

Brighton window



With wife Jeanne at his side, retired Valley Bank & Trust CEO Jim O'Dell credits his staff after receiving Almost Home's Legacy Award Friday to honor the bank's "long-time (25 years) and significant commitment to Almost Home" during the nonprofit's eighth annual Spring Out of Homelessness gala. Ellen and Marc Kammerzell, of Let Your Light Shine, received the Joe Gomez Award to acknowledge their programs to help the homeless and those in need; and South Elementary student Xithlali Perez received the Youth Impact Award for her establishment and expanding distribution bags of water, food and other essential items to local homeless.

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South's Puzio named new school principal

Former School District 27J student and current South Elementary Assistant Principal Kristen Puzio will be the school's new principal after Kay Collins retires at the end of the school year, District 27J has announced.

"We had an extremely competitive applicant pool and process and Kristen demonstrated throughout that she is the principal we believe in most for South's students, community, and staff," 27J Superintendent Chris Fiedler said in the news release.

Puzio has been an integral part of the South Elementary team since 2001 when she started as a classroom teacher. In 2009 she became a literacy interventionist, with a focus on increased student literacy perform-

ance. She was promoted to dean of students in 2015 and became assistant principal in 2017.

"I am so very thankful to turn over the leadership of South Elementary to Kristen," Principal Kay Collins said. "South Elementary has been her school as a former student, a teacher and our assistant principal. Kristen will always have the best interest of the students at the center of all decisions and the school will flourish under her leadership."

Puzio graduated from the 27J school system, attending South Elementary, Overland Trail Middle and Brighton High School. She received a Bachelor of Arts in speech communication from Colorado State University, Fort Collins, a Master of Arts in instruction and curriculum in content areas from the University of Colorado-Boulder, and a Master of Arts in leadership from the University of Colorado-Colorado Springs.

Her new role begins July 1.

Two Days

Today

10:30-11:30 a.m. – Free Blood-pressure Screening, Eagle View Adult Center; by Brighton firefighters.

10:30-11:30 a.m. – Story Time at the Firehouse, Fire Station 52, 124 S. 40th Ave.; story, tour, snack, for children 3-5 with caretaker; free, RSVP to 303-654-8043.

Tuesday

9:30-10:15 a.m. – Baby Bounce, Anythink Brighton; songs, rhymes, stories for babies-23 months, caregivers

11 a.m.-noon – Drop-in Tech Help, Anythink Brighton; one-on-one help from a guide; All ages.

4-5 p.m. – STEAM Tuesdays, Anythink Brighton; Spark Creation – Express yourself, explore different artist media; for grades K-5. RSVP online.

5:45-6:30 p.m. – Pilates Mat Class, Platte Valley Medical Center, Suite 130 Medical Plaza 1; strengthen and tone, improve flexibility and overall fitness; taught by licensed physical therapist, \$9, RSVP 303-498-1840.

6-7 p.m. – Temporary Tattoos, Anythink Brighton; Draw on yourself or a friend. Learn simple technique for creating temporary tattoos; for adults. RSVP online.

Funeral notices

Genoveva Adame, 87, died May 18. She was born in Wattenberg where she lived until her death. She was preceded in death by her parents Francisca and Valentine Alatore; brothers Tony Alatore and Valentine Alatore; and grandson Christopher Vazquez. Survivors include her children Frank Adame, Frances Tafoya, Rachael DeHerrera, Esther Rodriguez, Leonard Adame, Hope Adame, Stella Adame, Magdalene Montano, Gerald Adame, their spouses; 22 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and her niece Henrietta Alatore. Visitation and rosary, 6 p.m. **Tuesday** at St. William Catholic Church, in Fort Lupton. Mass of Christian burial, 11 a.m., **Wednesday** at St. William Catholic Church, with visitation beginning one hour before mass. Burial at Elmwood Cemetery will immediately follow the mass. **Full obit Tabor-Rice**

Myra Parrott, 71, of Brighton, died May 16. She was born in Boylston, N.Y. Memorial service, 10:30-11:30 a.m. **Thursday** at Northern Hills Christian Church. Sympathy may be shared: www.olinghighland.com.

Joshua John Brown, 37, of Fort Lupton, died May 16. Joshua was born in Brighton. Survivors include his parents, Clifford and Judy Brown; sister Ashley Brown; and son Donovan Brown. Visitation, 1 p.m. **May 29** at Olinger Highland Chapel, 10201 Grant St., Thornton, followed by funeral service at 2 p.m. Share memories and sympathy at www.olinghighland.com for the Brown family. **Full obit Tabor-Rice**

Carol Joyce Browning, 85, of Hudson, died May 13. She was born in Fresno, Calif., to George Daniel and Pearl Emma (Lockhart) Hershey. In 1949, she married Ralph Sheldon "Bob" Thompson. They had three children, Daniel Eugene, Loretta Pearl (William) Stonner and Gary Dean. The family moved to Denver in 1953. Five years later she became a single parent. In 1962, she married Laverne Purl "Bud" Browning. Survivors include her children; seven grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson. Funeral service, 11:30 a.m., **Wednesday** at Tabor-Rice Funeral Home. Interment at Fort Logan National Cemetery at 2 p.m., **Full obit Tabor-Rice**

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