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Conservation special  
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Norton County Conservation District  
Annual Meeting and Free Supper  
Saturday, February 12, 6:30 p.m.

*Briefly*  
Toast area farmers  
at Saturday dinner

This year's annual District Conservation dinner and meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. tomorrow night at the Norton American Legion.

Almena plans  
benefit auction

There will be a benefit held for Bailey Thompson, Clint Lowry and Ricci Gutzman on Sunday, February 13 at the Northern Valley School cafeteria from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. A free will lunch will be served and a silent auction will take place. All proceeds will go toward medical expenses. For more information or to donate, contact the Almena State Bank at 785-669-2486.

Genealogical group  
to meet on Sunday

The Genealogical Society will be hosting Mary Todd Lincoln with her stories at the Norton Library Community Room on Sunday at 3 p.m. Open to the public.

## Markets

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Wheat	\$8.38
Milo	\$6.02
Soybeans	\$13.42
Corn	\$6.37

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

## Weather

**Tonight** - Mostly clear with a low around 19. **Saturday** - Sunny with a high near 52. **Saturday Night** - Mostly clear with a low around 23. **Sunday** - Sunny with a high near 59. Breezy with a northwest wind between 10 and 20 mph. **Sunday Night** - Mostly clear with a low around 25. **Monday** - Sunny with a high near 56.

## Kingham Report

Tuesday, February 8 ..... Low -1, High 9  
Wednesday, February 9 Low -3, High 15  
8" Snow  
Thursday, February 10.. Low -1, High 31  
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

## Prayer

O God, thank you for your promise to forgive us. Give us the strength and the will to forgive others. Amen.



## Extension looking for a home

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The extension service is looking for a new home since the sheriff is taking over their office space at the courthouse.

The extension service learned that it would have to move when the county commissioners decided that the sheriff's office needed more space because the jail and dispatch area don't meet the latest state and federal standards for accessibility and space.

The commissioners, faced with a need for more space, in a courthouse bursting at the seams with people and records, decided that the extension office, which has two regular employees, uses the most space per employee and could be moved to somewhere else. It is also on the first floor, just where it would be convenient to expand the law enforcement space.

The commissioners want the extension to move into the 4-H Building and have offered to do some remodeling to accommodate the needed office space.

On Monday, Extension Agent Keith Van Skike and extension board members Deena Wentz and Patsy Maddy met with the commissioners on where the office could relocate and when the service would have to vacate both its offices and storage space in the courthouse.

