



Kevin and Joy Sides, Almena, (above) along with their two sons Riley and Bailey and a nephew, Trey, settle into the back of a long, white limousine as they begin an all-expense paid weekend to Wichita courtesy of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Mrs. Sides (below) loads her luggage into the trunk of the limo driven by Ken Witzel of Wichita.

—Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts

## Shots take family to the zoo

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In October KDHE held a drawing. Twelve families would win an all-expense paid weekend vacation trip to the Wichita Zoo. Norton County had one of the lucky families drawn to take advantage of this trip.

Each winning family could take five individuals. They would be taken to Wichita by limousine.

Mr. and Mrs. Sides, their two sons Riley, 5, Bailey, 2, and a nephew, Trey, 5, left Almena in a white, stretch limousine on Friday and returned Sunday.

As the Sides family was getting into the limo one of their friends who had gathered to see them off said, "This reminds me of Oprah."

Mrs. Sides, who owns and operates Body Essentials Beauty Salon said, "We're just going to have fun."

The limo driver, Ken Witzel of Wichita, drove to Almena Friday morning.

He asked if there was somewhere in Almena to get gas. He



was a little surprised to learn, though, that he couldn't use his credit card.

The Norton County Health Dept. encourages all parents to get their children vaccinated against preventable diseases. The depart-

ment is participating in the KDHE event again this year.

Call the Norton County Health Department if you have questions about immunizations or would like to set up an appointment for your child. The phone number is (785) 877-5745.

## Pharmacy gets new dispensing system

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Ms. Elling said the pharmacy is implementing a new medication dispensing system called Pyxis, which is similar to the previous system, making it a fairly easy transition. They went live with the system in February. As for Dairyland, the hospital's new information system, the pharmacy went live at the end of March, she said. Dairyland communicates with Pyxis, automatically charging patients for their medication. It's all going fairly well, she said.

Ms. Cuthbertson said the information system department just finished the pharmacy, which was probably the biggest application

of the Dairyland system they have had to do. Before going live with pharmacy, the bookkeeping department had to key in each medication. The new system is much more accurate and less time-consuming, she said. Next, she said, they will be working on clinical documentation, meaning everything the nurses do now on paper will be done on computer. But, she said, they are taking it slow and have a lot to do before it is finished. They will also be working on interfacing the time-keeping network with Dairyland, so that it will go directly to payroll.

- Bought a auto laparoscope for \$4,735 for the surgery department.

Mr. Gilhousen asked how many procedures were done with the equipment in a year. Mr. Miller said at a guess, he would say 8 to 10 a year.

- Accepted a bid from Weathercraft Roofing for \$4,433 to replace a roof at the hospital that has been leaking.

- Heard from Mr. Miller that the hospital is working with the Dale and Helen Stevenson Trust on setting up a scholarship. The trust is giving the hospital \$20,000, which will be used over 10 years for one scholarship a year.

- Held a 30-minute closed session to discuss non-elected personnel.

## Hospital looks at key person insurance

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executive officers and other officers if something should happen, like death or disability. The quote Mr. Miller got would cover the hospital for \$200,000.

Mr. Gilhousen said that was pretty low, when talking about key persons insurance. He asked Mr. Miller to get quotes for \$300,000 and \$400,000 and also to get a quote for disability insurance.

- Were given employee salary adjustments to look at. The salary adjustments will be voted on at the May 17 meeting.

- Approved medical credentials for Dr. Raymond Hansen with

Great Plains Radiology.

- Learned the hospital is working with Coventry Insurance to get something set up so that the insurance can be used at the hospital.

- Heard that the architect has looked at the physical therapy de-

partment and asked if the conference area and board room could be moved to where physical therapy is now and then move physical therapy into the larger space. The architect thought it might be a cheaper way to do the renovation.

## County gets road report

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the next couple of weeks.

- Spoke with Mr. Brannan about mower tractors. He said the tractors are being inspected for the mowing season. One tractor has

been finished, he said, and two are being worked on in the shop. Two applications, he said, have been accepted already for extra summer help. Another two will be hired in May.

## AT THE SENIOR CENTER:

Here is the Norton Senior Center menu for the Month of May (you may want to tack this up in a handy place for quick reference):

- **Tuesday, May 2** — chicken and noodles, peas, mashed potatoes, dinner roll, peaches.
- Wednesday, May 3** — BBQ pork sandwich, potato salad, green beans, bun or bread, citrus slices.
- Thursday, May 4** — ham/scalloped potato casserole, glazed carrots, bread, pineapple in jello.
- Friday, May 5** — bierock casserole, herbed tomato bake, cinnamon apple slices, cook's choice complement.

- **Monday, May 8** — cook's choice entree, winter mix veg's, pears, bread, crisp rice treat.
- Tuesday, May 9** — mac and cheese w/ smokies, peas and carrots, straw-

berries and bananas, bread, bar cookie. **Wednesday, May 10** — paprika chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, corn, bread, peach cobbler. **Thursday, May 11** — hamburger w/tomato and lettuce, hash brown casserole, cantaloupe, bun, pudding. **Friday, May 12** — chili, 4 fruit compote, crackers, cinnamon roll.

- **Monday, May 15** — hamburger gravy, mixed veg's, Harvard beets, biscuits, tropical fruit. **Tuesday, May 16** — hotturkey sandwich, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, bread, applesauce gelatin salad.

**Wednesday, May 17** — beef stroganoff, Italian blend veg's, cottage cheese salad, noodles or rice, fruit mix. **Thursday, May 18** — pork roast, steamed cabbage, carrots and onions, mandarin oranges, bread, birthday cake. **Friday, May 19** — baked spaghetti, spinach cheese salad, corn, bread sticks, pears.

*Menu subject to change. Requested contribution, \$2.50 per meal, checks payable to Homestead Nutrition Project. Guests under 60 must pay full cost of meal, \$4.50 at the site. Home delivered meal \$4.75.*

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 <b>910 WESTRIDGE — FRONT VIEW</b>	4 Bedrooms 3 Baths Walk-Out Basement Beautiful Landscape Double Garage CH/CA	 <b>910 WESTRIDGE — BACK VIEW</b>	
 <b>406 W. WAVERLY</b>	2 Bedrooms Eat-in Kitchen Living Room Full Finished Basement Rec Room Large Oversized New Garage	 <b>708 VAN HORN — ALMENA</b>	Newer 3 Bedroom Living Room Eat-in Kitchen Finished Basement Rec Room with Lots of Storage Good Location Large Rear Deck
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