

Brighton window



Brighton City Councilors Daryl Meyers, left, Rob Farina, David Gill, Cynthia Martinez, Wayne Scott and Wilma Rose unveil a new name for a new Brighton street on Wednesday during the official groundbreaking ceremony for Vestas Americas. Brighton's recently annexed portion of Weld County Road 6 is now Crown Prince Drive. The council also agreed Tuesday to rename its part of Weld County Road 4 "New Energy Drive." *Local Color / Daily Post photo*

Brighton welcomes its energy future

Groundbreaking Wednesday at the Vestas Americas construction site on Weld County Road 6 was a royal affair: The Crown Prince Frederik of Denmark spoke to media and guests and the Crown Princess Mary tossed shovelfuls of dirt.

Brighton City Councilors Daryl Myers, David Gill, Rob Farina, Wayne Scott, Wilma Rose and Cynthia Martinez helped unveil the new street sign that will mark Brighton's recently annexed portion of Weld County Road 6 (Crown Prince Boulevard).

The mayor also read a proclama-

tion declaring Wednesday Vestas Day in Brighton, presenting it to Vestas President Ole Borup Jakobsen.

Jakobsen, Mayor Pawlowski, the Crown Prince, Weld County Commissioner William Garcia and Gov. Bill Ritter spoke in a tent to more than 100 guests and media.

"Today is a bright spot for us and for the economy," Ritter said.

"Vestas understands our vision of a new energy economy in Colorado."

He explained that the global wind-power leader is creating jobs in Colorado and at the same time creating a clean energy path forward.

Ritter and the mayor spoke of the emerging Renewable Energy Corridor in Colorado, with what will be Brighton's newest business, now projected to open in early 2010,

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Three days

Today

4 p.m. – BHS boys varsity baseball vs Overland High

3:30 p.m. – Teen Advisory Council / Book Club, Library, 575 S. Eighth, help decide programs, discuss *Howl's Moving Castle* by Dianna Wynne Jones; snacks

Friday

8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. – Bonfils Blood Drive, Adams County Administration Building, 450 S. Fourth Ave.

9 a.m. – Darling Doubles, Fairgrounds Al Lesser Building; Vicki Goodwin, 303-202-1607

Saturday

9 a.m. – Guided Bird Walk, Barr Lake; bring a field guide, binoculars for a morning of birding

Funeral notices

Christopher L. Gasca, 24, of Brighton, died March 23 in Denver. He was born in Brownsville, Texas, to Enrique and Theresa Gasca. He attended school in Laramie, Wyo., and college in Denver. He was a member of the Healing Church and spent time looking after and being involved with youth of his church. Survivors include his father of Brownsville, Texas; son Christopher Patrick of Fort Lupton; daughter Angel-Rae of Fort Lupton; grandmother Maria L. Cano of Brownsville; sister Jenifer Gasca of Greeley; and brothers Robert and Enrique Jr., of Greeley. Service, 10 a.m. **Monday** at the Healing Place in Brighton. Tabor-Rice Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Full obit: [Tabor-Rice](#)

Joseph R. Reed, 25, of Thornton, died Sunday in Fort Collins. He was born in Denver to Virgil and Cecilia (Stull) Reed. Joseph attended schools in the Commerce City area. He was a contractor in the Denver area. Survivors include his son, Joseph Jr., of Lochbuie; parents Troy (Debbie) Reed of Brighton, and Cecilia Reed of Thornton; sisters Tina Walker of Thornton, and Lisa (Jeff) Conover of Lakewood; brothers Tony (Kristi) of Thornton, Ken Walker of Dayton, Nev., and Daniel Brayshaw of Brighton. He was preceded in death by a brother, Joshua D. Reed. Memorial service, 10 a.m. **Friday** at Tabor-Rice Funeral Home. Obit: [Tabor-Rice](#)

Joseph Lynn Gerdom Jr., 57, of Erie, died March 17. On Valentine's Day 1987 he married Joy. He was self-employed as a planning consultant. Joe has been Brighton community development director and was a member of Brighton Kiwanis. Survivors include his wife Joy; son Joseph of Fort Collins, mother Alma of Casper, sisters Kathy (Bill) Happel of Wausau, Wis., and Kari Gerdom of Irvine, Calif. Memorial service, 2 p.m. **today** at the Rocky Mountain Christian Church, 9447 Niwot Road, Niwot. A scholarship to the University of Wyoming is being established to honor Joe's passion for learning. Full obit: www.vessey.info.

Wendy S. Tracy, 44, of Fort Lupton, died March 20. Wendy attended Brighton schools. She operated White Glove Cleaning in the Brighton/Fort Lupton area. Survivors include her husband, Billy Hackler; daughter Samantha and her fiancée, Justin Gross, of Frederick; son Clint of Frederick; parents of Wichita Falls, Texas; grandmother Leona Baker of Finley, Ohio; sister Lisa (Mike) Reiner of Kilgore, Texas; and brother Kelly Baker of Kilgore, Texas. Viewing, 5-8 p.m. **Friday** and a Funeral Mass at 11 a.m., **Saturday**, both at Tabor-Rice funeral Home. Full obit: [Tabor-Rice](#)

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at its center.

When the Brighton plants are running at full capacity, Jakobsen said, they will produce 1,000 nacelles (the component that converts wind power to energy) and 2,000 blades a year. The nacelles plant, employing 700 people initially, will be the company's largest assembly plant. The blade factory, larger than the existing one in Windsor, will employ 650 people initially. Jakobsen said the plant(s) ultimately will employ about 1,500 people.

Overall, Colorado's Vestas operations will employ 2,500 people and will include the world's largest tower manufacturing plant, opening this year in Pueblo.

The Crown Prince spoke to the economic importance of renewable energy, noting that Vestas entered the wind-power market after the second oil crisis in the 1970s.

Since then, Denmark has become one of the most energy efficient countries in the world. Since 1980, the country's economy has grown by 78 percent; renewable energy comprises 17 percent of overall energy consumption; renewable energy

accounts for 28 percent of Denmark's electricity supply; and since 1990, economic activity in Denmark has increased by more than 45 percent while it has reduced greenhouse gases by 15 percent.

"Denmark uses less than half of the energy (per capita) of the United

States and Canada though our lifestyles are similar," he said.

Gas gauge

\$1.76.⁹ Lowest unleaded price at 10 p.m. Wednesday:

- U-Pump-It station on East Bridge
- Western station on East Bridge Street



Brighton Mayor Jan Pawlowski (second from left), Gov. Bill Ritter (to right of Danish Crown Prince Frederik and Crown Princess Mary) and Weld County Commissioner William Garcia (right) turn earth for the groundbreaking at the Vestas site off Weld County Road 6, along with Vestas officials Ole Borup Jakobsen, Johnny Hoj Henriksen, and Frils Arne Petersen, Danish ambassador to the United States. *Local Color/Daily Post*



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Dignitaries, including Denmark's Crown Prince and Princess, answer questions from Danish and American media after the groundbreaking ceremony Wednesday. Fifteen members of Denmark's news media traveled to Brighton to cover the event. At left: Mayor Jan Pawlowski presents a proclamation declaring Wednesday as Vestas Day to the company's president, Ole Borup Jakobsen. *Local Color/Daily Post*