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Brighton window

Brighton High School marketing student Amy Laurienti accepts a $700 check Monday from Economic Development Corp. Executive Director Ray Gonzales to cover her expenses for the DECA international conference in Anaheim, Calif., in late April. Gonzales said Laurienti will continue to help raise funds for the 11 other Brighton students who qualified for the competition.

Photo by Teri Sanchez / Brighton EDC

Council gives final OK to annex roads

Efforts to bring Vestas to Brighton are proceeding at their whirlwind pace after the City Council approved an intergovernmental agreement with Fort Lupton on Tuesday and Weld County Commissioners earlier in the day approved the petitions Brighton needed to annex the nine segments of Weld County Roads 4, 6 and 27.

Fort Lupton's City Council was expected to approve the agreement at its meeting today.

The agreement between the two cities establishes growth boundaries for each community, with Brighton's northernmost expansion reaching Weld County Road 6½, at the Vestas site at Weld County Road 27 (northern extension of Main Street) and immediately east of U.S. 85.

It was agreed that Brighton can provide utility services to the annexation areas, which includes annexation of a trailer court at U.S. 85 and Weld County Road 6.

Public Works-Streets Director Joe Smith said Brighton is able to provide those services to the trailer court and Fort Lupton can't provide them. Smith said part of the trailer court property can be used for access from Vestas to U.S. 85, but the sewage services were the primary reason for the annexation.

The city also accepted a $2 million grant from the state Department of Local Affairs for roads and utilities serving Vestas. Brighton and Weld County will each add $250,000 to the DOLA grant, and that $2.5 million is expected to be matched by a $3 million federal Economic Development Administration grant for the road improvements and infrastructure. The council will hold a special meeting Thursday or Friday to accept that federal grant.

"We are on our way, people," said Mayor Jan Pawlowski, who made the motion for the final piece of road annexation after the council suspended its rules to allow her to make the motion.

Three days

Today

All day – Dine out to benefit CASA, Lone Star Steakhouse, 15 percent of sales will benefit CASA

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

10-11:30 a.m. – Caregivers Support Group, Senior Center, 303-426-4408

3:30-5:30 p.m. – Teen Arts and Crafts, Brighton Library, 575 S. Eighth Ave., a new project every week

Thursday

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

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

Gas gauge

$1.66.9 Lowest unleaded price at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday:

- U-Pump-It stations on South Main and East Bridge
- Gas-a-Mat station on South Main Street
- Western station on East Bridge Street
- King Soopers on East Bromley, with Sooper card

Funeral notices

Aleene V. Nix, 91, of Brighton, died March 4. She was born in Creek City, Okla., to Thomas and Melissa (Hyde) Netherton. She married Robert P. Nix in 1945 in Tulsa. Robert preceded her in death. Aleene moved to Brighton in 1962. She worked for Sinclair Oil, ARCO Oil, retiring from British Petroleum in 1974. Aleene was a member of the Worship Center at Brighton and the Church Women United of Brighton. Aleene was a big part of daughter Sally's life for many years helping and supporting her. Sally preceded her in death in 2004. Survivors include her son-in-law, Barry Brown of Brighton; and siblings Paul and Karen Southland of Brighton. Graveside Service, 2 p.m. **today** at Fairview Cemetery, Brighton. Full obit: Tabor-Rice

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