

## Brighton window



Retired District 27J educator Rodger Quist is pictured with Quist Middle School Principal Trina Norris-Buck, left, and his wife, Dian, outside the school, which is under construction in Thornton. The Quist family and teachers took first tours of the building on Monday. Over 20 years, Quist worked in District 27J as principal of Northeast Elementary, Overland Trail Middle School and South Elementary, and as executive director of Finance and Operations. He also was interim superintendent of schools twice. The school is scheduled to open to next school year. *Photo courtesy 27J*

## AdCo's Gonzales named manager of the year

Adams County Manager Raymond Gonzales was named Colorado City/County Manager of the Year at the annual Colorado City and County Management Association Annual Conference in Glenwood Springs. Gonzales is the first county manager to win the award.

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"I was flattered by the nomination and, when you consider all the great work under way across the state, I was blown away to be recognized by my peers," Gonzales said. "This award is not only a highlight for me personally, but it also validates the innovative approach our professional staff and elected offices continue to introduce in the spirit of improved service delivery to our

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## Six Days

### Today

**9 a.m. -3 p.m. – Free Income Tax Preparation.** Adams County Gov. Center, 4430 S. Adams County Pkwy., drop-in, no appointments, west entrance; Free income tax preparation and electronic filing for all Adams County taxpayers with an income of \$56,000 or less. Bring your 2018 completed tax return, photo ID, Social Security card, W-2s, 1099 forms, proof of other income, and deductible expenses. Information: Adams County Treasurer's Office 720-523-6160

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

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

**11 a.m. – Kindness Counts.** Eagle View Adult Center; fun, easy ideas to spread a little kindness in the community; brighten the day for others; a new project each month.

**4-5:30 p.m. – Let's Talk Diabetes.** Platte Valley Medical Center Medical Plaza 2, second-floor conference room; free class will cover overview of diabetes and pre-diabetes, blood-sugar monitoring, managing diabetes with your diet, meal-planning techniques to fit your lifestyle, medication management, prevention of chronic diseases and wound care, and exercise and activity. To RSVP or for more information, call 303-498-1699.

**6-7 p.m. – Board in the Library.** Anythink Brighton; Welcome the library's latest board game additions with a Saturday-morning-themed party. That means cartoons, cereal and the cutting edge of board games; for all ages.

### Thursday

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

**10:15-11 a.m. – Toddler Tales.** Anythink Brighton; time with your toddler listening to stories, songs and finger plays geared just for them; and a few minutes of social time with other caregivers while the children play with toys; for ages 2-3.

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

**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.

**1-3:30 p.m. – Bunco.** Eagle View Adult Center; learn Bunco in 5 minutes; fun, refreshments, prizes, \$4, deadline Tuesday before.

**4-5 p.m. – Story Lab.** Anythink Brighton; Discover the world of story through reading, writing and storytelling; for kids in grades 3-8.

**5-6:30 p.m. – Bitter Sweets.** Anythink Brighton; Love hurts, but miracle berries help. The magical fruits temporarily alter taste buds to surprising effect. Sample a buffet of bitter flavors transformed into delightful treats; for ages 12 and older. RSVP online.

### Friday

**10-11 a.m. – Littles.** Anythink Brighton; Explore early literacy through experiential stations around the room; and gather during the hour for a group movement or story activity. Caregivers with children through age 4 are welcome.

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residents.”

Gonzales, a Brighton native, has served as county manager since April 2017. He also served as deputy county manager and neighborhood services director with Adams County. During his tenure as county manager, the Riverdale Regional Park Master Plan was adopted, Colorado Air and Space Port received a Site Operator’s License from the Federal Aviation Administration, and the county introduced “Homes for Hope,” which provides emergency foster care placement.

“Ray’s management style and

leadership have created a collaborative atmosphere in Adams County that allows staff to work with each other and their municipal partners,” said Arvada City Manager and CCCMA Board Member Mark Deven.

After holding leadership positions in the the federal government and in New Mexico, Gonzales returned to Brighton as the director of the Brighton Economic Development corp in 2008.

Gonzales was nominated by Bennett City Manager Trish Stiles. The award recipient is decided by a vote of CCCMA members at the conference.

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**10:30-11:30 a.m. – Story Time at the Firehouse**, Fire Station 53, 16681 E. 120th Ave.; story, tour, snack, for children 3-5 with caretaker; RSVP to Dawn, 303-654-8043

**8 p.m. – Yesterday**, Beatles Tribute concert, Armory Performing Arts Center, 300 Strong St.; Live at the Armory presentation; \$20 general admission, Info and tickets: [brightonarmory.org](http://brightonarmory.org).

