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### **SPC Crosbyton Extension Center slates ribbon cutting**

CROSBYTON – South Plains College and the Crosbyton Community Technology and Economic Development Center recently hosted a press conference and ribbon cutting. The newly-completed campus is located at 206 Aspen St. in Crosbyton.

“This marks the completion of the vision of that began several years ago of making the Levelland campus the hub of a wheel and the spokes lead to the extension centers” said Dr. Kelvin Sharp, president of SPC.

Sharp referred to a collaboration involving Jim Walker, dean of Continuing and Distance Education, and Marla Cottenoir, dean of Health Occupations, who worked to create the extension centers in rural cities with hospitals within the 15-county SPC service area. The completion of the SPC Crosbyton Extension Center adds the fourth and last spoke of the metaphorical wheel, he said.

“The idea was based on a model that was used by the North Carolina Education System,” said Walker. “We tried to connect the rural community hospitals with nursing education. Through the course we offer, people can get certifications allowing them to work in the medical field, make a living and provide income for their families.”

Walker said that the downturn in the economy will help enrollment to grow. SPC Crosbyton Extension Center will be offering a variety of courses in the spring to utilize the hi-tech classroom.

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