with other caregivers while the children play; for ages 2-3.

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 story through reading, writing and storytelling; for grades 3-8.

5-7 p.m. – A Peculiar Incident at Anythink Brighton; Smartphones and security cameras have captured evidence of otherworldly activity in the library; explore classic in-camera special-effects techniques and create your own fantastical footage; for ages 12 and older.

Gas gauge

\$1.82.9 Lowest unleaded price at 4 p.m. Tuesday:

King Soopers on Bromley Lane with SooperCard; next low **\$1.83.9** at Gas-a-Mat on South Main Street

Funeral notices

Donald Lee Leonardo, 65, of Brighton, died Jan. 10. He was born in Denver to Henry Leonardo and Eveyln Aragon. Adolph Aragon raised him with his mother from a young age. He attended Thornton High School. Donald married Sharon Lee Thompson in 1973. He spent his career as a chief plant operator for the city of Westminster, and later worked for Arvada. Donald enjoyed spending time with his family as well as collecting antiques. He loved to golf. You could usually find him as his favorite golf course, Riverdale Golf Club. Donald was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife, Sharon; daughter Cassandra (Josh) Pearson; two grandchildren; one great-grandson; sisters Patty Aragon and Barbara (Terry) Doolittle; brothers, Jerry Aragon and Adolph Aragon. A celebration of life will be held by the family in the coming months. **Full obit Tabor-Rice**

Fred Gilmore, 93, died Dec. 30 2018, in Brighton. Memorial service, 2 p.m., **Saturday**, at First Baptist Church, Hudson. **Full obit Tabor-Rice**