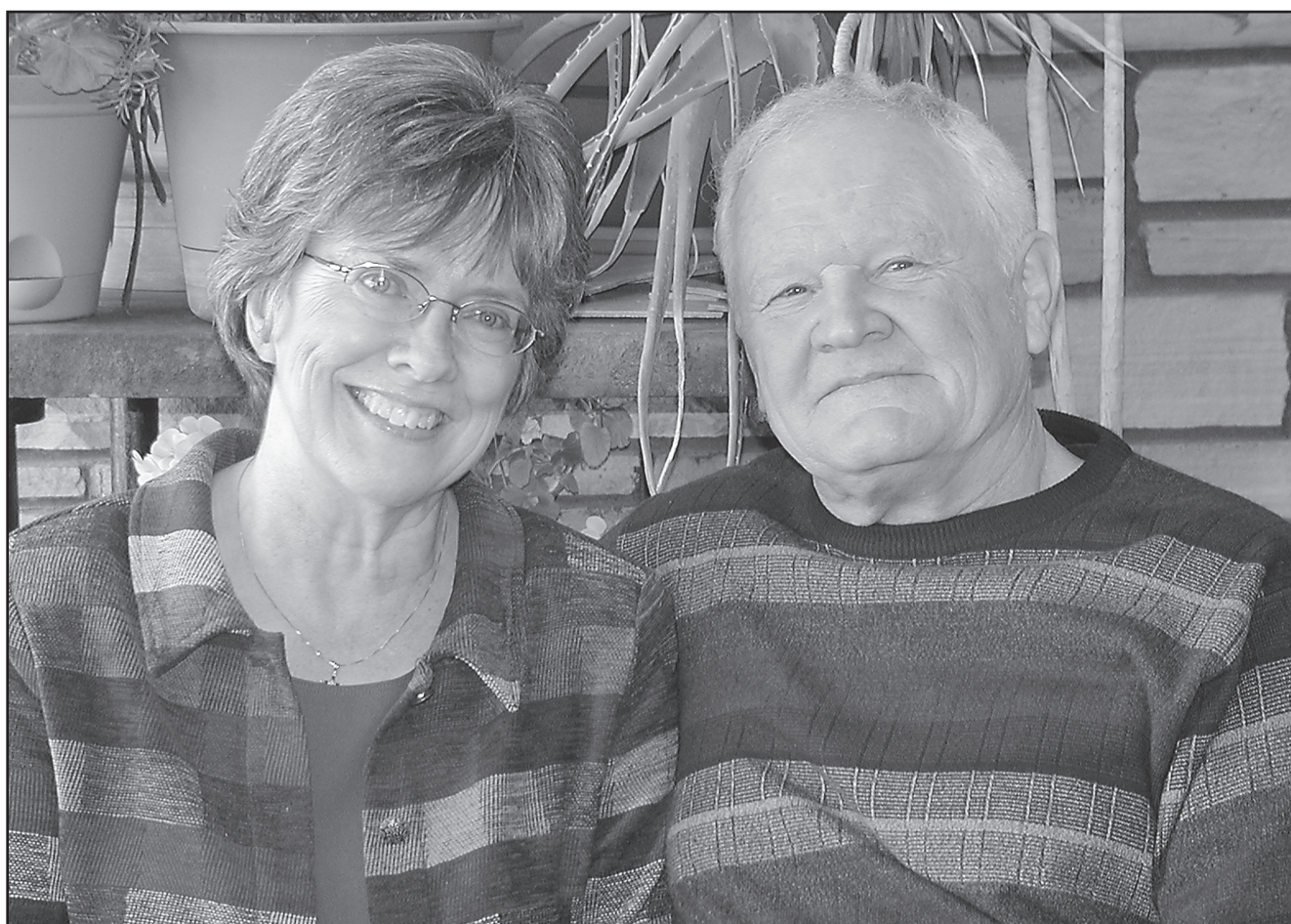
Maddy told the commissioners that she had looked at every available office space in Norton but only two available spaces met most of the board's needs. The best one is at the Nex-Tech building, she said. The economic development offices are there right now but they plan to move into offices with the Chamber of Commerce in the near future.

The rent would be \$650 a month, she said, with office and shared open space.

"We don't have anything built into our budget for rent," she said.

Commissioner Carolyn Applegate said that she has looked at the extension service's budget and thinks that it could afford to pay that much rent if that's where

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Norton County has a new Sweetheart Couple. Terry and Larry Hillman were excited and even more surprised when they learned that they were this year's winners. They will receive many wonderful gifts from sponsoring businesses and the title of Norton County Sweetheart Couple of 2011.

- Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

## Hillmans named Sweetheart Couple

By DANA PAXTON  
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This year's Norton County Sweetheart Couple has been drawn from the entries and the winners are Terry and Larry Hillman. This very well known couple will have been married 42 years this coming December 21.

Terry was born, raised and educated in Norton, leaving only long enough to earn her teaching degree at Fort Hays State. She then returned to Norton and started teaching for USD 211 in the fall of 1971.

After accepting the job at USD 211, Terry began teaching second grade for two years then moved to third grade for a while. While expecting their first child she worked part time teaching part time kindergarten classes and did this for four years. For eight years she stayed at home and did private tutoring and substituting.

Upon returning to the class room she was a part time kindergarten teacher then back to second grade full time and finally back to full time kindergarten. Her last year of teaching she followed her kindergarten class and taught them in first grade. "I lived with my kids and went with them to first," she said.

