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 "I'm not ashamed of my service. There for a long time, Vietnam vets were," he said.

Eugene Wiltfong also participates every year. He served in an Army infantry unit from 1934-1946. Wiltfong said he was shipped overseas in 1945.

"We were loaded and ready to invade Japan when the atomic bombs were dropped," he said. Wiltfong was part of the 98th and 25th divisions and served as occupational forces when the war ended.

"I'm proud to be a vet," he said.

Jack Ward also served during World War II. He was in the Marines from 1942-1945. He said he tries to participate in Veterans

Day every year.

"I think it's quite important," he said.

"I think we had a nice crowd yesterday," he said.

"I want to thank everyone who participated and everyone who came out," Durham said.

Potluck Supper

A large crowd attended the Veterans Potluck Supper at the American Legion Hall on Wednesday evening.

Featured speakers were World War II veterans Eugene Wiltfong, Norton, and Dale Shearer, Edmond.

Both men were among the World War II veterans in Kansas who recently received no-cost Honors Flights to Washington, D.C. to view the World War II

Memorial along with other historic sights such as the Arlington Cemetery, Iwo Jima Memorial and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

A total of \$86,000 was raised in donations in Kansas to sponsor the flights.

Veterans from the Plainville area who took the flights totaled 102 and 28 of them were in wheel chairs. Twenty-eight students from the Plainville area accompanied those in wheel chairs.

Eugene called the trip "fabulous" and Dale called it "fantastic" and both thanked those responsible for their trip of a lifetime.

A number of local businesses were among the donors.

Programs

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 ness Education Scholarship and Storefront Renewal Project with some revisions.

In an interview after the meeting, Norton City/County Economic Development Director Diane Stiles said the program was successful in 2009.

"This was a very successful program in 2009. The committee will meet to review the guidelines and develop a budget for 2010," she said.

"This is one of the best things we've done," said Donna Foley, board member.

Continued programs include the business directory and business in the spotlight articles. An updated business directory will be printed in January 2011.

In other economic development business:

• Stiles discussed the legislative visit with the board, saying she thinks they made progress. She said the representatives were supportive.

• Stiles also reported on the strategic plan and the visit she and Economic Development Board President Deena Wentz made to Norton Community High School. She said the best way to get youth involved is to develop a project for them to work on, such as an internship program.

• The director reported on the last meeting with the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce. The meeting was to discuss the design plan for 205 S. State Street. Stiles

said the meeting went well and presented the design plan to the board. Members made suggested changes. Stiles will present the changes to the chamber.

• Stiles reported on the progress of construction at the Moffet building.

Paul-Wertenburger Construction had hired a sub-contractor to complete the stucco work but will have to hire another contractor since the work is still not complete.

The windows will be ordered and installed after the stucco work is complete.

The next economic development board meeting will be held Dec. 8 at 5:30 p.m. at 113 N. Norton.

Prison

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 Development director.

Stiles said there are 5,400 people in Norton County and 2,700 in Norton. She called Norton's employer base diverse, saying it makes Norton unique compared to comparable cities.

"We have a lot of opportunities that aren't present in a lot of other communities our size," she said.

Community presenters included George Griffith, Northern Valley Schools superintendent; Greg Mann, Norton Community Schools superintendent; Rich Miller, Norton County Hospital administrator; Gina Frack, Norton County Health Department and Rob Lawson, Norton City administrator.

Griffith reported on the educational programs at Northern Valley, saying there are an estimated 215 students.

He said the student-teacher ratio helps with student success. The students passed state assessments and have made adequate yearly progress.

He also spoke about programs offered, including the preschool and technology programs.

"The preschool program helps give students a jump start," he said.

"For a district of our size, we have a great technology program," he said.

Mann followed Griffith's presentation, saying Norton has 700 students in grades K-12.

He also spoke about the Governor's Achievement Award, saying Eisenhower Elementary School has won the award for the last three years.

"We have been a very successful district," he said.

Sen. Morris asked several questions with both superintendents responding.

"It sounds like you're both doing everything right," Morris said.

Miller presented information about Norton County Hospital, calling it a full service facility. He discussed some of the upgrades, including the new \$2.5 million clinic. Construction will begin soon.

Miller was questioned by the senators about providing health care to the uninsured. He responded by saying they try to provide

care for everyone.

"I hope we're meeting the needs of the community," he said.

Miller discussed the seven practitioners in Norton, saying a new practitioner will begin in internal medicine soon. Morris said he was impressed with the number of doctors.

Frack discussed the history of the health department, saying it began in 1975. There are currently seven full time staff and several part time staff.

