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## In honor of the fallen

### • ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE HELD

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On a climatically near-perfect Memorial Day this Monday morning at 11 a.m., community members gathered in the Veterans Section, between Legion Drive, and Veterans Drive, at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Baker City, to pay respect, and to honor those fallen,

during a special Avenue of Flags service.

"Ladies and gentlemen, thank you for joining us on this hallowed day, Memorial Day, here at Mt. Hope Cemetery. If you will please stand and join me, I'd like to start off with the Pledge of Allegiance of America," said Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post #3048 Commander Bobby Henshaw.

Following the Pledge, he said, "With me are my fellow brothers. We're going to start off with our opening prayer, provided by Chaplain Austin Coates."

Coates prayed, "Let us bow our heads. May the Lord, our God, bless us all present here, to memorialize those who died, to preserve liberty, and freedom in our nation, and in the world."

"May the Lord, our God, remember all of those who sacrifice gave this nation its greatness, progress, and richness."

"May our memory in them be an honorable one, full of thanksgiving to the Lord, who accepted them into His kingdom."

"The Lord is for all, and in Him, we believe, and to

Him, we pray remember all who died, in the service of their country, whether in the air, or on the land, or in the sea.

"Oh Lord, be gracious and merciful unto them, and let your light shine upon them, for you are our God, and unto you, we ascribe glory, now, and forever. Amen."

Henshaw introduced the guest speaker, Baker County Commission Chair Bill Harvey.

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Memorial Day as celebrated at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Baker City.

## Burnt River bus driver retires after 25 years



Submitted Photo.

Patty Trost has driven two routes for the Burnt River 30J School District over a quarter-century. Trost, retired last month, poses above with her final bus, dubbed by students as Scooter.

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For 25 years, Unity's Patty Trost carried what she calls her "precious cargo" across the southern part of Baker County. But with the end of this school year at Burnt River's School District 30J, Trost retired.

Said Trost, "I started working at the Burnt River School in 1991. Besides all the training that goes along with becoming a school bus driver, I learned a lot from Gail Bradford, Debbie Gregg, and Tina Kandle. Gail was the maintenance and mechanic at school and Debbie and Tina were the other bus drivers. We were 'Gail's Angels.'"

Back during those early years, Trost took the Bridgeport Route—bus number 9—one of just three routes all leading to Unity.

She recalls, "I had between 25 and 30 students and the school enrollment was around 100-115. I also volunteered that year in the elementary room with Mrs. Smith's K-3. I helped out for two hours every morning for the entire school year. Prior to the beginning of the next school year, the school board hired me as a teacher's assistant. I continued to drive the Bridgeport Route and worked in the class room. I also did a few activity trips."

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Trost's 2007 Driver of the Year award for safely transporting her "precious cargo."

## Wyden holds town hall

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On Tuesday, May 31, 2016, 9 a.m., Senator Ron Wyden hosted a Baker County Town Hall meeting in the Baker High School (BHS) auditorium, discussing a variety of topics, with students, and other interested members of the local communities, presence which included all three County Commissioners. The meeting included an Honor Flag presentation, from Wyden to Baker County Commissioner Tim Kerns, who is retiring at the end of 2016.

BHS Principal Ben Merrill called the meeting to order, welcomed the crowd, and led in recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Sen. Ron Wyden.

## Man arrested for motorcycle, car, gun theft

On May 31, around 8 a.m., Deputy Tracy Howard stopped Anthony Dettman, 29, of Nebraska, on Campbell Street in Baker City for riding a motorcycle without a helmet.

Upon investigation, Howard discovered that Dettman was in possession of a stolen firearm and operating a stolen motorcycle. The motorcycle had been stolen from Duane Ewing of Haines earlier in the morning.

Oregon State Police and Baker City Police Department assisted Deputy Howard after the initial stop. Around 10 a.m., Howard responded to the area of South Rock Creek regarding a passenger car that was off the roadway in a ditch. Howard discovered the passenger car had been stolen out of Nebraska. In a subsequent interview, Howard learned Dettman had stolen the car in Nebraska and after driving off the road, stole Duane Ewing's motorcycle.



Photo Courtesy of the Baker County Sheriff's Office

Anthony Dettman.

**Friday** Mostly sunny with highs in the mid 80s. Clear at night with lows in the 50s.

**Saturday** Sunny and warmer with highs in the upper 80s. Mostly clear at night with lows in the low 50s.

**Sunday** Hot and mostly clear. Highs in the mid 90s. Mostly clear at night with lows in the mid 50s.

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