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## STANFIELD

# City to pursue legal action against dehydration plant

DEQ must give company a chance to show it's working to reduce the smell

By **JADE MCDOWELL**  
*East Oregonian*

Frustration with the rotten smell hanging over Stanfield came to a head Tuesday as

the city council unanimously approved a motion directing city staff to fine 3D Idapro Solutions and seek a court order to shut down the company's dehydration plant.

In a free-wheeling meeting that often involved multiple citizens talking over each other at once, more than two dozen residents packed into council chambers and demanded to know why the city had not shut down 3D Idapro Solutions already or prohibited them from coming

into Stanfield in the first place. City manager Blair Larsen explained multiple times that he hadn't taken those actions because he did not feel the city was legally allowed to do so, but others in the room — including Mayor Thomas

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Staff photo by E.J. Harris  
**The Stanfield City Council unanimously approved a motion directing the city attorney to levy fines against 3D Idapro Solutions and seek a court order to shut down the company's dehydration plant in Tuesday evening's council meeting.**

## IONE

# A helping hand for harvest

Farmers pull together for family facing emergency

By **GEORGE PLAVERN**  
*East Oregonian*

Wheat harvest is already a busy time of year for Eastern Oregon farmers, but for Virgil and Debbie Morgan, the stress was compounded by an unexpected family emergency.

On June 13, the couple's daughter-in-law, Larissa, gave birth to a healthy baby girl in El Paso, Texas. However, Larissa developed a rare obstetric disorder known as amniotic fluid embolism, where amniotic fluid enters the mother's bloodstream and triggers a serious allergic-like reaction.

For the next two weeks, Larissa was fighting for her life in a medically induced coma. Virgil and Debbie rushed from their farm in Ione to be by Larissa's side, though Virgil was soon pulled back home to prepare for harvest by himself. Or so he thought.

It was Brent Martin, a neighbor and fellow farmer, who first suggested the community roll up its sleeves and give the Morgans a helping hand. A meeting was held June 29 at the Ione Fire Department, where 16 people organized a team of 12 combines, eight bank out wagons and 20 grain trucks.

Together, they harvested all nine of the family's wheat fields — 1,600 acres in all — in a single day, working from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 16.

"It was really great for them to take a day off and bring everything to my place," Virgil Morgan said. "We just had a wonderful response."

Morgan, 68, has been farming outside of Ione for 40 years. He also

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Staff photo by E.J. Harris

# Hanging with friends in the park

Holiday Friends from Astoria perform on stage to kick off the Wednesdays in the Park summer concert series at Roy Raley Park in Pendleton. The Wednesdays in the Park series will feature Foxtails Brigade on July 26, Lincoln Barr on Aug. 2, Ian Moore and The Lossy Coils on Aug. 9 and New Transit on Aug. 16.

# Panel approves bill to boost testing of self-driving cars

WASHINGTON (AP) — A House panel on Wednesday backed legislation designed to allow automakers to increase the testing of self-driving cars on U.S. roads.

The bill would let automakers deploy up to 100,000 self-driving vehicles without meeting existing auto safety standards, a move designed to boost testing of new technology. The current cap for such exemptions is 2,500. The bill would also require manufacturers to report information about all

crashes involving the exempted cars and give the Transportation secretary authority to halt the exemptions for any manufacturer if a defect is discovered.

"We want aggressive oversight of the industry, but with the flexibility needed to test and generate the safest and most affordable technologies possible," said Rep. Greg Walden, R-Ore., the chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, which could take up the bill as early as next week.

A subcommittee approved the

bill by voice vote. The full House would not act on the bill until September at the earliest, giving lawmakers more time to work out changes designed to increase support for the measure.

A top priority for lawmakers and the automotive industry is to limit states on regulations. Generally, the federal government regulates the vehicle while states regulate the driver.

The bill would prohibit any state or municipality from imposing its own laws related to the design and

construction of self-driving cars.

Federal officials say 94 percent of auto accidents are caused by human error, so self-driving technology has the potential to save thousands of lives and improve the mobility of many elderly and disabled Americans.

"We can forget about the Jetsons, the future of the automobile is here," said Rep. Fred Upton, R-Mich. "The automotive industry is revolutionizing how we are going to get around for decades to come."



Photo credit Heritage Station Museum  
**A large group of members of the Pendleton Pioneer Ladies Club gather in their finery to have a tea in the early 1940s. Mrs. Walter Moore is in the pouring position on the far left.**

## PENDLETON

# Pioneer Ladies Club folding after 98 years

By **EMILY OLSON**  
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Just two years short of celebrating their 100th anniversary, the Pioneer Ladies Club has dissolved.

The club, one of the oldest social clubs in Pendleton, was formed in 1918 to document and preserve the stories of Umatilla County's pioneers. In March, club president Sonja Erickson Hart decided to disband the club due to lack of interest. The club's membership, which once numbered over 100, had dwindled to five.

"I'm sorry to see it end. I wanted

them to go to 100 at least," said member Dorys Grover, whose mother was a member of the Bowman family and a charter member. "There's no more pioneer women left."

Originally, the club required 25 years of residence in Umatilla County for membership. Hart said they changed that standard several years ago, allowing anyone with an interest in history. Still, the club struggled to recruit new members. The meeting time — Tuesdays at 2 p.m. — could have been one factor,

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