Memorial Day

Join tech-boom conversation

Denver’s tech industry is booming, but is it benefitting everyone? Whether you believe that such new economic growth is ideal for our community or you’re concerned that it’s contributing to ripple effects such as housing displacement and inequity, you’re invited to take a seat at the table for Better Arguments: Tech Boom Tensions.

Hosted by the Better Arguments Project and Anythink Libraries, the gathering will take place 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on June 13 at Anythink Wright Farms, 5877 E. 120th Ave., Thornton.

The Better Arguments Project is a collaboration by the Aspen Institute, Facing History and Ourselves, and Allstate to help bridge ideological divides – not by papering over those divides but by teaching Americans how to have better arguments. The session at Wright Farms will be the second in a national series.

Hear remarks from the following special guests:

Sam Bailey, vice president of Economic Development at the Metro Denver Economic Development Corp.; Roger Brooks, president and CEO of Facing History and Ourselves; Dr. Lisa Calderón, professor at Regis University; Tamara Chuang, journalist, The Colorado Sun;

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Funeral notices

Irene Latham, 85, formerly of Brighton, died May 4 in Shawnee, Okla. She was born in Tecumseh, Okla., to Lester Boone and Ruth (James) Kieffer. She was the oldest of seven siblings: Colleen Stover, James (deceased), Patsy (Othro) Montgomery, Floyd (Anona), Charlotte Harrison and Gary (Beverly). She married William Jefferson Latham Jr. (deceased) in 1953, in Okmulgee, Okla. They had four children: William Alan (deceased), Latham (Heather), Janet Sue (Robert) Wiley, of Fort Lupton, Jeffrey Lynn Latham (Allison McCoy), of Denver, Barbara Ann (James) Provanclal, of Aurora; and three grandchildren. Irene worked as a telephone operator, a food bank agency coordinator and, in her later years, discovered her love of education as a substitute teacher in the Brighton and Fort Lupton school districts. She was involved with 4-H for her children. Along the way through the many chickens, cows, pigs, sheep, ducks, geese, turkeys and peacocks, she whittled it down to 30 head of cattle, which she cared for into her late 70s. A year-plus ago she moved back to Tecumseh to be reacquainted with her siblings, since she had moved with her husband to Colorado after they were married. In 1971, they returned to live in the Brighton-Fort Lupton area. Cremation by Cooper Funeral Home in Tecumseh. Private ceremony will be at Hillside Cemetery in Fort Lupton. Full obit Tabor-Rice

Steve Tomlinson, 48, died May 15 after an auto accident in Lincoln, Neb. He graduated from Brighton High School in 1989 and the University of Nebraska at Kearney in 1994. He met his wife, Eve Stanosheck, in college. They have two children – Jude, 13, and Maeve, 7. Steve was a devoted son to Don and EJ Tomlinson of Brighton, and a fun-loving brother to Debbie (Tomlinson) Jones of Aurora. He was also a wonderful son-in-law to Jim and Linda Stanosheck of Odell, Neb. Steve had a career in logistics and distribution. Celebration of his life, at a later date. Full obit Tabor-Rice

Kenneth (Kenny) Gerald Schissler, 82, of Brighton, died May 11. He was born in Brighton to Fred and Mary (Cook) Schissler. Survivors include his wife, Judy; children Bob (Laurie) Schissler of Roseburg, Ore; Ron (Janeane) Schissler of Keenesburg; and Karen (Stu) Jensen of Brighton; his sister MaryLee (John) Houdek of Brighton; 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Bennie and Leslie; and sister Alice Tolman. Ken graduated from Brighton High School; after his high school sweetheart graduated, he and Judy were married. Kenny farmed and worked at the Great Western Sugar Factory in Brighton. He retired from the Brighton post office as a mail carrier after 30 years of service. He enjoyed “retirement” for a short time, then worked briefly for Adams County. Kenny then had a second full career as shipping agent for Watermill Express and in March 2019, retired after 24 years. He was on the 1954 Brighton High School State Basketball Championship team, winning the game by sinking the winning shot. Ken was an avid bowler, was on the PBA Senior Tour for a couple of years, and was still bowling and averaging 200 until he had to retire in March. He will be remembered as a kind, loving, and humorous husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, and was loved by all who were blessed to know him. Memorial service, 10 a.m. Saturday at Zion Congregational Church, 401 S. 27th Ave., followed by a meal. Wear your favorite sports jersey or shirt. Obit Tabor-Rice

Ann M. Gossanyi, 81, of Littleton, died April 17. She graduated from Brighton High School in 1958. Memorial service, 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, at Light of the World Roman Catholic Church, 10316 W. Bowles Ave., Littleton.

Lawrence Dennis Kleve, 74, of Brighton, died April 7. Survivors include his wife, Susan, son Ryan (Brighton), daughter Mia (Littleton) and grandson, Cory. Celebration of life, June 29 in Brighton. Full obit Tabor-Rice

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Eric Liu, Executive Director of the Citizenship & American Identity Program at the Aspen Institute; and Pam Sandlian Smith, director of Anythink Libraries.

The morning program also will include facilitated conversations and interactive training, as well as invitations to participate in follow-up sessions. Participants will then be invited to lunch together. Space is limited; register online at http://bit.ly/arguebetter. Space is limited: RSVP today.

Gas gauge

$2.48.9 Lowest unleaded price at 5 p.m. Wednesday: at Murphy Express and Agfinity/Centex stations on Bromley Lane.