

Contributed photo

Robert Davis was sworn in on June 4, 2020, as the new post commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Desert Post 4750 in Hermiston. He is shown with his sister Emma Smith of Chicago, left, who flew in for the ceremony, and his sister Rose Johnson Gale of Umatilla on the right.

# Davis sworn in as new VFW post commander

HERMISTON HERALD

Robert Lee Davis of Hermiston was sworn in Thursday, June 4, as the new post commander for Hermiston's VFW Desert Post 4750.

According to a news release:

"The other officers that took their oaths were Rob Lovett, doing double duty as both the quartermaster and chaplain, and Dennis Aiken, who will be both the post adjutant and senior vice commander. The new leadership team conceived of the plan to assume the

**IN BRIEF** 

The 21st Butte Challenge walk/run will take place vir-

tually this year between Fri-

day, June 19 to Sunday, June

ering restrictions, this year's

participants can do a 5K run,

5K walk or a 10K run on

their own time and record

and upload results via a fit-

ness tracker website called It's Your Race or through the

company's IYR Virtual app.

Another way to submit a time

is through itsyourrace.com.

All times must be placed

between Friday, June 19 to

Sunday, June 21 by midnight.

lenge can either do the Butte

Challenge loop or participate

from anywhere else in the

city. There will be no awards

this year, unlike previous

years where participants were

given prizes based on times in

in large groups we are doing

it as a virtual race," reads a

statement on the Butte Chal-

lenge website. "This still

allows you to support and

All proceeds from the

benefit Hermiston

join us for this event."

event

Cross Country.

"Since we cannot meet

each category.

Those who join the chal-

Due to COVID-19 gath-

Join the virtual race

duties of leadership just moments before the April 2 elections, causing the predictable uproar that left the longtime outgoing post commander, Ron Jardine, at times having the Devil's own time trying to suppress both frustrations and outright laughter. In the end, the ceremony went on without further ado.

Robert Davis' calm and accepting presenting persona garnered him the top spot as a valuable asset as the new team works to return the post to both its original intent of serving the needs of existing mem-

Registration information can be found on their website.

Oregon State Universi-

ty's Hermiston Agricultural

Research and Extension Cen-

ter is hosting their first virtual

live potato research update provided by university sci-

entists from 6–8 p.m. on

tor Clive Kaiser will give an

opening update on the station.

Scientists Sagar Sathuvali,

Silvia Rondon, Ken Frost and

Ray Quin will discuss the sta-

tion's potato breeding pro-

gram, plant pathology pro-

gram and agronomy program,

with data and information on

potato nutrient management

and production. Each session

is approximately 15 minutes,

followed by a question and

focuses on agricultural and

plant breeding, nutrition and

more. The virtual update is in

place of field days HAREC

usually hosts this time of year.

ister prior to the meeting by

emailing silvia.rondon@ore-

Participants need to reg-

answer period at the end. The research

horticultural

gonstate.edu.

HAREC's interim direc-

Wednesday, June 17.

**HAREC** hosts live potato

research update

bers and to begin to solve the problem of recruiting the younger veterans. Also very high on the list of things to be done is community outreach in general, such as inviting the Red Cross to have a blood drive at the post, and all-veteran outreach, such as the All-Vet Swap Meet the last weekend of July. One of the post's younger members also wants to expand the gun and hunting safety program, and the post is looking into supporting young people on other ventures, such as the FFA. Suggestions are certainly welcomed."

# Former county commissioner Emile Holeman dies at 89

By NADA SEWIDAN STAFF WRITER

Former Umatilla County Commissioner Emile Holeman died at the age of 89 on the evening of Sunday, June

Flags on county property will be flown at half staff all week long in honor and memory of former Commissioner Holeman.

Holeman served on the county's board of commissioners from 1991–2007, a total of 16 years and four terms in office. Sen. Bill Hansell, a longtime county commissioner himself, called Holeman his advisor, friend and go-to guy.

"He was a very special friend and individual in my life." Hansell said. "I was very privileged to be able to serve with him. He will be missed."

Born and raised in Pendleton, Holeman dedicated his time to his hometown and county. Prior to his days as county commissioner, he attended the University of Oregon and later owned a Texaco service station. Hansell attributed Holeman's great public service attitude to his time working at the service station, where Holeman connected with people in his community through his customer service skills.

