



Tuesday
March 16, 2010

Briefly

Annual Easter Egg
hunt scheduled

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 3 at the Norton County Courthouse. Pictures with the Easter Bunny will take place at 1 p.m., the scavenger hunt will begin at 1:30 p.m. for children in fourth through sixth grades and the Easter egg hunt will begin at 2 p.m. for children ages infant through third grade.

This event is sponsored by Norton Child Study Club. For more information contact Jennie Patterson at 874-4256 or JaLynn Urban at 877-5623. If you are interested in donating, please contact a member or call Wendy Haresnape at 874-4743.

Garden education
meeting planned

The All American Garden will give an overview of some of the “newest and hottest” varieties of garden produce and bedding plants that are available. It will also include a brief discussion of timely garden preparation tips, common insects and disease problems. This is an education program that all of your group members may want to attend. Information for early spring garden preparation will be shared. Please contact your local Extension Office to pre-register. With the feasibility to provide these programs we require at least 10 people to be able to conduct the meeting. Please call the Extension Office at 785-877-5755 to pre-register. The meeting will be held Thursday at the 4-H Building.

MARKETS

Cash Prices-Norton
March 16, 2010

CORN
\$3.25

SOYBEANS
\$8.62

WHEAT
\$3.83

MILO
\$2.86

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weather
forecast

Tonight - Mostly clear with a low around 22. North wind around 5 mph. Wednesday - Sunny with a high near 58. North wind around 5 mph becoming east. Wednesday Night - Mostly clear with a low around 28. South wind between 5 and 10 mph. Thursday - Mostly sunny with a high near 68. South wind between 5 and 10 mph. Thursday Night - A 20 percent chance of rain after 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy with a low around 35. Friday - A chance of rain and snow. Cloudy with a high near 43. Chance of precipitation is 50%.

Prayer

God of peace, thank you for your forgiveness — complete and final. Help us forgive others the way you have forgiven us. Amen.



Young BB gun marksmen from around the state are pictured on the firing line with their coaches during the sitting competition in the State BB Gun Championships on Saturday in Alma. Norton County shooters

won the state championship for the 38th time out of 45 years the state shoot has been held.

– Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Rotary BB Gun
team wins state

By DICK BOYD
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The Norton County Rotary BB Gun Team won Norton’s 38th State BB Gun Championship in the last 45 years during competition in Alma on Saturday.

Not only did the young girl and boy marksmen from Norton County outshoot all the other teams, they also had the top score in the written test of hunter safety knowledge!

“We had done well in the two regional 4-H shoots and were shooting well in practice so I was pretty confident coming in,” said Norton head BB gun coach Cameron Archer.

“I knew if we stayed focused we’d be okay.

“We were up and down a little but overall we shot exactly the score we needed to shoot. Our shooting score would normally rank in the top ten in the international shoot and we are looking forward to competing there.

“It was a great team victory. Every one of our Yellow Team shooters had good scores. No one let us down. It was great!”

“They exceeded my expectations on the written test,” said Norton’s classroom

instructor and former Norton shooter Chandra McKenna.

“I’m very proud of all of them.”

Members of the state championship Norton Yellow Team were Lane Archer, 14; Gabriel Bird, 14; Zachary Bird, 14; Erin Archer, 12 and James Berry, 11.

They combined for a shooting total of 1845 and finished 20 points ahead of second place Wyandotte Gold. In the written test, Norton scored a 468 to finish six points ahead of runner-up Wyandotte Gold.

Alternate marksmen on the Yellow Team were: Miles Harrington, 9 and Lane Gruwell, 8.

Cameron Archer was the Yellow Team’s coach.

The written test was taken first thing in the morning and prior to any of the four shooting positions but scores were not announced until after the shooting scores were posted.

Norton finished with a total shooting and test score of 2313 and Wyandotte Gold was second with a 2287, a total of 26 points behind.

Third place went to Derby with a 2215 total.

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Lane Archer of the state championship Norton Yellow Team was a multiple medal winner on Saturday in Alma and came within one point of the aggregate BB gun marksmanship championship. He is shown here after receiving another medal from James Eberwein, match director.

– Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Legislative bill
goes back to House

By ERICA BRADLEY
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SB 463, the Senate bill that would have allowed Norton County to increase its debt limit, was removed from the governor’s desk and will be read on the House floor early this week.

