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"Sometimes it smells like dead flesh," said Kathy Baker, a longtime Stanfield resident who owns a store, Fun Fashions Boutique, down the street from the factory. "It hurts your nose."

Other Stanfield residents described the smell as that of rotten or burnt potatoes, which is the primary product the plant deals with.

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality representatives said they contacted the factory early last week after receiving 17 complaints in a single day, and that the company had immediately responded.

"We contacted the facility and said we'd received complaints and we need to look into reducing the odors," DEQ's Greg Svelund said July 12. "That was on Monday. The company already sent us information about what they think the odors may be, and have come up with a rough plan to repair it. It was remarkably fast."

Svelund said the issue arose after a winter fire damaged the facility's scrubber, which is a device that uses water or oil to absorb pollutants and allow a less concentrated smell to leave the factory.

In addition to Stanfield, 3D IdaPro operates factories

in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin and Burley, Idaho.

Mark Johnson, the company's vice president of operations, said as far as he knew no complaints had been made directly to the company — but they had been contacted by DEQ and Stanfield's city manager.

"Basically, it's part of a raw material strain we bring in," Johnson said of the cause of the smell. "There was a fire and it burned down our air cleaning equipment. We put up a new scrubber as quickly as possible, but the new one is undersized. We're currently working with our environmental engineering firm and DEQ, who will help us design a scrubber system that's the proper size."

Johnson said he has only been with the company for two months, and that the company had been operating in Stanfield for less than a year. He said about 50 people are employed at the Stanfield factory.

Svelund said there is no specific date by which the company has to repair its air cleaning device.

"It will be an ongoing process," he said. "It could be something other than the scrubber. There's no firm deadline."

Despite the quick response, some residents are concerned about the history of the company, and the problems they have had in



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Kathy Baker, owner of Fun Fashions Boutique in Stanfield, is among Stanfield residents turning up their noses over the foul smells they say are coming from 3D Idapro Solutions plant.

other states.

Residents of Wisconsin Rapids complained in late 2016 about a smell many likened to "bad cheese" coming from one of IdaPro's factories, but by April 2017 it was reported to have disappeared.

In 2016, the company faced some criminal charges. According to southern Idaho newspaper the *Magic Valley Times-News*, the company was charged with two misdemeanor counts of failure to conform to permitted use requirements and two counts of non-permitted use. The company pleaded not guilty on all counts.

Winebarger said many people with businesses downtown have complained that they can't eat lunch outside or display goods out on the sidewalk.

He said people have been making calls to DEQ since the beginning of this year, but so far had not seen any changes.

"First, they blamed the fire," he said. "Then they started blaming the product, said they're going to make the stacks higher, put in misters."

Winebarger said the smell is worse when the wind is blowing toward town, or when trucks drive through the area — including through West Coe Avenue, where Stanfield's library and popular restaurant the Broken Barrel are located.

Winebarger and Baker both noted that they don't object to the business being in town.

"The people from Stanfield don't want to see anybody lose their jobs," Baker said. "It's about the horrible smell it's creating. We want to have businesses. But people don't even want to sell their homes here (with the smell)."

Winebarger said he was concerned that the city of Stanfield didn't do enough research before allowing the business to open in town.

"Nobody voted on this," he said. "I think if they had taken five minutes and looked up (the company's) past, they would have said 'no.' Everybody wants the business, but when it chases everything else away, you can't."

MEALS

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"This year, we added a new side, having activities with the meals," said Rikkilyn Larsen, the child nutrition director for the Umatilla School District. Four locations in Umatilla offer meals throughout the week and one, McNary Heights Elementary School, is the only program in the area that offers dinner.

Some of the students at McNary Heights are there for summer school, but others come just for the lunchtime events.

She said the activities have been a good addition to the program.

"I think it draws in more kids. At Kiwanis Park, we had kids lined up all the way to McNary Market, and they were all in circles doing yoga," Larsen said.

Head Start offers art projects and literacy activities, as well as lessons geared toward the parents.

"We had the OSU Extension Service come and do food sampling," said Toni Eddy, the child nutrition manager for the local Head Start. "The kids get to try the foods, but the parents can take home the recipes."

Other locations are near playgrounds or pools, and some sites have field trip opportunities for students.

Eddy said the program is

funded by the USDA. This year, she said they received a supplemental grant from Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon, which allowed Head Start to expand to another summer lunch program in Irrigon.

In order to meet USDA requirements, Eddy said they have to serve certain things: two ounces of protein, a serving of grain, and a combined serving of 3/4 cup of fruits and vegetables.

"We do sandwiches, wraps and salads," Eddy said. "Tuna, chicken salad sandwiches. And we're starting to get local fruit in. We had blueberries donated from a local farm, and starting next week we'll have watermelon and cantaloupe donated."

Eddy said donations from local farms help keep Head Start's food costs low, and allow students to enjoy fresh produce.

The program is free to all kids ages 1 to 18, and Larsen said they encourage parents to come and eat with their children as much as possible.

"We charge \$2 for adult meals, and it's an unlimited salad bar," she said. "We try to have a variety so the kids can find something they like."

Families and kids can also find summer meal sites near them by texting "food" or "comida" to 877-877, calling 211-info, or by looking up summerfoodoregon.org.

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shot 9-hole format — receiving bronze medals for the teams of **Jonathan Kinsel/Tye Stewart**, and **Jonathan Wilson/Don Headley**. Bringing home the gold were **Jason Cargill** and **Kris Neustal**, the 2016 Local Program Coach of the Year.

Four Bocce' athletes earned a fourth place finish for the team of **Jillian Smalley** and **Lyall Arey**

with a bronze medal finish and sportsmanship award going to the first time Unified Bocce' Team of **Misty Larsen** and **Jessica Sexton**.

The Athletics (track and field) events took place at the Liberty High School, where first time participant in the Pentathlon event, **Jenny Marick**, got a gold medal. Many medals and even more smiles were earned at the two-day event, said **Kristi Smalley**, communications director.

Special Olympics provides athletic training and competitions for children and adults with developmental/intellectual disabilities. For more information, call **Angela Schneider**, local program coordinator, at 541-314-0166.

A highlight of the June 19 **American Red Cross** blood drive held at **Good Shepherd Medical Center** in Hermiston was **Chris Fischer** reaching the 5-gallon donation milestone.

Overall, the drive col-

lected 30 units from 35 donors, said **Patti Perkins**, who helps coordinate the blood drives. The canteen, she said, was furnished by **Columbia Grange**.

The next blood drive at Good Shepherd is Monday, Aug. 21 from noon to 6 p.m. While walk-ins are welcome, appointments can be made by calling 800-448-3543. In addition, service groups interested in providing canteen duties at upcoming blood drives are urged to call Perkins at 541-571-5372.

••• **Lewis Martuscelli**, a member of **Stanfield Lodge No. 920 Loyal Order of Moose**, was recently summoned to receive the **Pilgrim Degree of Merit**.

The highest honor that can be bestowed on a Moose member, the conferral for Martuscelli was held June 3 in the House of God in Mooseheart, Illinois. The degree is currently held by less than one percent of fraternity members. The Pilgrim Degree represents devotion to the principles

and ideals in caring for children and seniors, and is only earned by members who have given years of exceptional service to the Loyal Order of Moose and its philanthropic endeavors.

Martuscelli will be honored locally Saturday, Aug. 12 at 3 p.m. at the Stanfield Community Center, 225 W. Roosevelt Ave., with a dinner to follow at the lodge, 615 E. Coe Ave., Stanfield. Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by Aug. 1 by calling 541-449-1157.

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