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Customers order food at Giovanni's food cart on Friday in Pendleton. Staff photo by E.J. Harris

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Food truck rules drafted as vendors seek clarity

Hermiston looks at increasing number of food trucks

By **JADE MCDOWELL** and **ANTONIO SIERRA**
East Oregonian

While one local city government considers wheeling out new rules for mobile food vendors, another could ease the brakes on its own food truck restrictions.

Pendleton city staff have drafted an ordinance that establishes rules for portable restaurants, which would formally incorporate them into the city's business community.

City Attorney Nancy Kerns said staff started working on the rules when they realized there were no laws on the books to answer a

request from a vendor to park on public right-of-way.

In addition to requiring all mobile food vendors obtain city business licenses, the draft creates guidelines for where a vendor can locate and how it can operate.

Under the drafted ordinance, vendors can park on any hard-sur-

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High risk for second tunnel collapse at Hanford

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Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash. — There is a high risk that a second tunnel filled with radioactive waste might collapse at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation in Washington state, the U.S. Department of Energy said Friday.

A tunnel partially collapsed on May 9, forcing some 3,000 workers to shelter in place for several hours.

There were no injuries or release of airborne radiation from that accident, the agency said.

The Energy Department said it had completed an evaluation of a second tunnel on the former nuclear weapons production site and determined there is a high potential for the 53-year-old structure to collapse. The agency has an Aug. 1 deadline to develop plans to prevent that.

Hanford is located in south-central Washington state and for decades made plutonium for nuclear weapons. The site is now engaged in cleaning up a massive inventory of nuclear waste.

In a report released Friday, the Energy Department said the two sealed tunnels "do not meet current structural codes and standards."

"The report finds that Tunnel 2 is identified as presenting a high potential for localized collapse," it said.

Tunnel 2 was built of metal and concrete in 1964. It is approxi-

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Traci Dunsworth of Libby, Mont., picks blueberries on Friday at K&K Blueberries outside of Hermiston. Dunsworth was in town visiting her grandmother and came out to pick berries with family. Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Busy berry business

U-Pick farm draws gatherers from far and wide

By **JAYATI RAMAKRISHNAN**
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It's hot right now, but when winter rolls around, many people will still have a piece of summer within reach: local blueberries.

"I eat them, or freeze them to have throughout the year," said Ellyn Weeks. "It's a treat when the weather's bad, and you think about what it was like picking them in the summer."

Weeks and others at K&K Blueberries on Thursday were picking fruit with a long-term plan in mind.

"I usually make three visits," said Mary Burt, a Pendleton resident who has been coming out to the farm for four years. "We usually pick 60 to 70 pounds and can them, make jam, or freeze them for smoothies or muffins."

Burt and her friend Patty Rasmussen were busy collecting large buckets full of berries around 9:30 a.m., before the heat kicked in. The berry farm, which has 20 acres of bushes on a plot of land south of Hermiston, is open from 6:30 a.m. to noon, and from 5 to 8:30

"We really enjoy the family atmosphere. It does my heart good when families come out and take pictures in the field."

— **Kathy Dopps**, co-owner of K&K Blueberries



Blueberries are considered a superfood packed full of antioxidants and nutrients. Staff photo by E.J. Harris

p.m. on weekdays, from 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, and 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays.

Kathy Dopps and her husband Ken started the self-serve farm in 2008. Dopps is a teacher and her husband owns Eastern Oregon Mechanical, but the two decided they wanted to do something with the land they had bought.

"We originally had 12 acres, and we ended up planting blueberries," Dopps said. "This is what we do in the summer."

The bushes require some off-season maintenance, such as pruning in the winter when

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