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Turn on the smoke...

There will be a new "Boomer" the bulldog escorting athletes onto **Ken-nison Field** this fall. The **Hermiston High School Associated Student Body** posted a video and two photos of the new tunnel athletes will run through prior to games this fall on the group's Twitter account (@HermistonASB) this week. The inflatable tunnel features the **Hermiston Bulldogs** name and logo on the side and a purple-and-black clad 25-foot tall Boomer on the front of the tunnel. Apparently there is a smoke machine to go with the new tunnel to provide that big-time sports effect to the players making their entrance through the new tunnel.

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More than 60 athletes representing the **Hermiston/Pendleton Special Olympics Local Program #510** traveled to Corvallis July 7-9 to participate in the **Special Olympics State Summer Games**.

Competing at Trysting Tree Golf Course, five golf athletes brought home a handful of medals — including two first time golf athletes. **David Andrews** earned gold in the Individual Skills Competition and **Saul Lara** got a bronze. Three athletes along with their Unified Partners participated in an alternating

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Summer meals fuel vacation activities

Rabekah Williams, 8, and Jayziah Williams, 10, work on an art project after eating lunch at the Umatilla-Morrow County Head Start summer lunch program.

By **JAYATI RAMAKRISHNAN**
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School doesn't start up again for more than a month, but students and families still can access free meals and activities around Umatilla and Morrow counties, thanks to several summer meals programs throughout the area.

Umatilla-Morrow County Head Start offers meals Monday through Friday, serving an average of 55 lunches per day to students all summer long.

Four-year-old Alfredo Mendez was enjoying carrots and a banana at lunch on Thursday, but said he was most excited about something else.

"I'm coming to get a toy," he said, beaming.

The students get a punch card and receive a toy if they return for five meals.

People come to the free meals for lots of reasons: to get a balanced meal, to give their kids a chance to socialize, or to do the activities many of the free lunch venues provide.

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STAFF PHOTO BY JAYATI RAMAKRISHNAN

Juliah Williams, 7, paints a picture at the Umatilla-Morrow County Head Start summer lunch program.

Dehydration plant odor causes stink in Stanfield



STAFF PHOTO BY KATHY ANEY

Odors wafting from the 3D Idapro Solutions plant prompted some Stanfield residents to report the company to the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.

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Stanfield residents have long looked forward to summer as a time when the air is perfumed with the smell of local mint harvests.

But this year the small town has been inundated with a not-so-pleasant scent that has caused many to complain.

Leland Winebarger has a welding business in Stanfield that is located close to the factory.

"It was just awful," he said of the smell last week. "Today, I threw up."

Several others have complained about the stench emitting from a local dehydration plant run by 3D Idapro, the product from which is primarily used to make dog food.

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Hermiston has an aroma issue too

The city of Hermiston on Friday posted a message to Facebook encouraging its residents to make complaints to the city about foul odors emanating from properties in the city limits that may be in violation of the city's nuisance code.

"That means you don't have to live with it, you can actually do something about it!" a Facebook post from the city said.

During a May 22 city council meeting several citizens who live on the southwest side of Hermiston off of Highway 207 complained about the smell from a property owner's wet silage nearby. They were told the city must give due process to violators of its nuisance ordinances and were encouraged to document the problem and submit it to the city so that it can be used as evidence in court.

Residents with complaints about smell nuisances are encouraged to contact code enforcement officer Mike Marcum at mmarcum@hermiston.or.us or by phone at 541-667-5030 and submit details about where and when the problem occurred.



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