Larry was born and raised in Ogallah, KS and went to school there through his eighth grade year. He then went to WaKeeney for two years. His family then moved to Topeka where he took his junior year at Topeka West. For his senior year he attended Shawnee Heights and midway through his senior year the family moved to Hays where he graduated. Larry also attended Fort Hays State and received his teaching degree. After graduating he moved to Norton and started his teaching career.

Larry spent 29 years in the same class

room teaching sixth graders. Then he took over the position of Principal at Eisenhower Elementary for five years. His cricket chirping could always be heard in the halls. "If we are like in a mall and lose track of each other Larry will chirp so that we can find each other." Terry said.

Theirs is a true love story. When they were both freshmen in high school they attended a District Church rally and met for the first time. The second time they met they were both freshmen at Fort Hays State and this is when they started dating. The couple was married on December 21, 1969 and have remained here in Norton ever since.

Two children were born to the couple, Angel is married to Eric Shaver and they have two children, Hanna and Noah and

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## Runoff demonstration



Norton County Conservation District works hard to educate students in our local communities about the importance of conservation. Seen here is Larry Meili, the District Conservationist in Phillips County, teaching the Norton fifth grade class about water run off. This event took place last May at a field day held at the Elmwood Park in Norton.

Throughout the year area farms are recognized for water quality, windbreaks and basic conservation techniques. This year's annual meeting is tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. and will take place following a free meal at the Norton American Legion. During this meeting, this year's winners for conservation will be awarded as well as the poster contest winners.

Courtesy photo.

## Norton School Board holds impromptu meeting

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An unscheduled meeting of the Norton USD 211 District's Board of Education was held on Tuesday, Feb. 8 at 1 p.m.

When the Board met at the regular Jan. 10th Board of Education meeting, volunteers were requested to attend an informational meeting with Mr. Joe Hurla of the "Energy 360" company at 1 p.m. on Feb. 8. The purpose of the meeting would be to go over potential savings possible in the district as a result of upgrades in the energy efficiency of the facilities and to discuss the possibility of having an Investment Grade Audit completed in the district by "Energy 360" Company. Three members volunteered to attend the meeting and under the Kansas Open Meeting Laws, this would not constitute a meeting of the Board of Education.

At 1 p.m. on Feb. 8, four members of the Board were present. Mrs. Karnopp, Mr. Berry, Mr. Ellis and Mr. Wyatt. As a result, there was a quorum of the school board and the gathering did constitute a meeting of the Board of Education. The meeting was called to order by Vice-President, Scott Ellis and a 24-hour waiver of notice was signed by the members present.

Mr. Hurla reviewed the preliminary recommendations for upgrades with the Board members, answered questions on the recommendations and discussed the financial analysis of possible projects. There were no actions taken as a result of the meeting.

Mr. Hurla is scheduled to be at the Feb. 14 Board of Education meeting to address the entire board. At that time, the board will consider entering into an agreement with "Energy 360" for an Investment Grade Audit.

## Cost study planned for landfill

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Is the Norton County landfill breaking even or losing money?

It's been about a year and half since Solid Waste Supervisor Curt Archibald has done a cost study and he and the Norton County commissioners agreed on Monday, that it is time to do another one.

"How close are we to breaking even," Commissioner John Miller asked.

The commissioners said that they would like to look at what the landfill is bringing in versus the cost of running it to see if fees need to be adjusted or if they are high enough now to at least mostly pay for the facility.

The commissioners also agreed to split the landfill costs of tearing down an old mill to make way for the new Frontier Ag facility. The metals had already been salvaged out of the mill, Archibald reported to the commissioners, but there was still 111 tons of mostly wood to be disposed. The cost at \$35 a ton would be \$3891, he said. However, with the county taking on one-half of the bill, the cost will only be \$1946.

While agreeing to help with the project, the commissioners asked Archibald to send a letter to Frontier Ag showing what the county has done to help with the project and noting that this will probably be

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