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A special good day to Herald subscriber Larry Cassidy of Baker City.

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Baker County Sheriff Travis Ash will run for another four-year term in the 2020 election.

BRIEFING

Red Cross blood drive Nov. 11 at Nazarene Church

The American Red Cross has scheduled a blood drive for Monday, Nov. 11, from noon to 6 p.m. at the Nazarene Church, 1250 Hughes Lane. To make, cancel or reschedule an appointment to donate blood, call Myrna Evans at 541-523-5368.

Learn about health insurance options Nov. 12 at Baker City Senior Center

Community Connection of Baker County will host the Northeast Oregon Network on Nov. 12 for a free event at which officials will help answer questions about health insurance coverage options. The event will run from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Senior Center, 2810 Cedar St.

WEATHER

Today
57 / 23 
Mostly sunny

Saturday
61 / 32 
Mostly sunny

Sunday
60 / 27 
Partly cloudy

Full forecast on the back of the B section.

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Veterans' Section At Mount Hope Cemetery

Signs of Respect

■ Volunteers gather to straighten and raise veterans' gravestones



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Volunteer Jim McElroy, a Vietnam veteran, worked with several others on Oct. 26 to lift and straighten veterans' gravestones at Mount Hope Cemetery.

By Jayson Jacoby
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An effort that dates back nearly a decade to lift and straighten slumped or leaning gravestones in the veterans' section at Mount Hope Cemetery continued this fall when about a dozen volunteers gathered in the cemetery on Oct. 26.

The work party fixed 11 monuments and replaced concrete on another.

Although he said work remains to be done, Dennis Teskey, who has been involved in this public service campaign since its start, said volunteers have made considerable progress.

"We're pretty close to being done," said Teskey, retired owner of Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel.

Teskey emphasized that he was referring only to the task that prompted the project — dealing with markers in the veterans' section that are conspicuously out of alignment.

Keeping gravestones straight and level will require ongoing periodic maintenance since the freeze-and-thaw cycles that cause the problems will continue.

And Teskey can envision an even more ambitious goal of working on gravestones that



Submitted photo

From left to right, volunteer Riley Chavez, Rotarian Dave Lindley, volunteer Lon Chavez, Rotarian Dennis Teskey, and volunteer Brent Kragness at Mount Hope Cemetery on Oct. 26.

are in other sections at Mount Hope.

The veterans' section includes about 350 gravestones.

"You could take this project a

long ways," Teskey said.

He said he's in favor of expanding the effort.

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Veterans will be honored Saturday, Monday

Five local veterans, one from each branch of the military, will be honored during an event Saturday at noon at the Veterans Memorial Club, 2005 Valley Ave.

Ty Gassin, a 2013 Baker High School graduate who owns a metal-working business in Ontario, will present each veteran with a metal U.S. flag featuring the emblem of their service branch.

The veterans are:

- Geraldine A. Lynn, who served in the Navy, 1990-1992
- Robert M. Warner, who served in the Army, 1945-1946
- Wayne E. Everett, who served in the Marine Corps, 1966-69
- Patrick T. Arriola, who served in the Coast Guard, 1990-95
- James W. Berka, who served in the Air Force, 1965-68

The Baker Elks Lodge, 1896 Second St., is offering a free steak dinner for veterans and their guests Saturday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

On Monday, the annual Veterans Day ceremony will take place at 11 a.m. at the memorial, which lists the names of local service members killed in action, on the east lawn of the Baker County Courthouse, 1995 Third St.

Bid awarded for fire hall

By Samantha O'Connor
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Baker County commissioners on Wednesday awarded a bid to Gyllenberg Construction of Baker City to build a new fire station in Richland, but the award is contingent on either the county or the Eagle Valley Rural Fire Department raising additional money for the project.

Gyllenberg's bid is \$1,363,312, but the federal block grant the county received is for \$1,288,700.

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Sumpter hearings postponed

Hearings before the Sumpter City Council for three city employees who have been on paid administrative leave since this spring have been postponed.

The hearings were scheduled for Thursday afternoon at Sumpter City Hall.

Sumpter City Recorder Julie McKinney and Public Works Director Jeff McKinney (who is Julie McKinney's husband) have been on paid leave since June 14, and assistant city recorder and bookkeeper LeAnne Woolf has been on paid leave since May 14.

All three were scheduled to go before the City Council Thursday afternoon to respond to allegations regarding their performance.

Woolf said late Wednesday that the hearings had been postponed, but not rescheduled. Sumpter Mayor Greg Lucas confirmed that the hearings were canceled for Thursday.



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