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happen to one of my friends and I won't be able to save them."

Hill had already experienced the loss of three friends during his months abroad. The first to a sniper attack, the second to another IED and the third was killed while throwing himself on a grenade.

"I have never cried this much in my entire life," wrote in a blog post after the first two deaths. "Two men got taken from us way too soon. I wonder why it was them and not me."

His strong desire to protect friends and allies led him to volunteer to drive the lead



Ryan Hill (right) mugs for the camera with friends. File

vehicle in a caravan on the day he was killed, according to his commanding officer.

In the years since his death, Hill's death has been recounted in a book, *They Fought for Each Other* by Kelly Kennedy, and a

Keizer city park in Keizer Station was dedicated to him in 2013.

Hill was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star, a Purple Heart and the Combat Infantry Badge.

## death notice

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### Robert J. Thomas

July 4, 1932-  
Jan. 28, 2019

Services will be held at St. Edward Catholic Church Feb. 7, at 10:30 a.m.

Virgil T. Golden is assisting the family.

## CHAMBER, continued from Page A1

- Increases to the corporate minimum tax and excise taxes on goods like alcohol, tobacco and cannabis.

- A subsidizing tax on businesses with more than 50 employees enrolled in the Oregon Health Plan (OHP).

Dresler said the cap-and-trade discussions often appear to affect large manufacturing, but legislation could reach much further down the line.

"The Oregon Farm Bureau

is concerned about fuel prices, natural gas and electric. If you are an energy-intensive business, through something like refrigeration, it could be a significant policy," Dresler said.

Dresler said the state chamber of commerce is sending out newsletters every Monday with calls to action on specific proposals. Business owners can sign up for the newsletter at [www.oregonchamber.org](http://www.oregonchamber.org). She also suggested using a new service called Voter Voice, [info.votervoicenet.net](http://info.votervoicenet.net), to track legislation as it moves through the Capitol.

Regardless of how business owners choose to get involved, she said, messages should be crafted around personal stories.

"Go [to a legislator] and tell a personal story. Tell the stories to your representatives and senators and they will talk to colleagues," Dresler said.

She urged constituents to personalize form letters whenever possible.

"You are all playing an outsized role in your community. Testimony is incredibly effective, either in person or in a letter, but keep it personal," she said.

## LEE: 'These experiences make me ... the best candidate'

(Continued from Page A1) million bond measure to expand capacity in the district's existing high schools among other projects; and designing and launching the Career and Technical Education Center (CTEC).

"These experiences, and my years as a stable, consistent leader in the community make me the legitimate and best candidate for this posi-

tion," he said.

Lee and his wife, Krina, live in Keizer. In 2015, they were awarded the Service to Education Award from the Keizer Chamber of Commerce for their commitment to youth in the school district. They have six children and 11 grandchildren.

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Times were dropped in exchange for Herriges' guilty plea.

Herriges was originally arrested in December 2017 in connection with burglary incidents in and outside of Keizer. After being released due to overcrowding at the Marion County Jail, Herriges was arrested again in September 2018 in connection with the incidents at Good Times Grill and Love Love Teriyaki.

## Students: Become a page at the Capitol

The Oregon House of Representatives and the Oregon Senate is hosting students from around the state as part of the Honorary Page Program.

This program allows students to witness the legislative process in an up-close and personal way in a space of approximately six hours.

Applications for both Senate and House programs can be submitted now for the 2019 Legislative Assembly. The page program is voluntary and will run during the regular session from February to June. However, the House and Senate have different schedules and applicants need to inquire about the particulars of each. Applicants must be between the ages of 12 and 18.

For more information about the page programs, visit the Oregon Legislature website at [www.oregonlegislature.gov](http://www.oregonlegislature.gov) and follow the link under "Citizen Engagement."

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