## Saturday

**10 a.m. –noon – Great Backyard Bird Count**, Barr Lake State Park; join Bird Conservancy of the Rockies and Barr Lake for 20th Annual GBBC. Spend a morning learning the importance of being a Citizen Scientist while exploring which local birds are toughing out the winter in Brighton.

**10 a.m. – New Volunteer Open House**, Barr Lake State Park; park staff and veteran volunteers will share basic information and answer questions. Barr Lake is recruiting volunteers for: Entrance station host, Friends of Barr Lake event coordinator, School leader, Park maintenance, Nature Center host, Trail host, NEW teen program; park provides initial, on-the-job, and Level 2 training sessions, ongoing educational opportunities, unique experiences, a free Colorado State Parks pass (after you complete 48 service hours); applications available at the Nature Center and at the Volunteer Open House.

**1-3 p.m. – Mommy Mingle**, Platte Valley Medical Center Conference Room C; Connect with moms and newborns 2-12-weeks old; led by lactation specialists and other medical professionals; learn what’s normal and expected when it comes to healing after delivery and raising a baby; free. Sign up at [pvmc.org/events](http://pvmc.org/events) or 303-498-1481.

## Sunday

**4 p.m. – Homespun Concert**, BrightonMusic Orchestra, BrightonMusic Choir, and Bright’n Jazz present annual concert at First Presbyterian Church, 510 S. 27th Ave.; all music in the Homespun Concert is composed by Colorado residents – a celebration of our hometown and local creativity; arts and crafts items for display (not sale) 30 to 60 minutes before the concert; and homemade bake sale; concert is free, but donations accepted.

## Tuesday

**9:30-10:15 a.m. and 2:30-3:15 p.m. – Baby Bounce**, Anythink Brighton; songs, rhymes and stories for babies and their caregivers; for birth-23 months.

**10 a.m.-2 p.m. by appointment – Medicare Counseling**, Eagle View Adult Center; one-on-one help with a specially-trained SHIP counselor; call Evon at 303-655-2079 for appointment.

**10-11 a.m. – One-on-One Tech Help**, Anythink Brighton; by appointment; one-on-one tech help from a tech guide. RSVP online or call 303-405-3230.

**4-5 p.m. – STEAM Tuesdays**, Anythink Brighton; Barr Lake Ranger Talk – Learn about a natural facet of Barr Lake State Park; explore science, technology, engineering, art, math; for students in 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 your abdominals, hips and shoulders, increase flexibility, stamina and improve overall fitness and health; taught by licensed physical therapist and certified Pilates instructor, \$9 per class, RSVP 303-498-1840.

**6:30-7:30 p.m. – Feather Painting**, Anythink Brighton; Make expressive abstract paintings by using feathers as tools for mark making. RSVP online.

**7 p.m. – Bible Study Fellowship**, Men’s group at Zion Congregational Church, 27th Ave.; Women’s group at Brighton United Methodist Church, Eighth Ave.; interdenominational Bible study. All are welcome. To learn more call Kristen at 303-654-0972 or Caroline, 303-659-4686.

## Funeral notices

**Beverly J. Hansen**, 77, of Brighton, died Feb. 5. She was born in Brighton to Howard and Arlene Arnold. She graduated from Brighton High School and attended Park School of Business in Denver. Bev married Dale Hansen on Sept. 16, 1962. She worked at Sperry New Holland Denver as a branch manager for many years, as well as helping Dale at the veterinary practice. She also enjoyed working at Superior Livestock in Brush, before retirement. Bev grew up south of Hudson on a farm and dairy. Survivors include her husband, Dale; daughter Shauna (Charlie); son Terry (Leighann); three granddaughters; and sister Cheryl of Oklahoma. She was preceded in death by her brother, Bill; and son Craig. Celebration of life, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. **today** at the American Legion Hall in Keenesburg.

**Cele Jean Czarnecki**, 54, of Brighton, died Feb. 9. She was born in Columbia, S.C., to Robert Nolan and Vivian Lesley Bowen. The family moved to Michigan when Cele was still a baby. She grew up in Ann Arbor and graduated from Pioneer High School there. She majored in geography at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, and graduated in 1987. Cele worked in hotel management for Marriott Hotels in Michigan and Florida. She moved to Colorado in 1991, where she met and married her husband Dave. Survivors include her husband, David, daughter Samantha Lynn, and son Nicholas Lesley. Memorial services, 11 a.m. **Friday** at Tabor-Rice Funeral Home, followed by interment at Fairview Cemetery in Brighton. For those interested in making a donation in her memory, the family requests they be made to the American Cancer Society. **Full obit Tabor-Rice**

## Gas gauge

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