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## Group applies for transportation grant

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A group of community leaders worked on a plan to make Colby more accessible to walkers and bikers Thursday afternoon. “It needs to be about how to get people from point A to point B by either walking or biking,” said Sue Evans, a representative of the Thomas County Healthy Com-

munities Coalition.

About a dozen people, mostly from the city government and other community leaders, came to a meeting Thursday at the Pioneer Memorial Library. Evans and Megan Carmichael, another representative of the coalition, planned the meeting to help prepare an application for federal money from the Transportation Enhancement Program.

Evans said the application is due Fri-

day, Feb. 15, with the Kansas Department of Transportation. She said they haven’t figured the maximum cost for the project, but the city would have to cover 20 percent, plus all the design and planning costs.

The city council will vote on whether to go forward with the application Tuesday night.

Evans and Carmichael got permission to plan the project at a City Council meet-

ing Dec. 18. Evans told the council this is a reimbursement program, similar to a grant except that Colby would get as much money as it needs for its project, not a predetermined amount. They pointed out that the city won the \$250,000 Safe Routes to School grant from the department last fall.

Everyone at the meeting gathered around two tables, one for walkers and one for bikers, with maps of Colby spread

out on them.

They used colored tabs to mark out where they would trust their children to play, and where they go for weekend outings, where they eat and where they shop. With markers, they drew the routes they would take between home, work and leisure activities.

“This is really helpful just listening to

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## Museum plans open house for new exhibit

The Prairie Museum of Art and History in Colby is inviting everyone to an open house and reception to mark the opening of an exhibit spanning 75 years and featuring hundreds of familiar faces and businesses throughout Thomas County.

The come-and-go opening will take place from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday in the Garvey Educational Room at the museum, 1905 S. Franklin. Light hors d’oeuvres and drinks will be served.

The “Way We Worked” exhibit began as a brainchild of Farmers and Merchants Bank in 1937, when the bank was celebrating its 50th anniversary. The president of the bank at that time, August Lauterbach, hired Verney Kear, a Colby photographer and founder of a tourist attraction, Sod Town, to travel the streets of Colby and photograph the town’s businesses. “Mr. Lauterbach realized the

importance of documenting the businesses and the people who worked in them,” said Sue Taylor, museum director. “The album became a treasured collectible, a record of iconic photographs that continues to serve as a historically accurate educational tool for local historians and academics.”

In 1974, the album of about 190 black-and-white photographs from 1937 was donated by C.M. “Mose” Miller, president of F&M Bank at the time, to the museum, which fostered the inspiration for the “Way We Worked” exhibit.

The Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce and Colby Convention and Visitors Bureau partnered with the museum to once again document business – men and – women throughout the county.

“Now, more than 300 photos are

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## Man dies in crash Saturday night

A carload of young women, all apparently Colby Community College students, went off the road on K-123 south of Dresden late Friday night and rolled, sending the driver to a Wichita hospital and a passenger to the hospital in Hoxie.

The crash was one of two in the same general area over the weekend. Saturday night, a compact pickup carrying two Colorado brothers went off the road about a mile south of Leoville on K-223, a spur route connecting K-23 and K-383. The driver, who was not wearing a seat belt, was killed.

The second wreck occurred just a little more than 24 hours after the first and about three miles away by road.

The first accident came about 11:30 p.m. Friday, when a car carrying the five young women went off the road and rolled. Trooper

John Gizzarelli reported that the driver was eastbound on K-123. That is near where the road makes a sharp 90-degree turn to go north to Dresden. The curve, in Sheridan County, is about a mile east of K-23, the road to Hoxie, and a mile south of the Decatur County line.

Chuck Harms of ASC Towing in Oberlin worked both wrecks. He said the accident with the Colby women happened at the curve, adding that he thought it might have involved excessive speed.

Trooper Gizzarelli could not be reached for comment. None of the hospitals contacted could confirm any of the patients’ being there. He reported that the women were in a 2013 Toyota Corolla. The car rolled after going off the right side of the road about four miles south

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## College teacher receives tech grant

Colby Community College biology instructor Heidi Bulfer has received one of seven \$5,500 Vernier/National Science Teachers Association technology awards given each year.

Vernier designs software and technology for public-school and college science classes. Only one of the seven grants is awarded to a college, so Colby was the only post-secondary institution chosen.

