

Brighton window



The Robert Shopneck Boys & Girls Club is busy with youngsters during the Martin Luther King holiday from school Monday. Staying warm and reading books are, from left, Alexandria Torbet, 12, Alex Valencia, 7, Sierra Mohr, 8, club reading program director Vanessa Lucero and her daughter Mariah, 2. *Daily Post photo*

27J attendance boundaries changing

Editor's note: See the related open-enrollment story on page 2.

With new schools come new school attendance boundaries.

Knowing the new schools are opening and armed with months of work by 27J staff and the Boundary Planning Committee and comments from public hearings, the 27J Board of Education has approved new elementary and middle-school attendance areas.

August will bring with it the opening of Prairie View Middle School and Turnberry Elementary School in District 27J. The middle school will be east of Prairie View High School on 120th Avenue. Turnberry Elementary is being built

in the Commerce City subdivision of the same name, northwest of Potomac Street and 104th Avenue.

The following August, Otho Stuart Middle School will open in Commerce City.

The elementary attendance area (page 2) will become effective in the 2008-09 school year.

The sixth-grade and seventh- and eighth-grade attendance areas also become effective next year – but for only the one year.

Once Stuart Middle School opens in 2009, each 27J middle school will house sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders. Accordingly, new attendance areas will account for the fourth middle school.

The Board of Education goal has been K-5 elementary schools, grades 6-8 middle schools and grades 9-12 high schools. Stuart Middle School will allow that.

District Planning Manager Joy Gerdom said, in finding options – and in determining recommendations – see 'Boundaries' on page 2

Three days

Today

10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. – Story Time, Brighton Library, 575 S. Eighth Ave., 303-659-2572

6 p.m. – City Council study session, City Hall Heritage Room, 22 S. Fourth Ave., 303-655-2043

7 p.m. – School District 27J Board meeting, Educational Services Center, 18551 E. 160th Ave.

Wednesday

9:30 a.m. – County Board of Commissioners meeting, County Building, 450 S. 4th Ave., 303-659-2120

1 p.m. – Senior and Adult Recreation Center public meeting, Senior Center, 575 Bush

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Thursday

10:30 a.m. – Story Time, Brighton Library, 575 S. 8th

5-7 p.m. – Open house to meet Dr. Nouhi, Brighton Family Health, 1606 Prairie Center Parkway, Suite 240

6:30 p.m. – State of the City Address by Mayor Jan Pawlowski, Rec Center, 555 N. 11th Ave.

Funeral notices

Ralph John Erger, 69, of Brighton, died Jan. 19. He was born at St. Joseph's Hospital in Denver to Peter and Mary (Schroer) Erger and was raised on the family farm in Henderson. He was preceded in death by his youngest daughter, Julie Ann Freigang. Survivors include his 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. **Friday** at St. Augustine Catholic Church. Funeral services will be at 12:30 p.m. **Saturday** at St. Augustine Catholic Church.

James "Jimmy" Arthus Abeyta, 50, died Jan. 17. He was born in Brighton to David and Cleo Abeyta. He worked for Kelly Pipe. He is survived by his children Ruby, Vanessa, and J.D.; 11 grandchildren; mother; brothers Louie, Eddie, Tony and Simon; sisters Dora, Helen, Margie and Rosie; and the love of his life, Sara. James is preceded in death by his father, David; sister Carmen, brother David, grandson Jayden; and brother-in-law Toby. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. **Wednesday** and the funeral will be at 10 a.m. **Thursday**, both at **Tabor-Rice Funeral Home**.

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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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tions – the district’s boundary planning guidelines call for four criteria:

- minimize the impact on existing schools and students,
- plan for adequate enrollment to provide for sufficient and efficient programming,
- accommodate growth, and
- address transportation.

For more information, visit the 27J Web site, sd27j.org, and click on “About 27J” and “Attendance Area Maps” for larger graphics.

Open enrollment applications due soon

Open enrollment is an option offered by School District 27J. The deadline to apply is Feb. 15. A student may apply to enroll in a school outside his/her normal attendance during the open enrollment window.

Applications should be submitted to the school of choice. Approved applications will be valid for the 2008-09 school year only. Transportation of students participating in open enrollment is the

responsibility of the parents or guardians.

All the materials required to apply for Open Enrollment are posted on the Web at sd27j.org under “Open Enrollment” in the left-navigational menu. They also are available at the school of choice or the Ed Harshbarger Educational Services Center, 18551 E. 160th Ave., Brighton.

Decisions are made by the school principal and will be made by March. Open-enrollment approvals are based on space available, programs available and staff available.

Currently, 3,057 of 12,213 students – 25 percent -- are choosing open enrollment, said Joy Gerdom, 27J planning manager. “One thing we learned, new schools encourage returns among the students who had previously gone to charter schools or outside the district.”

Priority will be given as follows:

1. Students who live in the attendance area of the school.
2. Student applicants who reside within the district but do not reside within the attendance area and who previously attended the school they wish to attend.
3. New student applicants who reside within the district who are siblings of a currently enrolled student who live at the same residence as the currently enrolled student.
4. New student applicants who reside within the district and are not siblings of a currently enrolled student.
5. Student applicants who reside outside of the district and who previously attended the school they wish to attend.

6. New student applicants who reside outside of the district who are siblings of a currently enrolled student and who live at the same residence as the currently enrolled student.

7. New student applicants who reside outside of the district and are not siblings of a currently enrolled student living at the same resi-

