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ANOTHER BUSINESS STEPS UP FOR NEWSIDE CEMETERY VETERANS

An overgrown stretch of sidewalk adjacent to the graveyard has been a challenge .to volunteers of the Newside Cemetery Restoration Project but a Lower Paxton Township business will dig in to help them overcome the stubborn mess.

For years, water seepage had stimulated grass growth of the sidewalk, the roots accumulating into a near impenetrable carpet that resists manual shoveling.

This Saturday, Nov. 8, the cavalry will arrive on the scene in the form of a skid-loader machine from Hornungs Ace Hardware in Linglestown that should make short work of the mass.

Clearing the sidewalk is important to the overall plans for giving the historic cemetery the recognition it deserved. The Restoration Project is looking to install cement access steps, and the sidewalk needs to be clear so plans can be drawn up.

Among the 48 persons buried at Newside between 1742 and 1854 were 26 early American veterans. They include early Lower Paxton settlers who fought in either the French and Indian War, the Revolution the War of 1812. Documents point to 10 who fought in the Revolution.

Using donated ground penetrating radar services, the Newside Cemetery Restoration Project this past summer discovered that there are no graves in the fenced-in area of tombstones and a memorial placed by the Daughters of the American Revolution in 1924.memorial. The radar discovered that the graves are on the hillside above the small enclosure.

The goal of the Project, part of the Lower Paxton Township Historical Commission, is to place markers on each of the newly discovered graves, enclose the expanded site in fencing and add access steps.

The project is dedicated to accomplishing its goals without expending township tax dollars and will soon launch a fund-raising campaign.

The newly located burials are on land owned by the Four Seasons housing complex, which gave permission for the search and improvement.

The skid loader operation will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday during a work session with volunteers who will clear debris remaining from the removal of several dying trees.

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