

Weather

Deaths mount in Illinois storms today

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The tornadoes were spawned by a powerful storm system that blew down from the Rockies on Tuesday and was headed across the Ohio and Tennessee river valleys toward the Mid-Atlantic region.

Corey Mead, lead forecaster at the U.S. Storm Prediction Center in Norman, Okla., said a broad cold front was slamming into warm, humid air over much of the eastern half of the nation.

From Tuesday night into Wednesday morning, at least 16 tornado sightings were reported from Nebraska and Kansas across southern Missouri to Illinois and Kentucky, according to the storm center, an arm of the National Weather Service.

Jennifer Verhaalen, a long-term resident at the Hillbilly Inn Motel in downtown Branson, said she saw a white funnel cloud fol-

lowed by a wall of rain as the storm closed in on the town around 1 a.m.

Across the road, a strip mall lay in tatters, its roof missing and several walls collapsed. As the sun rose Wednesday, business owners picked through the remains of their stores.

Keith and Glenna Bartley, tourists from Kingsport, Tenn., said staff at the Grand Victorian Hotel where they were staying ushered them to the basement around 1:30 a.m.

Farther north, rescue crews waited for sunrise to begin searching a trailer park south of Buffalo where at least one person was killed after an apparent twister slammed the area.

Lt. Dana Eagan of the Dallas County Sheriff's Office said 13 people at the park were hurt and the entire town was without power. Buffalo is about 35 miles north of Springfield.

Tornado season normally starts in March,

but it isn't unusual to see severe storms earlier in the year. Forecasters can seldom assess how serious a season will be because twisters are so unpredictable. This year, two people were killed by separate tornadoes in Alabama in January, and preliminary reports show 95 tornadoes that month.

The system also skirted northern Arkansas, bringing gusts of up to 60 mph in the northwest. A wall cloud, which often produces twisters, was reported in Cherokee Village, where trees were scattered along roads, the weather service said. Residents of Clay County in northeastern Arkansas reported hail the size of golf balls, while half dollar-sized hail was reported in Mountain Home.

In northern Oklahoma, gusts of up to 80 mph flipped trailers and damaged homes near Cherokee.

Wind here stirs dust

Strong winds whipped through western Kansas Tuesday, stirring up dust and reducing visibility.

The wind, from a storm system that moved through the state, the blew between 50 and 55 mph throughout western Kansas, said Blair Scholl, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service in Goodland. The highest report was 61 mph 10 miles south-southeast of Sharon Springs.

Scholl said the weather office received a few reports of lower visibility and blowing dust, but no wind damage reports in western Kansas.

Eastern Kansas reported thunderstorms and there were several reports of wind dam-

age, along with a possible tornado, in Cloud County. An apparent twister wrecked the small town of Harveyville in Waubunsee County.

The wind was still affecting the area today, with Thomas, Rawlins, Sheridan, Logan, Gove, Decatur, Graham and Hitchcock, Neb., counties under a red flag warning - for critical fire danger - until 6 p.m. The biggest threat is until late afternoon, but after that time, the gusty west-to-northwest wind was expected to decrease dramatically.

"We're at least in the clear until the next storm system," Scholl said, "which will begin Thursday morning and will bring ... rain and snow."

11 hurt in Harveyville

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The church's pastor, Dennis Irwin, described his church as vibrant and said it has 111 members.

"We'll rebuild," he said. "It's too much part of the community not to rebuild."

Tammy Woodyard, 39, was surveying the wreckage of her father's home, where only parts were still standing. The roof had been ripped off, some of the walls had collapsed and the living room was visible from the outside.

Woodyard said her father, who was heading into his basement when the storm hit, was uninjured. About a block away, her home sustained roof damage when a tree fell on it.

"There was no warning," she

said. "It just came out of nowhere and came down and hit. It really is true, it sounds like just a train coming through your house."

Grant Hill, 42, who lives near Woodyard, said the storm blew out a couple windows and damaged his porch.

He said his family huddled in a back bedroom because the tornado came too quickly for them to get to their basement, which is accessible only from the outside.

"It hit too fast. We couldn't have gotten to the basement anyway," Hill said. "You basically heard a continuous low rumble of thunder, then all of a sudden stuff started shaking and windows breaking and it felt like the house was going to explode."

'Pink Zone' efforts raise money for cancer patients here

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global campaign, where most other schools raise money for

the Kay Yow Cancer Foundation (the founder of the Pink Zone campaign), the Colby Pink Zone donates all money raised

to the Northwest Kansas Foundation for HOPE, which helps area cancer patients pay their expenses.

From pineapple upside-down cakes to brownies for the dessert raffle, and from pink clothing to pink jewelry for the auction, Lee said, the Colby Pink Zone was once again a huge success. Participation from the college and high school crowds was overwhelming.

A Pinkest Person contest was held each night. Coming away with first and second place for the college game were "Tiny Tim" from the college pep band and Missy Siruta. Winners from the high school game were Brylee McKee and Larry Miller, who sported his signature overalls but this time in pink for the grand prize.

