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Benjamin Parsons is one of at least four Civil War veterans buried at Hermiston Cemetery.

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learn whether they have veterans in their families. Websites, such as find3.com and findagrave.com and even general Internet searches provide valuable information, he said.

"It can give you a better idea where your ancestors did come from," he said.

While researching his own family and helping

others, May discovered other Civil War veterans in Hermiston. He said the city was formed in 1907, but the cemetery was not established until about 1911, so he began to research.

"In roughly that five-year period, where did settlers actually get buried?" he said. "It got me thinking: Where's the early burials, and that's when I started to come across the Civil War veterans."

May said James T. Davie, Benjamin H. Parsons, William C. Morse and Benjamin F. Strohm are the Civil War veterans buried at Hermiston Cemetery that he is aware of, but there are also many veterans from other wars as well.

"There's a lot of not only local history, but U.S. history, that are buried in these cemeteries," he said. "Take the time to look at their past and remember the other veterans."

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flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery, according to the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs. Now, as a federal holiday, it is observed the last Monday in May.

Local observances will include a ceremony at the Hermiston Cemetery.

Led by VFW Post 4750 and American Legion Post 37, a Memorial Day service begins at 10 a.m. Monday at the Hermiston Cemetery, located off South Highway 395.

Members of the Army

National Guard will present a flag ceremony. The program also includes the reading of names of all area veterans who died in the past year and a Naval piping ceremony.

The Avenue of Flags, featuring more than 600 flags, was erected Friday. The flags will remain through Tuesday.

New HPD landscape complies with proposed ordinance

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New landscaping at the Bob Shannon Safety Center not only improves the aesthetic appeal of Hermiston's police and fire stations, but also serves as an example of how to comply with the city's proposed landscaping ordinance.

Hermiston Parks and Recreation Director Larry Fetter said he designed the landscape following the guidelines established by the Community Enhancement Committee.

"I did it in a way so that we could show an example of how to meet the require-

ments of the commercial landscape code," he said. "Some people might look at it and think, 'I don't like that' or 'I don't want to follow that.' You can apply those rules in very different ways, but this is an example of how to do it."

The project included a new stamped concrete walkway, a new irrigation system and new trees, shrubs, flowers, sod and mulch. Fetter said he selected plants suited for the local environment and designed the site to complement the area.

"It's a real game-changer over there," he said. "It looks great. It ties it in with the landscaping of McK-

enzie Park, and then they have an annex building that we did two years ago, so it kind of ties those landscapes all together."

Except for the concrete, Fetter said parks department employees completed all of the work in about six weeks while still performing other duties. He said the total cost was about \$4,000.

Before the project, Fetter said, the concrete was broken, and trees had been removed after growing into power lines.

"It was long overdue," he said. "It's really nicely done, and, as the plants mature, it's going to look even better."

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Commission for further work or to schedule a public hearing, likely in July, at which point the new regulations could be adopted.

According to the draft ordinance, new construction on commercial, industrial and multi-family residential developments would be required to landscape a certain percentage of the property. The ordinance would not impact single-family residences and would only impact properties already developed if they undergo reno-

vations in excess of half of the assessed value of an existing building.

The ordinance would set different coverage requirements for each type of development: multi-family residential, 15 percent; outlying C-2 commercial zone, 6 percent; central C-1 commercial zone, 3 percent; M-1 and M-2 industrial zones, 3 percent or 10,000 square feet. Developments in the downtown commercial overlay and other areas with impediments to meeting the requirements could receive credit for specified alternative improvements, such as ornamental

lighting and water features.

Morgan said three people offered feedback on the ordinance and an accompanying manual that provides examples at an open house earlier this month.

"The comments that we got were, 'This is too specific,' but, really, what they were talking about was the companion document," he said. "The ordinance is more broad than that. The ordinance sets the requirements, but the city also made a document to show some examples."

Morgan said the committee tried to incorporate the feedback, but no major changes were made.



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