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Snow storm expected to hit Kansas

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With a forecast for a foot or more of snow and possible near-blizzard conditions tonight and Saturday, events around town are being postponed in anticipation of another powerful winter storm this weekend.

Despite sunny skies this morning, the National Weather Service predicted a 100

percent chance of rain and snow tonight and heavy snow Saturday. Between eight and 14 inches was expected in Thomas County.

"It's pretty confident that we'll get some snow and that the snow amounts will be significant," said Scott Mentzer, meteorologist in charge of the Goodland weather station.

Mentzer said he was not as sure of the exact amounts, adding that the service is trying to refine the predictions. He did say

that the wind will be at its strongest Saturday afternoon, when it should hit 20 in 30 mph.

The annual "Bowl for Kids' Sake," a bowling tournament to raise money for Big Brothers Big Sisters, has been postponed to 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. next Saturday, March 30. It had been scheduled for this weekend at Colby Bowl and Fun Center. Orvella Romine, director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Thomas County, suggested that teams show up 15 minutes early.

Two Easter egg hunts were postponed until March 30 as well.

The College Drive Assembly of God scheduled its hunt from 1 p.m. to 2:30, and the Kiwanis Club scheduled a hunt for 10 a.m. Saturday at Fike Park. Both will be at the same times the following week.

Farm and Ranch Realty postponed an auction for two weeks, until 9:30 a.m. Saturday, April 6.

The Colby Home and Better Living

show, sponsored by KXXX Radio, will not be postponed, however.

"As of right now, we're a go," said Sacha Sanguinetti, general manager of KXXX. "We've had these things in blizzards in the past."

The show is scheduled to run all weekend at the Community Building, and Sanguinetti added that it will go on as planned as long as the roads stay open.

School board will hold special meeting

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At its regular meeting Monday, the Colby School Board agreed to hold a special meeting to choose a company to upgrade heating, cooling and ventilation and other equipment to save on energy costs.

"These are proposals from companies to complete the facilities upgrade," Superintendent Terrel Harrison said later. She said three companies are competing to upgrade school buildings, adding that she could not say which companies. She said the district's facilities committee would make a recommendation to the board on which one to use. Because the requests for

qualifications were not all due until Wednesday at 4 p.m., Harrison said, the board decided to have a special meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, a week after its regular monthly meeting.

Harrison said in January the district could spend up to \$1.2 million to fix the aging heating and cooling systems in its buildings and add other energy-saving upgrades.

The board hired the firm 360 Energy Engineers to do a \$15,000 audit of the buildings in October. At its January meeting, the board passed a resolution to raise the capital outlay levy to pay for possible improvements.

The firm told the school board

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College squad updates trustees

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Colby Community College trustees heard a report Monday from the baseball team, which is leading the league in the Jayhawk West conference with a 9-3 record.

Coach Ryan Carter brought 33 players to the meeting (one was missing) and his two assistant coaches, Sean Lydon and Jerry Hildreth, to discuss the team's season so far.

He said the Trojans are halfway through their season, which is 56 games not including playoffs, and have an overall record of 17-6. For the second time in his 15 years as

coach, Carter said, the team is receiving votes in the national polls.

"We're trying not to let that go to our heads..." he said, "but we're on a roll and these guys have worked really hard."

In the fall, the team's grade average was 3.3, the coach said. The team's ultimate goal is to win the West and hopefully win the region to earn its first berth to the Junior College World Series in Grand Junction, Colo.

The players then introduced themselves, telling their class, what they're majoring in and where they're from.

The trustees thanked the men for coming to the meeting and

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Special photo section inserted in paper

The Way We Worked section, featuring photographs from an exhibit that was on display at the Prairie Museum of Art and History in February, has been inserted into today's Colby Free Press.

Extra copies will be sold at the museum and the Free Press for \$3, with \$2 going to the museum from each sale.