Norton City/County Economic Development Director Diane Stiles said the move was requested by a House member who was concerned that the bill would affect Wyandotte County. SB 463 referenced Wyandotte and Franklin Counties but does not affect them.

“Our consultants met with this legislator and it was simply a misunderstanding. No opposition to the bill is expected,”

she said.

Pinegar, Smith and Associates was the consulting firm hired for the Promoting Norton County Initiative. Stiles said they took SB 463 on pro bono.

Stiles said the bill is not in jeopardy, and final action should be taken next week.

Other bills that could have an affect on Norton County include:

HB 2496: Historic Tax Credits

Last year, the Legislature attempted to cut Historic Tax Credits 10 percent. Rather than cutting the total allocation 10 percent, they cut the rate 10 percent. Stiles said the tax credits were more difficult to sell and resulted in a 60-70 percent cut to

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Busy year for local office

By ERICA BRADLEY
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2009 was a busy year for the Norton City/County Economic Development Office with new projects starting and several projects being continued from past years.

At Tuesday’s Norton City/County Economic Development meeting, Diane Stiles, director, gave the board a presentation of 2009 activities. She has been giving her semi-annual update to city councils as well.

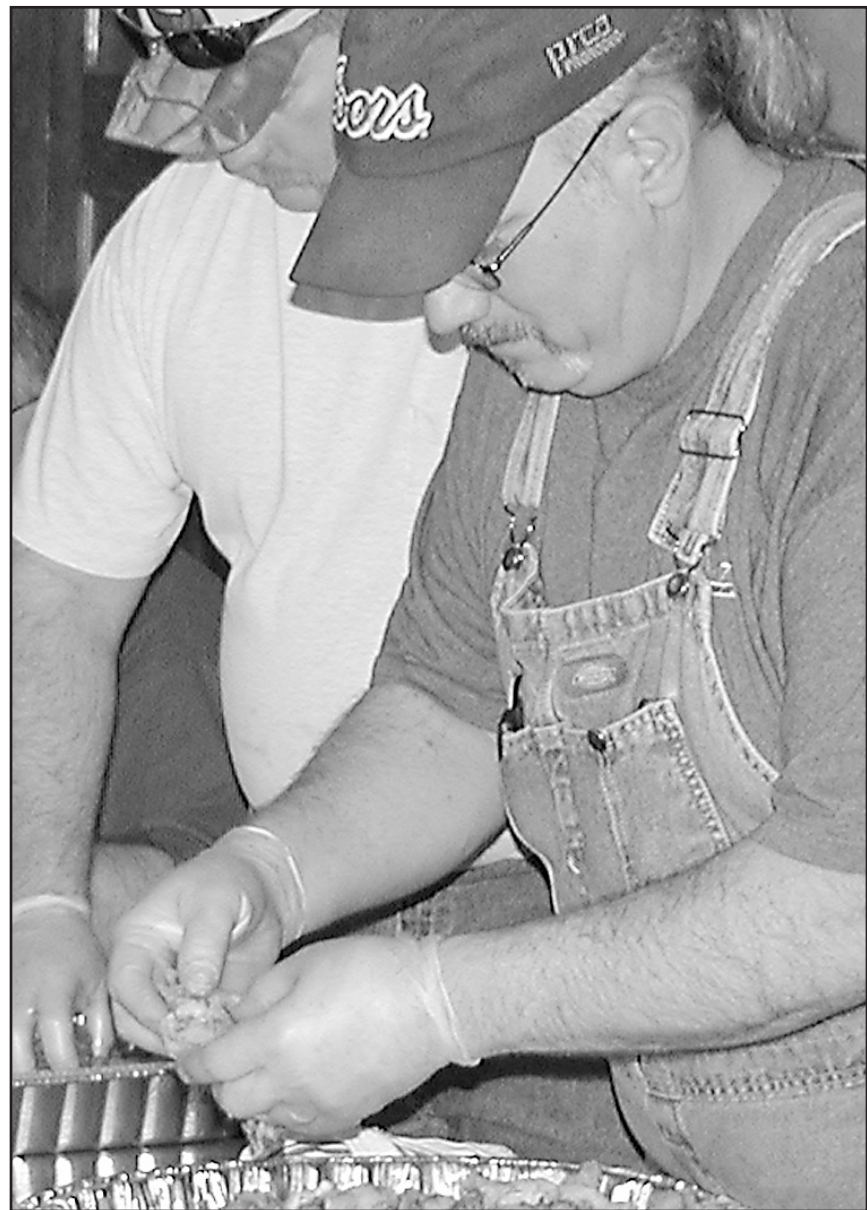
She said economic development assisted over 40 businesses with projects,

offered a variety of courses, guided one business through the Norton County Revolving Loan Fund application, awarded two business education scholarships and expanded the resource library.

