

## Company to mitigate smell in Stanfield

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Several Stanfield residents turned out on Monday to hear the proposed solutions for the smell that's been plaguing them for the past several months, but many left still skeptical that the odors will go away.

Representatives from 3D Idapro Solutions, the company that owns a factory on Hoosier Avenue that has been emitting odors, came from their offices in Illinois to discuss their plans to mitigate the smell, some of which are already in place. They admitted to rushing the plant back into production after a fire and blending incorrect materials last week that led to a worse-than-usual stench.

The factory, which moved into Stanfield in 2016, primarily processes whole and cut potatoes, peels and potato slurry, dehydrating it to make dog food.

Kevin Andreson and Mark Johnson of 3D Idapro said the company is in the second part of a three-part plan to mitigate odors. The first step, completed Sept. 15, was grading the site, eliminating pot holes on the property to reduce standing water and to limit potatoes spilling out of the trucks and decomposing on the ground, which they said had contributed to the smell.

In the second phase, which they expect to complete by Sunday, Oct. 15, they plan to enclose the receiving area, to reduce the odors to surrounding areas as the potatoes dry. This will include putting up a large tent in the receiving area.

They said they have also established an odor mitiga-

tion system called "Odor Boss," which is supposed to neutralize odors in the area.

The final phase, scheduled for completion Nov. 30, is the installation of a new air scrubber. The old scrubber, which was too small, was damaged in a fire at the plant in February.

"The installation of the new unit will significantly reduce the smells as the plant operates," Andreson said.

Both executives apologized for the discomfort the factory's operations have caused residents.

"We ran the plant probably before it was ready to run," Johnson said. "Then we had the fire. We tried to get it up and running as fast as possible, but put in the wrong equipment."

Citizens still had many concerns about how the smell was affecting their health and property values.

One Stanfield resident, who said he has lung problems, asked why the smell was so bad last Friday.

"That was 100 percent our fault," Johnson said. "What we should have been blending was a dry material strain with a wet one. However, our operators were blending a very dry strain with a very dry strain. There was not enough water to take out, and so it basically started baking — that's what was causing the odors."

Stanfield residents asked why the issues with odors weren't worked out before the plant began to operate.

Both Andreson and Johnson said they were relatively new to the company — Andreson was hired in January, and Johnson in May — but that as far as they knew, the plant had always been within its permits.

come out and be part of a community event there.

"We like what's happening in this community," she said.

The free event was hosted by the SAGE Center in partnership with Boardman, Heppner and Irrigon chambers of commerce. It included fresh produce from Threemile Canyon Farms to support 4-H programs, displays by local artisans and growers, pumpkin painting, games for children, wagon rides, a photo booth and a chance to see the SAGE Center museum, which features a variety of hands-on exhibits about local agricultural and industrial operations.

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### IN BRIEF

#### Relay for Life volunteers meet Thursday

Relay for Life Umatilla County is getting a head start on organizing its 2018 event.

The American Cancer Society is continuing with the combined Hermiston and Pendleton event for the upcoming year. Volunteers from across Umatilla County and beyond are invited to participate.

A planning meeting is Thursday from 6-7 p.m. at Dr. Patricia Winn's office, 3001 St. Anthony Way Suite 135, Pendleton. Committee members, team captains and others interested in volunteering are welcome to attend to learn how they can become involved in the summer fundraiser that benefits the American Cancer Society.

For more information, contact Carol Preston at [relaypendleton@yahoo.com](mailto:relaypendleton@yahoo.com) or 541-379-6294.

#### Band students sell donuts to fund tour

The Stanfield High School band is selling donuts to help fund their April 2018 tour to Lake Chelan and Leavenworth, Washington.

Band students will be

selling original Krispy Kreme donuts by the dozen for \$11 Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (or until sold-out) at Walmart, 1350 N. First St., Hermiston.

For more information, call band director Deborah Wryn at 541-240-1513.

#### Quilt show features displays, demonstrations

Growing up in a family of quilters, Lila Killingbeck completed her first quilt at age 15.

