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the board wants to move. Commissioner John Miller disagreed. "I'm going to tell you right now," he said. "I don't think you can afford to do this." Commissioner Miller said he has been to Topeka and, although the state hasn't slashed extension service money yet, it has cut or will push onto the counties lots of stuff that there is no money for on either the state or county level. The commissioners reiterated that they would move the extension office to the 4-H Building and pay for remodeling but would not help the service pay for rent in any building not owned by the county. Commissioner Applegate said that the county pays \$9,000 a year for utilities and cleaning on the 4-H Building, which is used during the fair and for a few other events mostly auctions. The building is used about once a month, they said, and brings in \$4,000 a year in revenue.

"I know it's not convenient and it's not what you consider the best solution for you," Applegate said, adding that since the extension service has its own tax levy it can go wherever it wants. "If you feel your budget can handle rent and utilities, fine," she said. "If you move into the 4-H Building, we will help to remodel it for some offices and

storage space. "You guys can raise your mill levy," Commissioner Miller said. "We don't have any authority on that." "But we don't want to raise taxes," Maddy countered. "We have the lowest per capita mill levy in the 18 counties of northwest Kansas," Miller said, adding that the commissioners don't want to raise taxes either but the county is losing ground. The commissioners said that the extension office will have at least three months warning before construction begins on the enlarged sheriff's office. "We're not saying its (extension) not valued or important," Commissioner Applegate said. But the sheriff comes first. We have a 24/7 business downstairs that needs the space."

Maddy said that Nex-Tech has another possible renter ready to take the building if the extension service doesn't act right away. "We're thinking Nex-Tech is the cleanest and fastest way to get office space," Van Skike said. "If you want to make a commitment to Nex-Tech, it will come out of your budget," Commissioner Applegate warned. "We're offering you use of an existing building." The commissioners did say that if the extension service moved to another office, the county could store files and equipment for awhile.

Saving the planet one song at a time



The Norton Eisenhower first and second grade classes came together Monday night to perform a musical concert with the theme of Save The Planet. Pictured are, front row, left to right, Courtland Porter, Kylee Mapes, Kiley Chisham and Ronna Carter. Middle row, Skylar Sumner, Olivia Carter and Addison Brooks and back row, Sydney Menagh and Christen Hawks. Ten songs were sung to remind people to recycle and reuse to save our planet. Too many animals are becoming extinct and our resources are being used up. It was a great reminder to use what we have, and to not take things for granted because if we don't watch out it could all be gone someday soon.

— Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Landfill

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the last of the help that the county can provide at this time. Commissioner Miller said that when the new facility gets fully on the tax rolls, it will more than pay for the county's assistance in getting started. This will be the fourth time this year that the county has helped with economic development by halving its landfill fees. Usually, the county does five of these a year.

While they thought all the projects so far were worthwhile, the commissioners said they were worried about using all the landfill write downs so early in the year. The commissioners noted that they believed the City of Norton had some rundown properties that it may need help with and the smaller cities may also have some.

In other business, the commissioners:

Couple

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they live in WaKeeney. Cassie is their other daughter and she is married to Perry Trentaz and they have one child, Winston, and they live in Portland Oregon.

Other than teaching the couple has been involved in many things. "The National Guard was a big part of our life," stated Terry. Larry is a retired Lt. Colonel from the Guard where he spent many weekends to fulfill his duties in the service. They are members of the Church of God here in Norton. Terry plays the piano and Larry sings in the men's quartet. Larry is a member of the Lions Club and Terry is a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, a women's educator group.

When told about being this year's winners, Terry said, "I was shocked." Larry said, "Are you kidding me?"

Our congratulations go out to the happy couple and by being drawn as our winners they receive many wonderful gifts from these sponsoring businesses: Destination Kitchen is offering a special gift, Fit to Go is giving them a one month membership for both, Mainstreet IGA is giving them the fixing for a romantic ribeye steak dinner, Jamboree Foods, Las Canteras, and Hidden Dragon offer the couple a gift certificate from each business. Décor and More, a rose candle holder, Russ' Jewelry a \$50 gift certificate, Town and Country Kitchen is giving them a meal for two and the Norton Telegram is giving them a year's free subscription.

of Waste Management is requiring a certificate of ownership for the land at the landfill. Archibald said that the information needed for that might be filed with the first excavation records.

- Looked over the landfill charge accounts and noted that most accounts are paid up.
- Told Smith that if there was a road and bridge employee, who needed to finish a project that was necessary to get done before the weather turned bad, they could

work on Saturday and take time off the next week. This should only be done occasionally, the commissioners said, and only when weather related. Before this occurs, Commissioner Carolyn Applegate said, the employee should clear the work with Smith and his supervisor.

- Accepted a \$12,332 quote from Engel's for vehicle lift for the county shop so that larger equipment could be repaired in house. The bid includes installation and

warranty. • Accepted a \$24,975 per trailer price for a pair of belly-dump trailers from Manac Trailers of Kansas City, Mo. The county got five bids for the trailers but the ones offered

by Manac were the heaviest built of the ones offered. It was also among the lowest bids.



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