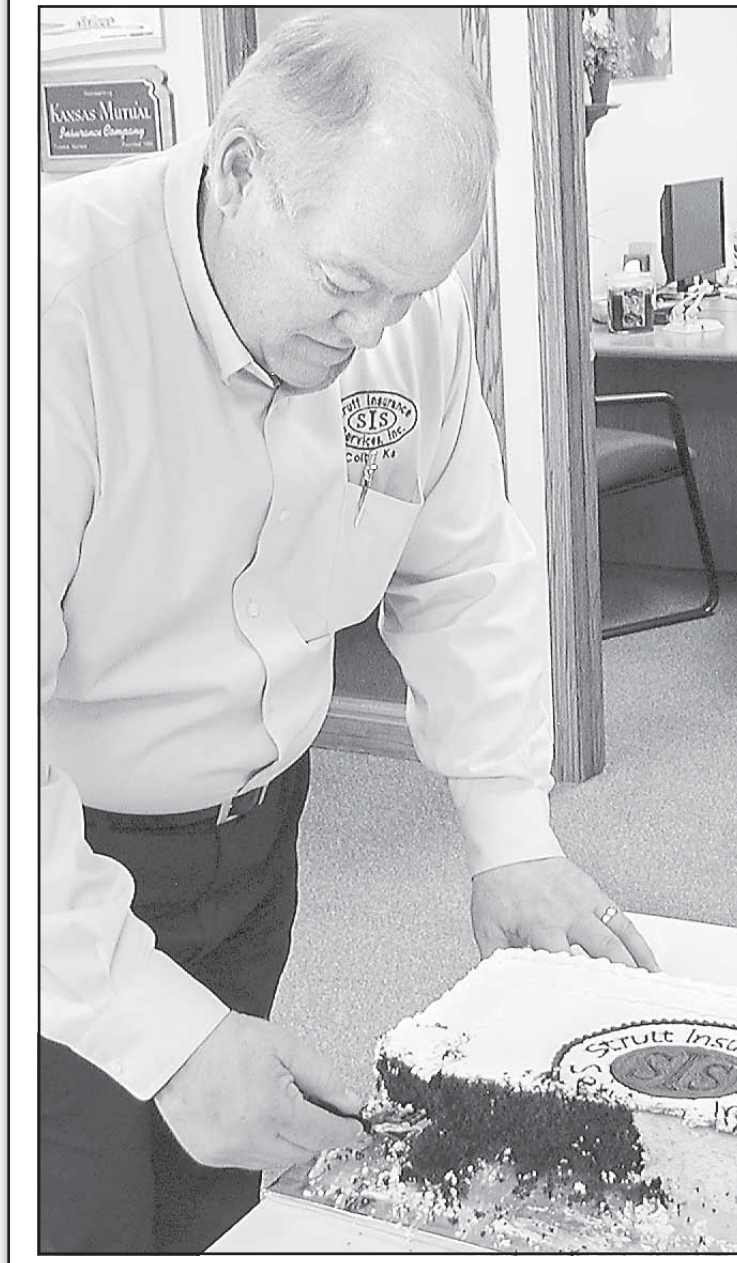
The section showcases long-standing businesses of Thomas County as they have changed through time as well as new businesses of the 21st century.

In 1937, the president of Farm-

ers and Merchants Bank built a photographic collection of businesses in celebration of the bank's 50th anniversary. The museum's participation in the Kansas Humanities Council's Way We Worked in Kansas initiative and a \$2,000 grant inspired the museum to put together photos of today's businesses and combine them with those from 1937 to create The Way We Worked.

The Way We Worked exhibit closed on Feb. 27, but the section will give everyone a chance to see the photographs in the comfort of his or her own home.

For information, call the museum at 460-4590 or the Free Press at 462-3963.



Insurance company holds open house

Darvin Strutt (left), owner of Strutt Insurance Services, dished out cake at the company's open house Wednesday. The firm, formerly F&M Insurance Store and Cersovsky Insurance, now occupies a new, larger office at 1675 W. Fourth St. Darryl Henry (above left) spoke with Lon Frahm Thursday at the monthly Business after Five event, organized by the Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce. It was also held at Strutt Insurance Services, where Melissa Stramel (below, from left), Jim McLaughlin and Todd Stramel talked.

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