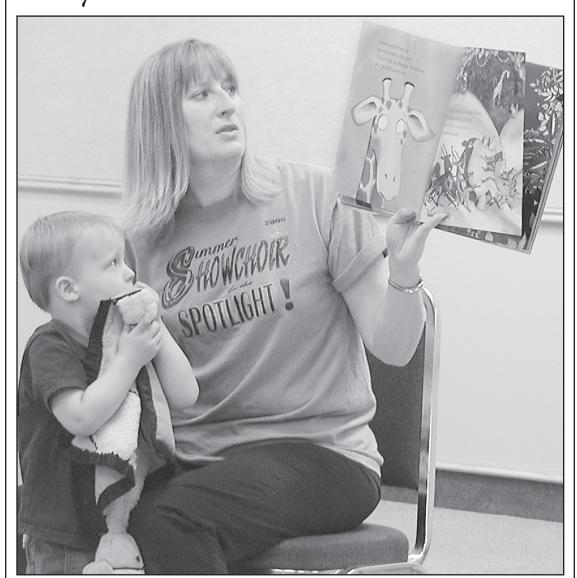
All eyes and ears



Cindy Mordecai reads to the younger children during story hour. Her son Traven and the other children enjoyed the hour, which included several stories and a song. Story hour was held Thursday at the Norton Public Library.

- Telegram photo by Erica Bradley

Nursing school expansion aired

By ERICA BRADLEY

ebradley@nwkansas.com The Norton County Hospital Board discussed the Colby Community College nursing school expansion at its monthly April meeting.

Jean Ann Wilson, school coordinator. said she is hoping to expand the program to 30 students. There are currently 18 students in the program. She would also need to add another classroom.

Mrs. Wilson said the students are sitting three to a table in one classroom. The students are in the cussion on the nursing program classroom 32 hours per week, and it is a little over-crowded.

"I've wanted to expand for a long time."

When Mrs. Wilson began teaching in the program more than 30 years ago, there were only 12 students. The current space is really only designed to handle 12 students, Mrs. Wilson said.

at a hospital. This prevents the director of nursing; Krista Van program from expanding to a downtown building.

"We are looking at plans to renovate near the hospital or build a new facility within close proximity to the hospital," Norton County Hospital Chief Financial Officer Ryan Stover said.

Mr. Stover said the hospital benefits from the program because it gets nurses after they graduate.

"The hospital has been very good to us," Mrs. Wilson said.

The hospital board heard disexpansion during their meeting. They also addressed other issues including:

• Each department's policy and procedures have been undergoing review during the past year. In March, Shirley Weisz, RN, provided review and consultation. Each supervisor has been Community Connection Award. State regulations require that of trustees. This week, Alice Kansas Hospital Association. nursing students study onsite Hawks, dietary; Julie Campbell,

Diest, pharmacy; Jan Volgamore, physical therapy and Jennifer Wildeman, obstetrics, reviewed what they have done during the past year. The motion carried unanimously to approve the policies presented.

•An off-site data backup proposal was presented as part of the disaster recovery plan. The hospital is currently backing up all data to ensure it is protected and can be recovered in the event of a disaster. Nex-Tech and Unitrends submitted proposals. The Unitrends proposal was accepted, motion carried, by the board due to Unitrends relationship with Healthland. Data storage will be guaranteed.

• The Norton County Hospital's water aerobics program has been named the district winner of the scheduled to meet with the board The award is sponsored by the

Almena's Junior Pride reports busy year

Pride is just finishing up their year School were well attended. 2008-09 with this month's meeting. During the past year they have been able to help the senior Pride with the pancake supper and the ice cream social. They have had several projects on their own.

The welcome to Almena signs on 383 are a plus to our town as well as their murals on the south only junior Pride in Kansas with side of the Prairie Dog Press and painting the front of the football stadium. There have been 14 between the school and the comyoung people involved and their munity. meetings on the third Wednesday

The outgoing officers are Hutch Gehrke, president, Skyler Harris, vice-president first semester, Hansemester, Tyler Montgomery, secretary and Mike Callaway, treasurer.

We are very lucky to have the one activity period at school for meetings. This is a good bridge

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The Almena Community Junior of each month at Northern Valley lon, Eldo Graham and George Griffith, school superintendent. New officers will take office the first of June. They are proud and have been able to contribute to the nah Hawks, vice-president second Post Prom and a memorial for a deceased member.

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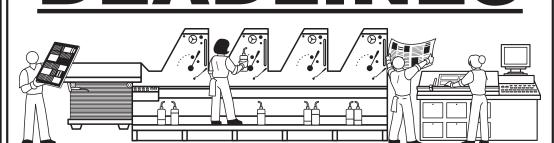
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