The Promoting Norton County Initiative began in 2009 with partnerships between local business owners, the Norton Community Foundation and economic development. Pinegar, Smith and Associates was hired as the consulting firm for the project, which has brought two legislative visits to Norton and the Norton Correctional Facility.

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Fundraiser fries fish



Jon Wyatt and Jim Railsback served food at the fish and nut fry which was held over the weekend as a fundraiser for the Vietnam Moving Wall. An estimated 150 people attended the event.

–Telegram photo by Dana Paxton



Bill

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the program. This bill corrects the unintended consequences of last year's legislation.

"If we establish a historic district, these tax credits are essential to leveraging private investment in downtown Norton," Stiles said.

HB 2538: Promoting Employment Across Kansas

Stiles said the Promoting Employment Across Kansas (PEAK) legislation passed last year. It created an incentive program for competitive business projects by allowing qualifying employers to keep a portion of their employee withholding tax.

"This program modernized state incentive programs and also encourages development in rural

areas by requiring a minimum of five new jobs versus the 100 job minimum from the IMPACT program. HB 2538 makes technical clarifications that address unintended consequences of the program over the past year," she said.

SB 430: Rural Business Tax Credits

Legislators cut the value of the

Rural Business Tax Credits from 75 percent to 67 percent, and it translated into a 60 percent reduction in funds to the program.

The Rural Business Tax Credit Program funds the regional revolving loan fund under Northwest Kansas Planning and Development. The fund has awarded \$1.25 million in loans since its inception.

Office

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"I think this has been a very positive thing for the community," she said.

Stiles was also involved in wind energy, dairy, call center, motel and clothing store recruitment. She said economic development hosted community tours for some of the recruitment projects and met with developers. None decided to relocate to Norton County in 2009.

Business incentives included: the neighborhood revitalization plan, business education scholarship, enhanced enterprise zone, revolving loan fund, technical assistance, utilities to the meter (Norton) and \$5 building permits.

Individual assistance included awarding two business education scholarships, offered two business start-up classes, assisted over 25 entrepreneurs with business plans, financing, marketing or education, two entrepreneurs started businesses and one business owner received a loan from the revolving loan fund.

Another economic development project was the storefront renewal project which funded 17 applications. The total granted

was \$13,620.69 and the total investment was \$48,791.08. The program will continue in 2010. Applications are due March 31.

The Norton County Visitor Center, also known as the Moffet building, was another big project in 2009. The center received a grant from the Federal Home Loan Bank for interior renovations.

The project was delayed by an accident in June, but Stiles reported the damage repair is almost complete. She expects interior renovations will begin this spring.

The Dr. E.A. Lyons House was donated to the Norton County Community Foundation and recently received a \$90,000 grant from the Kansas State Historical Society Heritage Trust Fund.

The Heaton building was also donated to the Norton County Community Foundation. Work began on that building and included roof repair, exterior repair and paint and clean-up.

Stiles also worked on a historic district designation. She wrote a grant to hire a consultant to conduct a survey of downtown Norton and received funding from the Kansas State Historical Society Historical Preservation

Fund. The survey completion date and grant application deadline was yesterday.

Ten applications were approved for the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan in 2009 including: one Almena residential, one Densmore residential, four rural Norton residential, three Norton city residential and one Norton City commercial.

Stiles said there was not enough interest in the Housing Rehabilitation Grant program.

In other economic development business:

- The board discussed the contract with the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce for the Moffet building. Utilities were discussed with the board agreeing to a 70/30 split with economic development paying 70 percent of the utilities.
- A motion was made to approve the agreement. Vote taken, motion passed.
- Stiles said the copy machine needs repair. The 120K kit needs to be replaced, which will cost \$600 for the part plus labor and travel for a certified technician to repair the machine. The board debated buying a new machine or repairing the current one and decided to approve the purchase of a new copy machine. A motion was

made to approve the purchase, not to exceed \$2,999. Vote taken, motion passed.

