

ISAAC SANCHEZ, of Hermiston, leads the first lap of the 1500-meter run at the Kiwanis Invitational at Kennison Field.

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Cinco de Mayo goes all-in for two-day party

There's lots to look forward to at the Hermiston Cinco de Mayo celebration next Saturday and Sunday.

Two of the three court members, **Itzy Uriarte** and **Lizet Romo**, visited the city council on Monday to invite the public to the free event, which will take place in a new venue, EOTEC, on May 5-6.

It will feature events like a dance, a carnival and watermelon and cake eating contests.

The festival has been Hermiston's fastest-growing event of the last decade, and we look forward to seeing where it goes from here.

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People interested in volunteering for the **Domestic Violence Services** crisis line are invited

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FEELING THE LOVE



STAFF PHOTO BY KATHY ANEY

Members of the Hermiston Assembly of God give free car washes at Les Schwab Tire as part of Saturday's I Love My City event.

Annual "I Love My City" service day gets to work

By **JAYATI RAMAKRISHNAN**
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There are many reasons to love Hermiston, according to the people who live there. On Saturday, an estimated 400 turned out for the annual "I Love My City" event. Several churches and civic organizations sent volunteers to pick up trash, plant flowers and wash cars — all in the name of loving the place where they live.

The event is spearheaded by several local churches including Hermis-

ton Christian Center, Hermiston Assembly of God, and New Hope Community Church.

Groups of people worked to clean up McKenzie Park, Hodge Park, the railroad tracks, and residents' yards. There were free car washes in the parking lots of Les Schwab and Tacos Y Mas. Volunteers planted flowers and laid bark chips at McKenzie Park, and members of Rotary Club pulled weeds on the footpath along Highway 395.

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Ty Arritt, 10, pulls weeds at McKenzie Park Saturday.

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Hermiston gets faster access to Dynes plant

By **JAYATI RAMAKRISHNAN**
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The Hermiston City Council on Monday settled on a new way to handle the odor coming from a fruit and vegetable storage facility off Highway 207 that has been the source of complaints in the past few months.

The agreement will allow the city to inspect the property more quickly, and dismisses the existing

case against the company.

After an executive session to discuss a settlement, the council voted unanimously to enter a judgment with the Hermiston company Carter and Wyatt Holdings, and Luke Dynes, a member of the plant. Dynes said in November 2017 that the plant keeps around 1.6 million tons of food out of landfills each year, taking fruit and vegetable byproduct and selling it to dairies

and feedlots around the U.S.

The plant, located at 78227 Highway 207, has faced fines for violating Hermiston's nuisance code. According to the judgment, the defendants will have until July 20 to remove certain agricultural materials that have been causing odors. Products including carrots, potatoes, grape pomace, onions and other organic materials, cannot be on the property for more than 12 hours, and must stay in a truck.

The judgment also lists the materials that are allowed on the property, which include hay, straw, dry seed, grain and corn silage.

If the company does not comply with those rules, the city can inspect the property with only a 12-hour notice, and can fine the company \$8,000 per day.

"It just allows the city another tool to deal with routine odor vio-

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