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County worried by old plumbing

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The Norton County Courthouse sprung a leak last month and the County Commissioners are concerned about plumbing in the old building.

The water leak, which caused plaster to fall and wreaked havoc in both the second floor bathrooms and the appraiser's office, was found when people entered the courthouse to use the facilities during the Relay for Life.

The county was lucky that someone came into that part of the courthouse over the weekend, County Clerk Robert Wyatt told the commissioners during their meeting on May 23. If the Relay for Life hadn't been taking place and people hadn't gone into the courthouse, the

leak would not have been found until Monday and a lot more damage would have occurred.

As it was, the water was turned off and the leak located and repaired. However, because the broken pipe was behind a wall, the repairs required that part of a wall taken down before repairs could be made.

This is at least the second time in recent years that this type of leak has occurred, he said.

"What are we going to do about this water?" Commissioner John Miller asked.

"I don't know," Wyatt answered. "It makes you wonder what it did to the wiring and all."

Besides the falling plaster, the water has obviously allowed mold to grow behind the walls.

"It stinks in there," Wyatt noted.

The problem is the courthouse is old and the pipes are all behind the walls. Wyatt said that he thought the whole building needs to be checked for bad pipes.

"We've been lucky on this pipe thing," Commissioner Miller noted.

"I don't see going through the whole courthouse and digging out all the walls," Commissioner Carolyn Applegate said.

"What worries me is I think we're just starting," Wyatt explained. "We have a 100-year-old building here and the pipes are just not accessible."

In other business, the commissioners:

- Decided that Commissioner John Miller would at-

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Briefly

Free fishing at park starting on Saturday

This coming Saturday and Sunday there will be free fishing and free park entry at the Prairie Dog State Park west of Norton. Come see what the park has to offer and enjoy a day in the sun.

State park plans Outdoor Kid's Day

The Annual Outdoor Kid's Day will be held at the Prairie Dog State Park this Saturday from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Activities include fishing, archery and shooting. Come for a day of fun and games.

Norton report cards available at office

The Norton Community High School wants parents to know that report cards are ready to be picked up at the High School office. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, May 26 through June 6.

Shred your papers Friday at drug store

The second annual Shred Day will take place at Moffet Drug Store on Friday from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. or until the truck is full. Bring in your personal documents for shredding.

Sign up available for swim lessons

Sign up for swimming lessons will be held Friday from 8 a.m. until noon and on Saturday from 8 a.m. until noon at the park shelter west of the Norton swimming pool. No phone enrollments please. The first session is June 20 through July 1 and the second session is July 5 through July 15. Cost is \$15 per session.

Markets

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Wheat	\$8.01
Milo	\$6.52
Soybeans	\$13.07
Corn	\$7.11

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Tonight - Mostly cloudy and warmer. A chance of thunderstorms in the evening.

Thursday - Mostly sunny and windy with highs in the mid 90s. **Friday** - Partly sunny with highs in the upper 80s. **Saturday** - Partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. **Sunday** - Partly sunny with highs in the 90s.

Kingham Report

Friday, May 27.....	Low 49, High 81
Saturday, May 28.....	Low 53, High 75
Sunday, May 29.....	Low 55, High 80
Monday, May 30.....	Low 69, High 95
Tuesday, May 31.....	Low 44, High 85

(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

O God, help us to watch over your children near us. And help us to work for a world where wars end and soldiers fight no more. Amen.

Darren McMullen, commander of the Norton American Legion, and Joe Ballinger, quartermaster of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, shared the podium at the Norton Memorial Day ceremony in the Norton Cemetery on Monday. The flagpole was surrounded by the American Legion Riders who bore flags representing the five United States military branches. Kari McMullen of the American Legion Auxiliary laid the wreath at the bottom of the flag pole following the Sons of the American Legion flag raising. Vocalist, Kollean McMullen, sang the National Anthem. The featured speaker was David Hazelwood, commander of the Sixth District of the American Legion, State of Kansas. Jeremy Wetter (below) played taps at the end of the program.

— Telegram photos by Harriett Gill



County honors veterans with Memorial Day service "The Real Battle"

By Darel Boston

They gave me a uniform, they gave me a gun.
They taught me to fight; told me, "Don't run!"
They waved the great flag, Old Glory, with pride.

They taught love of country for which many died.

They taught me sharp discipline: "When you hear, you obey!"

Your job is to follow! No questions!" they say.
So now I can fight, I can shoot, I can charge!

I'm taught to fear no one, regardless how large.

While killing's not good, it's a have-to, I see;
For if I miss him, he's sure to get me.

So I'll kill as I'm taught I'll charge, never run...

I'll go for the battle. I'll fight with a gun.
But I know those I'm shooting, take orders just as I.

Their own choice and preference: neither to kill nor to die.

So why all this bloodshed: how is it begun?
Who is so fond of war that we're always in one?

Well, there are freedoms at stake, there's butchery by men

Whose only desire is to get all they can.

There are women and children, whole countries of men

That will be left defenseless if we don't fight again.

And fight again and again because there's such lust

In the hearts of so many who refuse to be just.

We fight not in joy, we kill not in pride.

The memories we're making a lifetime can't hide.

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New Norton motel is open for business

By BRANDI DIEDERICH

Norton's new Sleep Inn opened May 16. There are three floors containing 50 guest rooms: two of these rooms are handicap accessible and two rooms are available for pets and their owners. Each room contains a flat screen television set, coffee maker, microwave and refrigerator. Every morning there is a hot breakfast served between 6:30 and 9:30 a.m.

There is also a fitness room, community room, breakfast area, guest laundry room, prep kitchen and conference room. The community room is for the visitors that would like to watch television, use the house computer and printer, play cards or socialize. The prep kitchen is available

for caterers or other food service needing to prepare food. The conference room contains a projector and a screen, and will hold 65 people. The Sleep Inn has wireless facilities in all rooms.

Currently the motel is 50 percent full and has five events scheduled and reserved. They want to do their best to make your stay comfortable and friendly.

Dave Peterson, Inn-Ovation Hotel Group, said that the Sleep Inn is a green facility and has used green solutions throughout the building.

Donna Mulford, General Manager, and the staff of the new Sleep Inn look forward to serving the needs of the Norton Community.



The new Sleep Inn has 50 guest rooms like this one, including two that are handicapped-accessible. - Telegram photo by Brandi Diederich