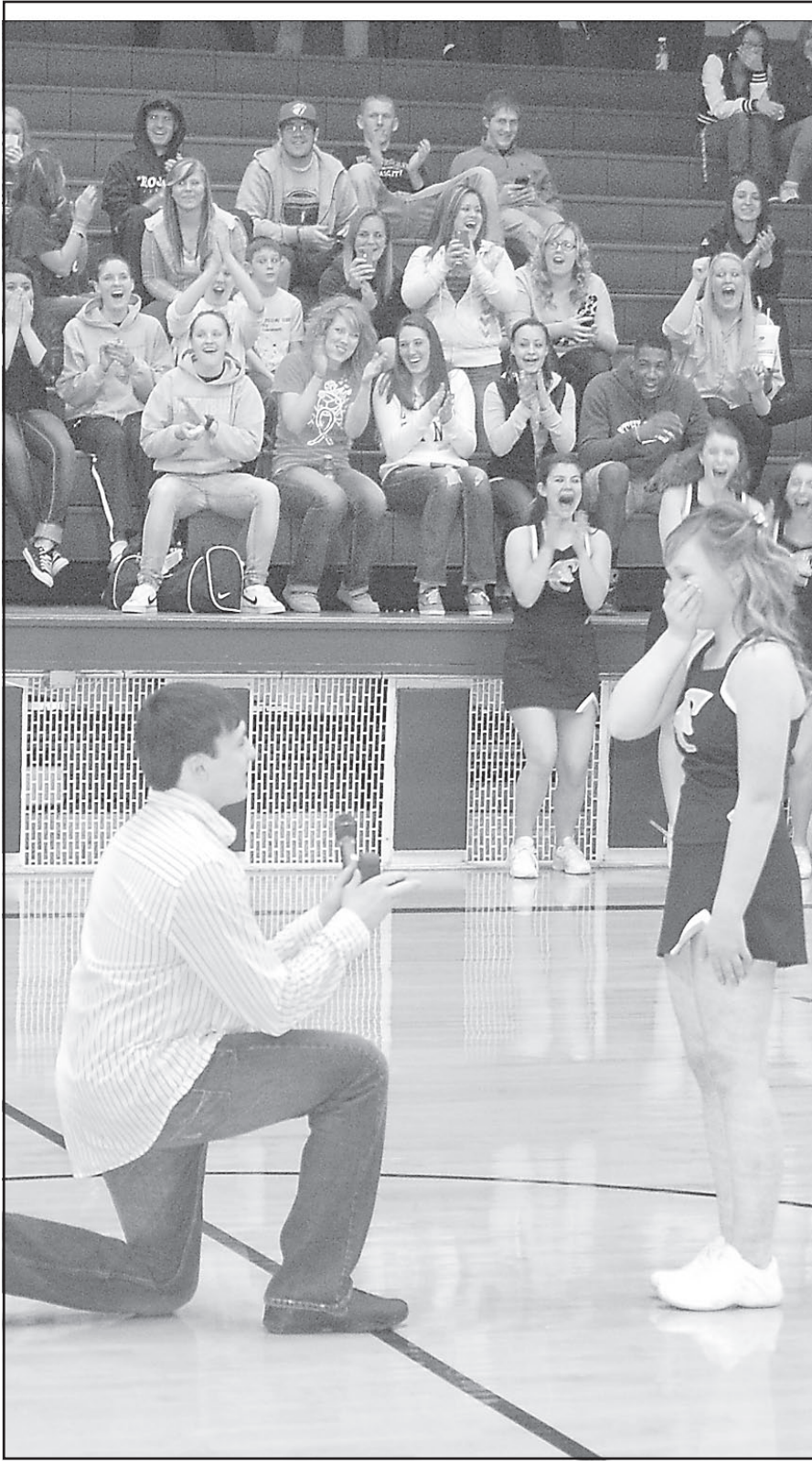
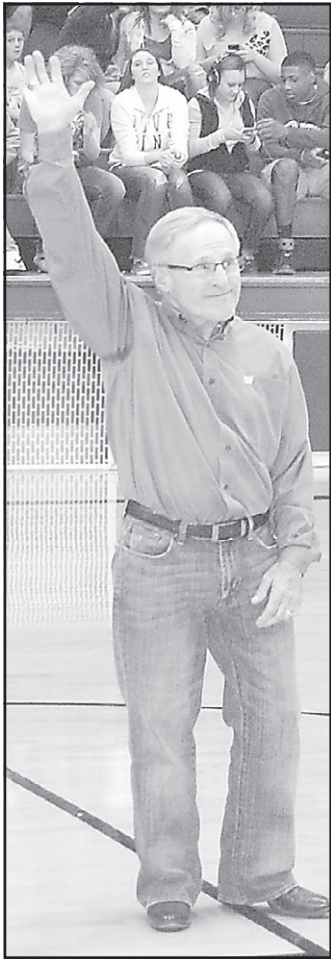
The award includes \$3,000 to buy Vernier technology products for the school, \$1,500 for a trip to the association’s national Con-

ference to receive the award, and \$1,000 for the teacher. Bulfer said she will be attending the 2013 conference Thursday through Sunday, April 11 to 14, in San Antonio, Texas.

“I started working on the grant application in August and was just recently notified that we were chosen,” said Bulfer. “I plan to buy six sets of data-collection technology for students to use during laboratory activities. The ... technology allows for quick data collection displayed on a user-friendly graphical interface.”

Bulfer said the programs will

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## Homecoming's surprise ending

Colby Community College students (above left) enjoyed a bonfire on campus Thursday night as part of Homecoming week activities. Former wrestling coach Steve Lampe (above) waved at the crowd Saturday night while being inducted into the new Sports Hall of Fame at the Community Building. Mallorie Salmans and Kris Rolle (below) were crowned Homecoming King and Queen that night during halftime of the men's basketball game, and cheerleader Kayla Weber (below left) of Colby was surprised during halftime with a proposal by her boyfriend, Jacob Thompson of Colby, also a cheerleader. Oh, yeah; she said “yes.”

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