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## Flooding persists in areas along Mona Main Street

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North Main in Mona still has a problem with storms when the water, which should go west to the fields, instead floods onto private property and into basements.

Richard Hatfield, city engineer, said that he had looked at the area where Kevin Young's home, 275 North Main, was located and had determined that the sidewalk in that location tipped the wrong direction allowing storm water to run toward the house instead of away from it.

"The sidewalk tips one and three-quarters inch," said Hatfield.

He said that it was flat most of the way along the route and the new sidewalk, which was rebuilt just a year ago, seemed to be doing the job in most areas.

However, there are three areas on the east side of the street where the sidewalk tips toward private property rather than away from it. The tipping leads the storm water onto the properties and pushes the storm water toward the homes there.

"A quick and easy fix," said Hatfield, "would be to grab a tractor and grade the street side of the area so there would be a swale."

Everd Squire, city finance director, said that he would be happy to volunteer his time to use his tractor to do the work. After some discussion by the council on the best way to provide a remedy, Hatfield and



**FALL STARTS TOMORROW** • and the trees of the canyon are turning or have turned. Above, these two show their fall beauty at the Bear Canyon campground. Our photographer also saw plenty of yellow rabbit brush, wild turquoise, squirrels dashing across the road and a few campers enjoying the beauty of the season. If you haven't been up the canyon, go soon before fall storms blow away all of the color.

## Water leak forces city and county buildings to be shut down for a few days

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Sunday morning, September 18, a new leak was discovered in the water line that feeds city hall and the county building through the old tunnel system.

Chris Wilkey, county building and grounds superintendent, was at the county build-

ing and discovered that water had again entered the boiler room in the county building.

"There was about 50 percent more water in the county building boiler room than during last week's incident," said Randy McKnight, city administrator. "They (city and county supervisors) got the water shut off and called out their respective crews. 4-D Plumbing also provided some men

and equipment."

Last week, when work was being done to install a new watering system for the landscaping at city hall, a city backhoe being used for excavation struck the water line that feeds city hall and the courthouse.

The evident line break was repaired, but another leak, under the floor of the southwest corner of the Old Gym was not detected. That second leak allowed water to enter a utility tunnel connecting the city's buildings to the courthouse.

"Water from the tunnel then entered the boiler room in the lowest level of the courthouse and was several feet deep when discovered the next morning," said McKnight.

Apparently the first water line break was around 2 p.m. on Monday. The apparent leak was repaired that afternoon.

The undiscovered leak wasn't found until early Tuesday morning.

"It was then repaired and the water pumped out of the tunnel under city hall and out of the courthouse boiler room area," said McKnight.

Water and power were restored to city hall late Tuesday afternoon. Power was partially restored to the county building late Tuesday afternoon and fully on Wednesday morning. Water was not fully restored to the county building until Wednesday afternoon.

On Sunday, power to both buildings was turned off, and the process of pumping the water out of both buildings commenced.

At the same time, crews started looking for the source of the leaking water.

"It was discovered that the PVC pipe just west of the joint

that had broken last time had a crack in it and was leaking water that went into the tunnel system," said McKnight. "That pipe was excavated and removed and then a new replacement section was added back in. Water can be restored to the two buildings for tomorrow."

The repair was checked multiple times thereafter, and there were no additional leaks.

"The new leak apparently started sometime Friday or early Saturday, but we do not know for sure," said McKnight. "Removal of the water from the county building was completed today in the late afternoon."

Today (Sunday), power was restored to the city building just between 1:30 and 2 p.m.

The electric crew was able to separate the power feeding the city building from the power feeding the county building.

"The power to the county building is still off, while things dry out, and will stay off during business hours tomorrow, Monday, for safety reasons," said McKnight. "Near the end of the day tomorrow, conditions in the county building will be re-assessed, and we hope to restore the power to that building at that time."

"We have made arrangements for the county commissioners to use the council chambers at city hall for their commission meeting and other meetings through the day tomorrow," he said.

A more complete assessment of damages will be completed.

City hall will have normal business hours tomorrow but the county building will be closed.



**FIXING THE LEAK** • Crews pump out water that had leaked into the boiler room under the county building. The county and city buildings were shut down while clean up commenced.



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