It's this philosophy, Hansell added, that then carried over in Holeman's tenure as commissioner.



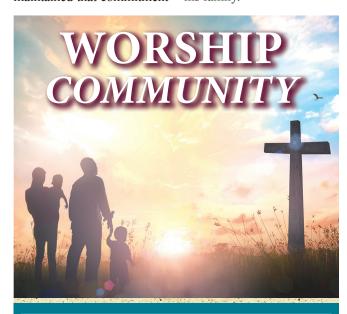
Staff photo by Jade McDowell, file

Former Happy Canyon president Emile Holeman, left, prepares to cut the ribbon on a new plaque commemorating the pageant's former location while longtime Happy Canyon actor Fritz Hill makes a toast in 2016.

"He truly was a public servant." Hansell said. "He wanted to do what was best for the people and worked hard at it. He came to work with that attitude of 'what can I do for the people in Umatilla County.'

Holeman was dedicated to community service and maintained that commitment beyond his tenure as commissioner. Current Commissioner George Murdock said Holeman was a remarkable role model to his family, who continue to be active in the community.

"The entire county mourns his loss," Murdock said. "Our thoughts are with his family.'



## LANDMARK BAPTIST CHURCH

125 E. Beech Ave. • 567-3232

## **Pastor David Dever**

Sun. Bible Classes......10:00am Sun. Worship Service.....11:00am Sun. Evening Worship......6:00pm Wed. Prayer & Bible Study.....6:00pm

www.hermistonlmbc.com

# Our Lady of Angels First Christian Church

Catholic Church 565 W. HERMISTON AVE. DAILY MASS: Monday-Friday English 7:00 am .Spanish 6:00 pm

English 5:00 pm Spanish 7:00 pm SUNDAY: .English 9:00 am Bilingual 11:00 am .Spanish 1:00 pm

"Proclaiming the Message of Hope, Living the Gospel of Love"

> Sunday School...9:15 am Worship Service...10:30 am Children's Church 10:45 am

567-3013 775 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston



On Our Journey With Jesus.

Scripture, Tradition and Reason Family service 9am Sunday N.E. Gladys Ave & 7th, Hermiston PH: 567-6672

We are an all inclusive Church who welcomes all.

**Seventh-day** Adventist Church **Saturdays** 

> 567-8241 Hermiston Jr. Academy

### **NEW BEGINNINGS** CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Worship Service 10:30 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Pastor J.C. Barnett Children's Church & Nursery Available 700 West Orchard Avenue P.O. Box 933

Hermiston, Oregon 541-289-4774

center

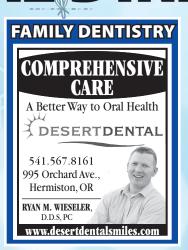
productions,

# Affordable Care in Eastern Oregon since 1991 TROY STEWART **Licensed Denturist** UMATILLA, OR: 1300 6th St., Suite G BAKER CITY, OR: 2194 Court Ave. 541-519-4696 • 541-523-4752

## **URGENT CARE HERMISTON** FAMILY MEDICINE & URGENT CARE Family Care • Minor Injuries Sports Physicals • Minor Surgeries

We accept Medicare & some Advantage Medicare plans

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY 541-567-1137 236 E. Newport, Hermiston ours: Mon-Sat 7:30am-7:00pm



# PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY

Call Today! **541-289-5433** 1060 W. Elm, Suite #115, Hermiston cross from Good Shepherd Medical Center)

www.apd4kidz.com

Office hours: Mon-Fri 8am-4pm

areCredit VISA Find

please call **Jeanne** 541-564-4531 email: jjewett@hermistonherald.com

# MENTAL HEALTH LET US BE THE ONE THAT HELPS Adult, Child & Family Therapy **Psychiatric Evaluation & Treatment**

Amy Puzey races to victory in the Butte Challenge women's

10-kilometer run in May 2017 at Hermiston Butte Park.

To advertise in the **Medical Directory,** 

To share your worship times call 541-278-2678



Staff photo by Kathy Aney



**CRISIS PHONE: 866-343-4473** HERMISTON: 595 NW 11th St. • 541-567-2536 PENDLETON: 331 SE 2nd St. • 541-276-6207 WWW.LIFEWAYS.ORG





