

Development council approves Denver trade show

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Sherman County Economic Development Council members questioned the value of having a person attend trade shows out of the area, but did agree to allow Helen Dobbs, office manager, to attend one in Denver in January.

Steve West, vice-chairman of the council, said he had some issues with spending money to have someone attend trade shows.

Council member Nancy Cole said she felt they should allow Dobbs to attend the one in Denver because she felt it was a closer fit than the ones in Wichita or Kansas City.

Council member Jerry Fairbanks asked what goes on at the trade shows.

Dobbs said they are trade and sportsman shows. She said the booth is sponsored by Northwest Travel Council. She said a lot of the people who come to the booth start talking about hunting and go on to what is available in northwest Kansas.

She said there are two or three who man the booth on a four-hour shift.

Council member Larry Keirns asked if Dobbs could isolate results from the trade shows.

"If they contact us I could know something directly," Dobbs said, "but we do not

have a really good tracking system."

Council member Danny Archer asked if all the people who man the booth come from Goodland.

Dobbs said Donna Price of the Sherman County Convention and Visitors Bureau would go along with others from northwest Kansas.

Council member Mike Cochran said he felt the Denver trade show would be the best for our area.

West asked council member Walt Linthacum his opinion and he said he felt Denver was the best.

West asked council member Shelley

Thompson and she said thought Denver might be beneficial.

Dave Daniels, city commissioner and ex-officio member of the council, asked if the council was focusing on a tourism project on an economic development program. He said he felt it would make more sense if they were going to a show where people were looking for sites to locate businesses.

"That is why I ask that question," Fairbanks said. "I would like to have more information about what our objective is and who is going to be there."

West asked for a consensus and Archer

made a motion to allow Dobbs to go to Denver. He said he would like to see some results about who she has talked to during the show.

Marcia Weaver, who was elected to fill a vacancy on the council, said she had been involved in economic development efforts for 22 years, and was at many trade shows.

"I can say from my experience the successful contacts will come from the least likely place," she said.

The council unanimously approved the motion to allow Dobbs to go to the trade show in Denver.

Colby mother faces challenge after birth, death of husband

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A young Colby mother faces the challenge of raising her child by herself since her husband died of cancer earlier this month at age 23.

Samantha Rhodig, now 19, said she came from Texas as a fifth grader with her mother and family to live with her grandmother, Cathy Brown.

She described herself as a care-free and happy teenager when she met Dustin Rhodig, "the boy of her dreams." They fell in love. Like many young people, they dated, had fun and dreamed of a future together.

A growth had developed on Dustin's leg as a youngster, she said, but doctors thought it as "a growth spur." They gave it no further thought.

When he was 22, Samantha said, he was out running when a car that seemingly came out of nowhere

hit him.

The trauma from the accident apparently activated a tumor at the exact spot where the supposed growth spur had been located, she said.

The tumor grew quickly, and he was soon diagnosed with bone cancer.

The future looked uncertain for the young couple.

Dustin learned that if he kept his leg, he might have only six to eight months to live, but that if they could amputate it, he would have a year or two.

Dustin underwent chemo and radiation, she said, but the effects of treatment took their toll on his blood count. And with a low blood count, surgery was no longer an option.

Through time-consuming decisions and doctors' appointments, the young couple had to put off marriage, she said, although Dustin desperately wanted to have a child.

Samantha became pregnant, and they waited together for the birth of what they learned was to be a

son. They were married and began counting the days for the baby to arrive.

Dustin's health continued to deteriorate, though, and he chose to spend his days at home to be near his wife and the baby. She stayed by his side 24 hours a day, seven days a week to care for him.

Dustin tried to hang on to see his son, she said, but that was not to be. He died at home on Nov. 10.

Samantha faced the end of her pregnancy with her grandmother by her side. Dustin II was born Dec. 16 with his daddy's dark hair and eyes, a mere 36 days after his father died.

Samantha says she's doing fine. She said she gets her strength to face each day from the dreams she and Dustin had for their son, and from her family, her friends and her faith in God.

She said wants to enter the nursing field and hopes to enroll in a certified nurse aide course in the fall if she can find the money.



New mother, Samantha Rhodig admired her 6-day-old son, Dustin Rhodig II as she contemplated plans for their future. The baby's father and namesake died of cancer Nov. 10.

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Colby college gets grant to buy Ford farm tractor

Students studying agriculture at the Colby Community College had a new tractor help them this last semester thanks, in part, to grant from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation.

The brand new 100-horsepower Ford New Holland arrived in June, Colledge foundation director Nick Wells said, and the students and teachers started using it almost immediately.

