

Brighton window



Kyle (left), Lori and Bob Markley await their meals Wednesday at Lone Star Steakhouse at the Brighton Pavilions during Dine Out for CASA night. The restaurant gave 15 percent of the day's proceeds to the Court Appointed Special Advocates of Adams and Broomfield counties to help fund the effort of volunteers who speak on behalf of children going through the courts system. Lori Markley is a CASA staffer.

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27J to align staff retirement, benefits

By Andy Hodge

Dr. Rod Blunck acknowledged Tuesday that School District 27J is out of compliance in one aspect of its compensation and benefits policy and that steps are being taken to remedy the issue.

The district's new governance policy requires that predictable and equitable benefits be provided to its employees and Superintendent Blunck told the Board of Education that there are some staffers and administrators in the district whose contracts aren't consistent with others, particularly in regard to

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retirement options. Blunck said new contracts will include consistent retirement and benefit packages.

The board discussed the importance of maintaining high-quality staff. "It's our obligation to find those stars, to recruit those stars and to retain those stars," said Blunck, "It's a matter of having the right people in the right spot ... We value high-level, high-impact folks."

Board member Brian Madison raised concerns that the education system might be at a disadvantage when recruiting educators whose skills might be better financially compensated in other fields. Blunck said that while District 27J often can't compete with salary structures of even nearby school districts, the Brighton district consistently hires highly qualified teachers.

Three days

Today

10:30 a.m. – **Story Time**, Library, 575 S. Eighth Ave., children 3 to 6; registration required, 303-659-2572

Friday

9:30 a.m. – **Lapsit Story Time**, Library, 575 S. Eighth, for caregiver and child to 24 months; registration required, 303-659-2572

10 a.m. – **Music and Movement**, Brighton Library, 575 S. 8th; children 2-6, registration required, 303-659-2572

Noon – **Friday's Feast**, Senior Center, soup, sandwich, dessert and entertainment. \$4. **Register by March 11**

4 p.m. – **BHS Girls Varsity Tennis** vs. Holy Family, BHS courts

6 p.m. – **City Council special meeting**, City Hall Council Chambers, 22 S. Fourth Ave., 303-655-2043

7 p.m. – **Once on This Island**, BHS Drama spring musical, Brighton High Auditorium. Adults \$8, students \$5, senior citizens \$6

Saturday

9 a.m.-noon – **School District 27J Teacher Recruitment Fair**, Prairie View High School, 12901 E. 120th Ave., Henderson

10 a.m. – **Coffee and Politics with Sen. Mary Hodge**, Brighton Library, 578 S. Eighth Ave., an informal conversation about happenings at the Legislature

12:30 p.m. – **Adams County Fair Lady-in-Waiting contest**, Fairgrounds Rendezvous Meeting Rooms

2-3 pm. – **Buddhism**, an Active Minds® presentation, Library, 575 S. Eighth Ave.

3 p.m. – **BHS Girls varsity soccer** vs. Montbello

7 p.m. – **Once on This Island**, BHS Drama spring musical, see Friday listing

Teachers wanted

The School District 27J Human Resources Department is playing host to its second Teacher Recruitment and Learning Fair Saturday.

Erin Hane, certified specialist, said the district may 50 to 100 new teachers for the 2009-10 school year. The recruitment fair gives the district and prospective teachers a jump-start on that process.

The fair will be 9 a.m.-noon at Prairie View High School, 12909 E. 120th Ave. in Henderson.

Participants will be able to meet principals and teachers, interview, learn about benefits and the 27J curriculum and instructional model.

For more information go to sd27j.org and click on Jobs/ Employment then Potential Employees and Job Fairs.

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Close shaves will benefit kids with cancer



Sara Frisk, left, and Lynn Roscoe of the Pennock PTA encourage those attending a February school board meeting to shave their heads for the fight against children's cancer on St. Baldrick's Day, to be celebrated Saturday in Brighton.

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Brighton woman booked in attempted murder

A Brighton woman has been booked into Adams County Detention Facility on a charge of attempted murder after a stabbing Tuesday at a Brighton home.



Bobbie Christina Michel, 22, of 115 Gaviota St. was detained on a count of Criminal Attempt, Murder in the First Degree, according to Brighton police, who were sent to the home to respond to

reports of a disturbance in progress at 11:19 p.m. Tuesday.

When officers arrived, they found a 26-year-old Aurora man bleeding from a chest wound, and a bloody knife nearby. The victim was transported to an area hospital, and is expected to survive.

Michel, was arrested near the residence a short time later, according to a report from criminalist John Bradley.

On Saturday, seven employees of the Brighton Police Department will join area residents at Pennock Elementary School to brave nicked scalps, sunburn, and the teasing by others as part of the fight to find a cure for children's cancer.

The police employees, calling themselves The Thin Blue Hairline, are participating in an annual event to benefit the St. Baldrick's Foundation by asking friends, relatives, and the public to make donations to the foundation in exchange for a chance to see how their favorite cop looks bald.

So far, 33 people have signed up for the local event at Pennock Elementary School, 3707 Estrella St., in Brighton. It begins at 9:45 a.m. on Saturday. The local effort so far has raised \$3,435 in pledges.

Brighton is one of 511 St. Baldrick's locations this year and, as of Wednesday, pledges in the national effort total \$5.9 million. Last year in 568 locations the foundation raised \$17.4 million, according to the foundation's Web site.

Pennock PTO President Sara Frisk and Treasurer Lynn Roscoe sought willing participants among various community groups, with both speaking to the school board and Frisk talking to the City Council with Richard Melady.

School Superintendent Rod Blunck announced Tuesday that he has agreed to have his head shaved.

For questions or additional information about the Police Department participation, contact John Bradley at 303-655-2334, or by e-mail at jbradley@brightonco.gov.

Or you can just show up at Pennock and see who else will join in the effort.



The North Elementary Leadership Academy (fifth-graders) presented colors at Tuesday's school board meeting. Members of the Color Guard include Daniala Paraz, Maria Cuanas, Israel Malpica, Steven Kilgore, Karina Padron, Yvette Gonzalez, and Cheyenne Rodriguez. Staff sponsors Kim Post and Glen Ochoa Post said, "They are leaders in the school and are emulated by younger students in the school."
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