She talked about the success of the health department, saying 95 percent of two-year-olds are up to date on their immunizations.

Frack also discussed the differences between health departments in Kansas and Nebraska. She said Norton's health department serves people from neighboring counties, including some people from southern Nebraska. Health departments in Nebraska are regionalized, as opposed to Kansas where there is a health department in every county. She said there is no consistency in health departments, but Norton has been selected to participate in a national accreditation program.

"This is huge. Norton is the voice for rural America, and public health is changing," she said.

Norton County Commissioner John Miller discussed the 18 northwest Kansas counties, saying Norton is one of the only full service health departments.

"The citizens of Norton County are very fortunate," Sen. Morris said.

Lawson gave the final presentation on the city. He discussed renovations to the water and sewer plants.

"We're turning out better water today than we ever have," he said.

After the presentations, the legislators participated in tours of Natoma, Valley Hope and Kansas Department of Transportation before taking the tour of Norton Correctional Facility.

Warden Jay Shelton said the facility houses 710 medium and minimum security inmates. He estimated Ellsworth has 800 and El Dorado has 1,300.

The facility has done several upgrades lately including a new water tower and dining hall. Shelton said the new dining area

will allow for more safety and will prevent inmates from doubling up on meals.

He said that has been a problem, especially on weekends when cheeseburgers are served.

The tour ended with a stop at the Wheels for the World and Bicycles for Youngsters facility. Wheels for the World was started in 2004 as a way to motivate inmates to practice responsible behavior.

Up to 14 inmates are employed, and they refurbish wheelchairs. After they are repaired, wheelchairs are shipped to one of 54 developing countries.

Bicycles for Youngsters employs six inmates for bicycle repair. They are distributed to less fortunate children through nonprofits.

"Inmates take a lot of pride in their work," said Assistant Warden Joel Hrabec.

At the end of the tour, Sen. Morris said he was glad he visited Norton because it gave him better information about the town.

"I'm impressed," he said.



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JENNINGS NEWS

Several from Jennings attended the United Methodist Charge Conference held in Oberlin Sunday afternoon.

Word was received here that Rev. Glenn Krebs, WaKeeney, had gall bladder surgery last week. We pray he will recover quickly.

Pat Hall is feeling better. She had some health problems after having a stent put in. Violet Foster will go to Texas next week. She is to have eye surgery again.

Dorothy Jones has been entertaining the shingles for several weeks now. Shingles are a painful thing to have and we wish her well.

The City Council met Thursday evening with four council members present. Mark Carter was absent. Several items were

discussed. We will put a valve and fire plug at the water tower. Right now there is a gate at the bottom of the tower which has to be opened to drain the tower. Maguire Iron will be contacted to do this work.

Trees were trimmed at the City Park. Tin will be purchased for the roof of the restrooms. Trimming of trees hanging over into the streets was discussed. Norton Correctional will be contacted to see if we might get the men to do this for us. They have done a lot of work in the past for us. Santa's arrival in Jennings will be December 12th. Lions Club and council work together on this. Water meters will be read on November 20th weather permitting.

Reminders: Hunters Breakfast, Masonic Hall, Nov. 14, 6-9 a.m. Hunter's Supper, United Method-

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1963 International Farmall 706, Standard, Diesel, Dual Hyd., 18.4X34 Tires, 3,654 Hrs., S.N. 2188 w/ Dual Loader

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FARM EQUIPMENT & MACHINERY

John Deere 530 Baler, S.N. 639828; Simpson Model 615 Farm Sprayer, 40' Boom, 500 Gal. Tank; Flex King 4X5 Sweep w/ Treaders; Sunflower 3X5 Sweep w/ Treaders; Sunflower 20' Offset Disc; Otter 9' Dozer; International 150 Hoe Drill, 16X10, w/ Carrier; International 150 Hoe Drill, 16X12; International Hoe Drill for Parts; JD LB Grain Drill, 16X10; Crustbuster 24' Springtooth; New Holland Side Delivery Rake; 20' Pickup Reel; 3-Pt. Back Blade; Versatile 8X30 Grain Auger, P.T.O.; 4X21 Grain Auger, Briggs & Stratton Eng.; Powder River Squeeze Chute; 3-Pt. Post Hole Digger; Gas Eng., Post Hole Digger; 3-Pt. Bale Carrier; 3-Pt. Bale Roller; Loader Bale Spear; Drill Fill Auger; Bush Hog Mower, 5'; Round Bale Trailer; Round Bale Feeder; Ford Dump Rake; Ford Sweep; Ford 2 Bottom Plow; Tumble Bug; Horse Drawn Lister; Machinery For Iron

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

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