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Bennett School nixes will serve request

by **Steven Vetter**
Managing Editor

BENNETT — Developers proposing new housing subdivisions in and around Bennett might have one unanticipated obstacle in their

way for the foreseeable future.

At its Nov. 19 regular monthly meeting, the Bennett School Board appeared to give credence to a ban or moratorium on will serve letters to new residential subdivisions planned within the district.

During the meeting, realtor/broker Justin Reyher asked the board to reconsider a previous denial of a will serve letter for the proposed Greenland Estates subdivision near County Road 6 and Brick Center Road southwest of Bennett.

According to Reyher, the 160-acre development has been modified from 54 2½-acre lots to eight parcels of 20 acres apiece. Reyher said the original plans accounted

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A 16-year-old youth perished in this overturned Infinity G37 on eastbound I-70 near Strasburg Nov. 10.

Teen killed in I-70 crash ID'd

by **Steven Vetter**
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STRASBURG — Officials have released the identity of the Denver-metro teenager killed in a single-vehicle rollover near Strasburg the Sunday morning following a four-day storm that stymied traffic and most other activities earlier this month.

The Arapahoe County Coroner's Office identified Alex Jose Flores-Mecias, 16, as the decedent in the crash that occurred a little after 3:30 a.m. Nov. 10

on eastbound I-70 about a quarter-mile west of the Strasburg interchange.

"Went off the left side of the roadway into the median where it hit snow and started rotating and, in the process, overturned multiple times in the median to return back on the interstate, coming to rest on its roof," a Colorado State Patrol spokesperson said about the Infinity G37 involved in the wreck.

Flores-Mecias, who was pronounced deceased at

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Agate School bumps wages 5%

by **Kathy Smiley**
Staff Writer

AGATE — Agate School staff members will receive a 5% mid-year raise across the board.

The Agate School Board approved the raise Nov. 18 and updated the certified and classified salary schedules to reflect the increase.

The action followed the

approval of the audit for the year ending June 30. The audit was presented by Scott Szabo of Lauer, Szabo & Associates, PC.

Highlights included an end of fiscal year fund balance of \$1,389,555. Of that amount, the general fund ending fund balance was \$1,363,422 with the apartment, pupil activity, and food service funds adding

the remaining balance.

Szabo summarized the difference between the original and final budget amounts. The final adopted budget appropriation was \$2,723,000, of which only \$1,829,246 was spent, allowing the district to retain \$893,754, he said.

Other features included

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Milo harvest in full swing



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Fall crop harvest across the I-70 Corridor finally picked back up this past weekend, 10 days to two weeks after a winter-like snowstorm covered fields made access difficult because of muddy conditions. The above milo harvest photo was taken Nov. 23 along Highway 36 about a mile west of Manila Road.



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Adams and Arapahoe county planning divisions jointly hosted the first of two Strasburg Subarea Plan open houses Nov. 20 at TBK Bank in Strasburg. Residents and business owners rotate around various stations to give their input on a variety of subject matters, including water and zoning concerns and what types of businesses should be recruited in the future. From left photo, Eric Hart and Cindy Fahey, both with real estate offices in downtown Strasburg, give their input on future development along Colfax Avenue, and Adams County Economic Development Manager Lucas Workman receives feedback on which future businesses are most preferred. A second open house is scheduled from 9-11 a.m., Monday, Dec. 2. The last Strasburg Subarea Plan was released in 2002 and officials with both counties want to update it next year.