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THE NORTON TELEGRAM

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Briefly

Sign-up for cost sharing underway

Sign-up for cost sharing of conservation practices began May 29 at the Norton County Conservation District. The sign-up will continue through June 8. Practices eligible for cost-share in the Water Resources program will include terraces, waterways, diversions, range seeding, critical area seeding, livestock wells, livestock pipelines, dry pit ponds, field windbreaks and feedlot windbreaks. The district will also cost-share on such items as the plugging of abandoned wells and replacing failing septic systems. Operators of existing confined feedlots may apply for cost-share practices that control feedlot runoff. Cost share may be used for waste pits, fencing around the pit, diversions and piping. Eligibility also applies where conditions require a facility to be moved. To apply or for more information, call the conservation office at 877-2623.

'E', 'F' and 'G' tags due Thursday

The deadline for businesses or persons whose last name begins with "E", "F" or "G" to renew automobile, light trucks, motorcycles and motorized bike tags is Thursday. When renewing your vehicles, remember to include your current proof of insurance for all vehicles. The vehicle identification number, policy number and current expiration date need to be verified. Computers are shut off at 4:30 p.m. daily for balancing. Driver's license renewals can be processed Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please bring along your social security card or something that has your social security number on it for verification. As a reminder, we can only renew regular driver's licenses and issue ID cards. All commercial licenses have to be renewed at a full service office: those are Phillipsburg, Hays and Colby. The office hours are Tuesday through Friday. If you have questions, please call the treasurer's office at (785) 877-5795.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Partly cloudy with a low around 51. North wind between 5 and 15 mph. **Thursday** — A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy with a high near 75. Calm wind becoming south between 10 and 15 mph. **Thursday Night** — A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy with a low around 50. **Friday** — A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy with a high near 78.

Kingham report:

Friday Low 46, High 77
Saturday Low 55, High 80
Sunday Low 56, High 83
Monday Low 58, High 84
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Father, may the love of Jesus shine in and through us in our relationships with others each day. **Amen**

In remembrance of...



At the conclusion of Memorial Day services at the flag pole at the Norton Cemetery, the firing squad and color guard prepared to leave the grounds. They are from left to right Sgt. Joe Leroux, Dave Cuthbertson, Richard Wiltfong, Mel Juenemann, Gary Bruinekool and Gil Otter.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Almena service held to remember

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Men, women and children gathered Monday morning at the Mount Hope Cemetery, west of Almena, to honor those who gave their lives for their country and freedom.

The Almena Memorial Day Service opened with Commander John Denehy saying, "Comrades, this day is sacred with the almost visible presence of those who have gone before us. We honor their lives in the service of our country and those who have dropped their burdens by the wayside of life, and are gone to their eternal rest."

"May the ceremonies of today deepen your reverence for our dead. Let us review our pledge of loyalty to our country and its flag. Let us resolve by word and deed to emphasize the privilege and duty of patriotism."

Chaplain Julius Field followed by introducing speaker Kirk Kasson, minister of the Almena Congregational Church.

"...we are here today choosing to honor the fallen. Here, men, and in other cemeteries, women, who knowingly risked their lives on our behalf, and in the end, found their lives cut tragically short so that we might enjoy a long and free life..."

"We stand here today, honoring the sacred lives of 13 men, honoring the risk they knowingly took, that their life could be cut short for our behalf. Their lives are irreplaceable, as is their sacrifice. Their graves are sacred to us, because their loss, their God given life, was sacred..."

"Yes, life is sacred, and we hold sacred the land which bears our fallen soldiers. It would demean our own humanity if we did otherwise."

"In May 1868, having seen a tradition grow up of women decorating the graves (Continued on Page 5)

Norton upholds legacy

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Unseasonably cool weather and gusty winds caused several to observe Memorial Day activities at the Norton Cemetery from the comfort of their automobiles. But, nonetheless, many assembled to pay tribute to those gone before. Not only veterans who served their country but deceased family members, as well.

The Avenue of Flags snapped smartly in the wind and stood like sentinels along the cemetery roads. Commander Joe Ballinger from the American Legion post and several volunteers began erecting the flags at 6 a.m. that morning.

Commander Ballinger hosted the ceremonies with Curt Archibald leading those gathered in repeating the Pledge of Allegiance. Miss Gena Myers, a recent graduate of Norton Community High School, sang the "Star Spangled Banner" and "My Country 'tis of Thee".

Featured speaker was Rudy Perez, Norton. Mr. Perez, the high school principal, is an Air Force veteran. Mr. Perez said he was honored to speak at the services. He said he joined the military during peace time. Like a lot of young men, he joined to find direction in his life. He said he not only found direction, but he found a brotherhood and a

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Lenora honors its fallen heroes

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Lenora honored its dead with a Memorial Day Service Sunday morning.

The service began with the Norton American Legion's honor guard presenting the colors. Maurita Lymer, pastor of Lenora Church of God, gave the invocation and Delbert Berry, a veteran, raised the flag.

Glen and Lee Jones led the crowd in singing "America the Beautiful".

Mrs. Lymer, who is also a retired veteran, was the speaker. She said 32 years ago, she enlisted in the Women's Army (Continued on Page 5)



An Avenue of Flags fluttered in the breeze at the Wilsonville Cemetery.

— Telegram photo by Christie Anderson