"We've gotten great use out of it," he said.

The new tractor has front wheel assist with a full bucket and grapple fork, which helps in moving large round bales, Wells said. This helps with safety, he said, since moving the big bales can be dangerous.

The money to help buy the new tractor came at an excellent time, Wells said, because the transmission on the old tractor gave out the same week the

\$45,000 grant came through.

The new tractor has proved a hit with the students in the beef and horse programs, he said. Last semester the school had about 20 students in its horse program and 25 in the beef program.

The tractor was purchased locally, he said, through Dougherty

Implement, which is now Farm Implement and Supply. However, the local dealer did not have what the college needed in stock, so the tractor was shipped in from a Plainville dealership, Wells said.

The old tractor, a 1975 John Deere 40-20, has not been put out to pasture, however. It's in the process of

being rebuilt so the college should soon have two tractors.

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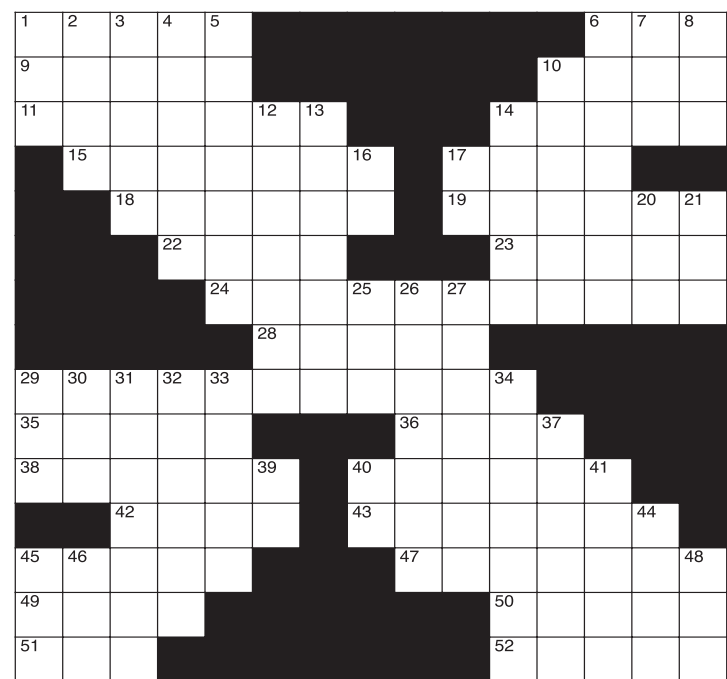
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ONCOLOGY/HEMATOLOGY	Martin Rubinowitz, M.D.	January 6
OPHTHALMOLOGIST	Brian Joondeph, M.D.	January 21
OPHTHALMOLOGIST	David Pfoff, M.D.	January 12, 19 & 26
OPHTHALMOLOGIST	Ronald Wise, M.D.	January 16
OPHTHALMOLOGIST**	Eric Fry, M.D.	January 8
OPHTHALMOLOGIST**	William Clifford, M.D.	January 9
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ORTHOPEDIST	James Holmes, M.D.	January 26
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ORTHOPEDIST	Raj Bazaz, M.D.	January 12
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Crossword Puzzle



- CLUES ACROSS**
- Athenian philosopher
 - Basics
 - _____d: praise greatly
 - Processes leather
 - Matured beyond
 - Access to pressured air space
 - Women's undergarment
 - Co-tangent (abbr.)
 - Island in the Firth of Clyde
 - Spectacle locations
 - Public executioners
 - Cain and _____
 - Mexican shawl
 - Large artillery
 - Gambling town
 - Source of chocolate
 - Trash container
 - Playful harassment
 - About an EMT
 - Seaport in Finland
 - 6th Jewish month
 - In an arched manner
 - The highest points
 - Dressed
 - Overhung
 - Soft and sticky
 - Of an empty sink
 - Float on the water
 - Reap (Spanish)
 - Grey sea eagle
 - Enlighten
- CLUES DOWN**
- Public TV
 - Wife of Jacob
 - Assumed name
 - Manila hemp
 - Point midway between N and E
 - Atomic #89
 - No (Scottish)
 - Drunkard
 - A citizen of Thailand
 - Fled from confinement
 - More bead-like
 - Vinyl paint polymer
 - Jack P_____: talk show host
 - Nocturnal masked mammal
 - GWTW's Mr. Wilkes
 - S.E. Asian peninsula
 - Mammalian enzyme
 - Counted on
 - 36 inches (abbr.)
 - Blood group
 - Grey faced shrew
 - People who cannot hear
 - Gaborone airport code
 - Relevant to us
 - Not wet

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