- Stiles reported on the Leadership Kansas application. She received a \$600 scholarship to attend, and the remaining cost is \$900 plus hotel accommodations.
- The course will take place from April–October with classes being held for three days in a different community each month. Stiles said it is a prestigious program and will benefit economic development.
- A motion was made to approve Stiles' attendance in the leadership program. Vote taken, motion passed.
- The Storefront Renewal Project committee meeting date was set for 5:30 p.m. on April 8. Applications are due March 31.
- Stiles reported on the Vietnam Moving Wall, which will come to Norton in September. She asked the board to consider volunteering and said \$10,000 is needed to bring the wall to Norton.
- The next Norton City/County economic Development board meeting will be held on April 13 at the economic development office, located at 133 N. Norton. All meetings are open to the public.

JENNINGS NEWS

By LOUSIE CRESSLER

The Tuesday Study Club traveled to Colby Tuesday and enjoyed lunch at Montana Mike's. After lunch the group went to the home of Jan McCart. They were shown her beautiful display of quilts. Of special interest were her handkerchief quilts. Helen Rhodes, Lila Jennings, Carla Latimer, Pat Hall, Violet Foster, Patty Foster, Sue Long, Lynn Tacha, Merle Snyder, Joan McKenna, Joan Metz, Pat Foster, Neoma Tacha, Rachel Carter and guest Imogene Keenan enjoyed the day.

The Jennings Book Club met at the home of Kathy Nauer Thursday evening. Reviewing the book "Half Broke Horses" by Jeanette Willis were Kathy Nauer, Mary Arnold and her mother, Terri Hanke, Helen Rhodes, Lila Jennings, Lynn Tacha, Carla Latimer, Pat Hall, Violet Foster, Ruth Chance, Patty Foster, Sue Long and Kay Brown.

Kay and Doyle Brown enjoyed the weekend at the home of their son and family, Kent and Robin Brown, Jordan and McKenzie, Estes Park, Colorado. On Saturday they attended McKenzie's basketball game. Sunday afternoon they visited Doyle's sister, Dorothy and Jim Stealy, Denver, Colorado.

Leroy Brown is a patient in the Kearney Hospital, Kearney, Neb. Becky Carter is delivering the Salina Journal for Leroy during his absence.

Pastor Barbara Patterson led Bible Study Sunday evening at the United Methodist Church in Jennings. The study is from "Secrets of the Vine" by Bruce Wilkinson. Those attending were: Rachel Carter, Ruth Chance, Becky Carter, Ken and Julie Carter, Larry and Alice Mizer, Helen Rhodes, Darlene LaRue, Marge Hartzog, Helen Muirhead, Glenda Johnson, and Louise Cressler. The next study was held Sunday evening March 7. Several of Rachel Carter's family were here over the weekend to help with jobs, such

as painting that Rachel needed done about the house. Sunflower Senior Potluck dinner was held

at the Center Tuesday, March 9 at noon. A business meeting was held after the meal.

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NOTICE OF INTENT OF SALE

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TO: Marisyll Yap Deck

NOTICE OF INTENT OF SALE PURSUANT TO K.S.A. 58-2565

NOTICE is hereby given to any person claiming an interest in the 1999 Nissan Maxima abandoned at 610 North Grant, Norton, Kansas that it will be sold after April 26, 2010.

Andy Weskamp, Norton, Kansas

•PUBLIC NOTICE•

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF TOM N. NUTTYCOMB

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS
In the Matter of the Estate of TOM N. NUTTYCOMB, deceased
Case No: 2010-PR-8

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this County by Todd N. Nuttycomb, as an heir of the decedent Tom N. Nuttycomb, praying for the determination of the descent; and you are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before March 23, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. of said day, in said Court, in the City of Norton, in Norton County, Kansas at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

Todd N. Nuttycomb, Petitioner

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LINDA L. NUTTYCOMB

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS
In the Matter of the Estate of LINDA L. NUTTYCOMB, deceased
Case No: 2009-PR-20

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on the 26th day of February, 2010, a Petition for Final Settlement was filed in this Court by Todd N. Nuttycomb, executor, praying for a final settlement of the estate, approval of his acts, proceedings and accounts as executor, allowance for attorney's fees and expenses, and determination of the heirs, devisees and legatees entitled to the estate and assignment to them in accordance with the will of Linda L. Nuttycomb deceased. You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before March 23, 2010 at 2:15 p.m., on such day, in such Court in the City of Norton, in Norton County, at which time and place such cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

Todd N. Nuttycomb, Executor

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