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(Continued from Page 1) 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.

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(Continued from Page 1) "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 Almerna 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 LOUISIE 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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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 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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