

Brighton window



The Brighton Bulldogs 10-year-olds team practices line play in passing situations Thursday at Vikan Middle School. The team, coached by Spence Hogan, visits Commerce City on Saturday to play the Raiders squad. *Local Color/Daily Post photo*

Intertape Polymer to reopen Oct. 1

Montreal-based Intertape Polymer Group will reopen its manufacturing facility in Brighton on Oct. 1, the company announced Thursday. Intertape will need 25 employees to run its film line operation, which produces the polypropylene film used in making adhesive tape.

The plant was closed Nov. 6, 2006, as part of corporate cost-cutting, terminating 89 employees. Hiring for the new jobs, which pay \$15 to \$25 an hour, will begin the first week of September. Almost all will be filled with former employees, said Mike Kaumans, director of Manufacturing.

"We are glad to have the Intertape facility active again," said Mayor Jan Pawlowski, in a news release issued by the Brighton Economic Development Corp. "Continuing to provide more employment opportunities to our residents is vital to our overall strategy as a sustainable community."

"The announcement that Intertape was closing its Brighton branch was devastating to the employees, the city of Brighton and Adams County as well," said Tricia Allen, vice president of Adams County Economic

Development. "Anytime a community loses a primary employer, it has a ripple effect and implications on the entire community. We were ecstatic to hear of the 'rebirth' of this company in Brighton.

Intertape makes packaging materials such as sealing tape and plastic wrap at 11 manufacturing facilities in North America and Europe. Its economic fortunes are tied to those of the storage-box industry, which has been affected by a downturn in the housing industry. The Brighton closure was expected to save the company \$7.3 million a year.

The company originally had planned to liquidate the plant's assets, but changed course this summer in response to an unanticipated worldwide film shortage.

"It was cheaper for us to start making it again than to buy it from someone else. The expertise to do that is here in Brighton," Kaumans said. If the worldwide film shortage continues and the Brighton operation is profitable, Intertape could expand its production to supply other manufacturers, he said, and Brighton's labor force is strong enough to support that growth.

Two days

Today

Deadline – Lions Club Person of Vision nominations due, 361 Terra Vista St., Brighton, 80601

Deadline – To enter "The Eyes Have It" Shot-in-the-Dark charity golf tournament, sponsored by the Brighton Breakfast Lions Club. Contact Joan Kniss at 303-659-2196 or joankniss@aol.com.

8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. – Bonfils Blood Drive, Valley Bank & Trust, 4900 E. Bromley Lane

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

Saturday

Early Morning – Observe the Aurigid meteor shower in the night sky. Information: Walkey's Onsite Computer Services, 303-655-7996

Sign up – September is Library Card Sign-up Month. Make sure your kids have the "smart card" from the Brighton library, 575 S. Eighth Ave.

Monday – Happy Labor Day (No Daily Post)

Gas gauge

\$2.69⁹ Lowest price of unleaded at 6 p.m. Wednesday:

- Western station on East Bridge
- U-pump-it station on East Bridge
- Gas-a-mat station on South Main

Now playing

Kerasotes Theatres in Brighton Pavilions
Call 303-655-1591 or click for showtimes

Balls of Fury • PG-13; **Bourne Ultimatum** • PG-13
Halloween • R; **Mr. Bean's Holiday** • G;
Nanny Diaries • PG-13; **Ratatouille** • G
Resurrecting the Champ • PG-13
Rush Hour 3 • PG-13; **Simpsons Movie** • PG-13
Stardust • PG-13; **Superbad** • R
Underdog • PG; **War** • R

Funeral notice

Phyllis A. Burns, 72, of Brighton died Aug. 28. She was born in Martinsville, Ill., to Burl and Evretta (Seaton) Dill. She married Bob H. Burns on Feb. 20, 1961, in Brighton. She is survived by daughter Carrie (Dave) Snyder, and sons Steve and Scott Burns, all of Fort Lupton; sister Kay (Keith) Llafet of Brighton; one grandchild and two great-grandchildren. A memorial will be at 2 p.m. **today** at Tabor-Rice Funeral Home.

Full obituary: Tabor-Rice Funeral Home.

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