The Boardman woman is the featured quilter for the Boardman Fall Quilt Show. In its 13th year, the event is Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Boardman Senior Center, 100 Tatone St. Admission is \$3, which is good for both days.

In addition to quilt displays — which includes keepsake heirloom quilts, contemporary quilts, wall hangings and other quilted items — the event includes demonstrations, mini workshops, fabric and quilting supply vendors, hourly door prizes, raffle quilts and show awards. Lunch will be available for purchase.

Killingbeck was a People's Choice winner during the 2016 quilt show, said Carol Michael of the Boardman Quilt

Group. She will share tips and examples of her creations during the event.

In addition to heritage needle arts, Killingbeck enjoys hiking, camping and many other outdoor activities. Since attending school at Eastern Oregon College, Killingbeck has remained a lifelong resident of Eastern Oregon.

As a stay-at-home mom, Killingbeck began quilting in earnest after her three children left home. At that time she hand quilted most of her work.

Over the years she has worked in many offices, including for Dr. John Page and Dr. Stephen Spike, Oregon Potato, Rivercrest Farms and the city of Boardman. Although, Killingbeck retired several years ago as the Boardman city clerk, she still periodically works at Barnett & Moro, P.C., in Hermiston.

The busy and multi-talented woman said she makes time for quilting because she wants to leave something of permanence for her children and grandchildren. Killingbeck said she wants to pass on something made by her own hands, more than just memories of going to an office every day.

For more about the Boardman Fall Quilt Show, contact 541-481-9426, 541-571-7009 or

[tlkranch@centurytel.net](mailto:tlkranch@centurytel.net).

#### Photo trip focuses on fall foliage

Photography enthusiasts are invited to capture fall foliage photos during an upcoming event offered by Hermiston Parks & Recreation.

The Fall Photography Workshop: Southeastern Washington Fall Colors is Saturday, Oct. 21, from 3-10 p.m. The group will depart/return at Hermiston City Hall.

Participants will travel to the Yakima Area Arboretum. An experienced photographer will work with people to adjust camera settings and provide tips to capture the best of the fall foliage.

The cost is \$25 for Hermiston residents and \$32 for non-residents. Dinner and transportation is provided.

Open to ages 16-and-older, no experience is necessary but participants need to bring their own DSLR camera. People should dress comfortably for outdoor weather.

For more information, visit [www.hermistonrecreation.com](http://www.hermistonrecreation.com). Register by Friday, Oct. 13 by calling 541-667-5018 or stopping by the recreation office, 180 N.E. Second St., Hermiston.

### BY THE WAY

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Jillian Smalley was the top fundraiser, followed by Andrea Eiden, Angie Koester, David Andrews and Lyall Arey — they each won cash prizes for their efforts. Kristi Smalley, publicity manager, invites the community to come out and cheer the bowling athletes on as they participate in the Regional Bowling Competition this Saturday beginning at 9:15 a.m. at Desert Lanes. Special Olympics provides year-round athletic training and sports competitions for individuals ages 6 and older with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Fundraisers help in supporting the program, which is free for athletes to participate. For more information about participating or volunteering, call Angela Schneider, local program coordinator, at 541-314-0166.

Three cheers for the

McNary USA runners from McNary Heights Elementary School in Umatilla. The group recently competed in the Big Cat Classic race in Stanfield. The Umatilla girls ran away with the top five places. Congratulations are in order to Mi-aRose Bernal, Claudia Castro-Ortega, Natalie Bodecker, Jacqueling

Araiza and Lilliana Gutierrez. In addition, two boys placed in the top five — Jose Perez and R.J. Estrada.

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## HARVEST

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She said she also wanted to support the SAGE Center, which she said was "awesome" about working with the schools when she was a teacher in Boardman. The center even let her drama students use the auditorium for performances.

Virginia and Ken Harris of Umatilla were on hand selling watercolors by Virginia and photos by Ken. Virginia said they have been to every Harvest Festival since its beginning four years ago.

She said they were impressed with how the Port of Morrow had created so many jobs for so many people, and wanted to

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