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In order to do that, the farm will need to bring on a larger seasonal workforce. In a previous interview, Myers compared organic farming to going back 20 years in terms of farm practices, to the point of pulling weeds by hand. It takes more labor to grow organic, and those workers will all need somewhere to live.

In its application, PROfuutt Limited Partnership said they initially plan to build one housing complex with 36 units, each with three bedrooms. Ted Sanders, the company's real estate development manager, declined to talk more about the project when contacted Wednesday.

McLane, the county planning director, said the first step is to get the land rezoned. Space Age Industrial, or SAI, is something of a throwback, she said, created by the Oregon Legislature in the 1960s around the time of the Space Race.

The housing site has been zoned SAI since the early 1980s in hopes of luring aerospace industries to Morrow County. Those companies never came, and since then McLane said they've been discussing what to do with the property.

"It kind of has marginal value as industrial land," she said. "It really is a 1960s space race holdover here in Morrow County."

The Planning Department has recommended approving a zoning change to Exclusive Farm Use. McLane said the location is preferable for farmworker housing, since they'll be closer to the farm itself and

avoid straining sewer and water services within Boardman city limits.

Another part of the application would also allow the Port of Morrow to extend a sewer line from nearby property it owns to serve the development. That condition would not take effect until after the housing is approved.

Some neighbors have expressed concern about the proposal. Kelly Doherty, a nearby property owner, said the entire application process has made her leery. If a zone change is approved first, she said there is no assurance the development wouldn't morph into "Boardman West."

"In this case, there's no regulation on how many units they can actually build," Doherty said.

Doherty, who is the wife of newly elected Morrow County Commissioner Jim Doherty, also has concerns about the amount of traffic on Tower Road, though she said the farm has indicated seasonal workers wouldn't arrive in their own vehicles and would be bused into town once a week for groceries.

That raises its own set of issues, she said, with farmworkers essentially being isolated from services in the community.

"I don't understand why we treat our farmworkers the way we do," she said. "It's my estimation that we have ample water, ample sewer and ample building space within the city."

Doherty has testified against the project in public meetings, and said she will consider hiring an attorney to fight the development if it passes through the planning commission.

HHS students inducted to National Honor Society

Nearly three dozen Hermiston High School students were inducted into the National Honor Society in a June 1 ceremony at the school. Members were selected by the chapter's faculty council for meeting high standards of scholarship, service, leadership and character.

The students include, Sydney Adams, Amelia Boyd, Kaitlynd Ellis, Allison Galda-mez, Alondra Garcia, Jessica Giordano, Camden Gutierrez, Morgan Hancock, Alexandra Varela Lepe, Anders Lind, Shikha Patel, Jessica Sandoval, Lauren Santoyo, Lesly Santoyo, Joshua Simpson, Nuel Smith, Adriann Stewart, Isel Tejada Urenda, Ellen Vander

Stelt, Zhipeng Wang and James Zwiefelhofer.

"We are very proud to recognize these outstanding members of our student body. National Honor Society members are chosen for and then expected to continue their exemplary contributions to the school and community," said Chris Demianew chapter adviser.

Senior Sydney Moore was selected as the outstanding member for her dedication and personal growth as a member. This past academic year, Moore organized many service projects including, with the Humane Society of Eastern Oregon, the Hermiston Police Department's toy and food drive and a Highway 395 cleanup.

Active since 1949, each year the Hermiston chapter sponsors several service projects for the school and community. This year, members logged more than 1,000 hours of volunteer time with organizations throughout the community, including the Hermiston Education Foundation Beach & Beef Dinner, tutoring at elementary schools and HHS' Saturday Success Program.

Founded in 1921, the National Honor Society is one of the oldest and most prestigious national organizations for high school students. Millions of dollars in scholarships.

For more information, call Demianew at 541-667-6100 or visit www.nhs.us.

IN BRIEF**BBSI moves to new location**

A grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony is planned for the new location of BBSI — Barrett Business Service.

The event is Wednesday, June 15, at 5:30 p.m. in the Cornerstone Plaza at 1055 S. Highway 395, Suite 333, Hermiston.

BBSI provides a variety of business services, including job

referrals and human resources management. For more information, call 541-567-9670 or visit www.barrettbusiness.com.

Band fundraiser features Krispy Kreme donuts

A sweet deal for Krispy Kreme fans will help support the Stanfield High School band.

The group is selling the donuts to help raise money for a 2017 spring break trip to the Pacific Rim Band Festival in Hawaii.

The cost is \$12 per dozen and can be purchased Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Wal-Mart, 1350 N. First St., Hermiston. For more information, call band director Deborah Wryn at 541-240-1513.

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Of the 334 total graduates, there will be a variety of different paths in the next few years. Of those receiving diplomas, 277 received the standard high school diploma, 51 earned GED diplo-

mas, six graduated from the online school and 29 received honors diplomas, which have a more advanced and rigorous requirements and require more credits to graduate. Sixty-two students graduated with honors, meaning they maintained a grade-point average of 3.5 or above.

At least 15 of the seniors will

be entering the military.

And many will be going off to college. The graduates earned more than \$4.1 million in scholarships to continue their studies, with \$193,000 coming directly from Hermiston area business and organizations, according to Principal Tom Spoo during his speech.



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