Wednesday night during the college women's halftime, Lee presented a \$2,000 check on behalf of Colby Community College and the Pink Zone to Deanna Mallory, a HOPE board member.

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Thursday Evening March 1, 2012										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Wipeout		Jimmy Kimmel Live	Grey's Anatomy	Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live			
KBSL/CBS	Big Bang	Rob	Person of Interest	The Mentalist	Local	Late Show Letterman	Late			
KSNK/NBC	30 Rock	Parks	Office	All Night	Awake	Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late		
KSAS/FOX	American Idol		Local							
Cable Channels										
A & E	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48				
AMC	Godfather Pt 2						Godfathr2			
ANIM	The Haunted	Infested!	Infested!	The Haunted	Infested!					
BRAVO	Atlanta	Housewives/OC	Housewives/OC	OC	Happens	To Be Announced	Tabatha			
CMT	Kindergarten Cop			The Terminator						
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360	Piers Morgan Tonight	Anderson Cooper 360	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan Tonight					
COMEDY	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Tosh.0		
DISC	Dirty Jobs		U.S. Drug Wars	First Week In	U.S. Drug Wars	First Week In				
DISN	Phineas	Sky High		Good Luck	Phineas	Jessie	Wizards	Wizards		
E!	The Soup	Ice-Coco	Kourtney and Kim	Kourtney and Kim	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea			
ESPN	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	SportsCenter	SportsCenter					
ESPN2	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball						
FAM	Paul Blart: Mall Cop	Ace Ventura		The 700 Club	Prince	Prince				
FOOD	Chopped	Chopped	Fat Chef	Cupcake Wars	Chopped					
FX	Two Men Two Men	Two Men Two Men	Archer	Unsuper.	Archer	Unsuper.	Archer			
HGTV	First	First	Sell LA	Selling	House	Hunters	House	Hunters	Sell LA	Selling
HIST	Swamp People	Swamp People	Mudcats	10 Things	10 Things	Swamp People				
LIFE	Project Runway	Project Runway	Runway	24 Hour Catwalk	Runway	Project Runway				
MTV	The Challenge	Jersey Shore	Jersey Shore	Pants	Jersey Shore	Challenge				
NICK	My Wife My Wife	George	70s Show	70s Show	Friends	Friends	Friends			
SCI	Enchanted	The Brothers Grimm			9					
SPIKE	Jail	Jail	IMPACT Wrestling		MMA	Jail	Jail	Jail		
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan	Office	Office		
TCM	Tora! Tora! Tora!				From Here					
TLC	Tattoo School	NY Ink	Cellblock 6		NY Ink	Cellblock 6				
TNT	NBA Basketball			NBA Basketball						
TOON	MAD	Regular	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Delocated	Childrens
TRAV	When Vacations	Bizarre Foods	No Reservation	The Layover	Bizarre Foods					
TV LAND	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King		
USA	NCIS	NCIS	NCIS	Burn Notice	CSI: Crime Scene					
VH1	Behind the Music	Behind the Music	Planet Rock: Hip Hop		Basketball Wives					
WGN	How I Met How I Met	How I Met How I Met	WGN News at Nine	30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Sunny			
Premium Channels										
HBO	REAL Sports Gumbel	F. Roach	Too Short	Game of Thrones	Atlantic City	Big Mommas				
MAX	Unstoppbl	Carrie		Robin Hood		Busty				
SHOW	Hotel Rwanda		Exit Through the Gift Shop	Comedy	Beach	Fierce Funny Women				



Friday Evening March 2, 2012										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Shark Tank		Primetime: What	Blue Bloods	Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live			
KBSL/CBS	Undercover Boss	A Gifted Man			Local	Late Show Letterman	Late			
KSNK/NBC	Who Do You	Grimm		Dateline NBC	Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late			
KSAS/FOX	Kitchen Nightmares			Local						
Cable Channels										
A & E	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking
AMC	Godfather III				The Walking Dead		Comic Book Men	Diary of the Dead		
ANIM	Infested!		Infested!		Infested!		Infested!		Infested!	
BRAVO	Fast & Furious				Fast & Furious				Reindeer Games	
CMT	Urban Cowboy		Sweet Home Alabama				Sweet Home Alabama			
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360	Piers Morgan Tonight	Piers Morgan Tonight	Anderson Cooper 360	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan Tonight				
COMEDY	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Key	South Pk	Tosh.0	Roast of Larry the Cable Guy	Ralphie May: Austin			
DISC	Gold Rush		Gold Rush		Bering Sea Gold	Gold Rush			Bering Sea Gold	
DISN	Phineas	ANT Farm	Lab Rats		Austin	Good Luck	Austin	Shake It	ANT Farm	ANT Farm
E!	Shallow Hal				Fashion Police	Chelsea	E! News		Chelsea	
ESPN	NBA Basketball				NBA Basketball					
ESPN2	College Basketball		Boxing			SportsCenter	SportsCenter			
FAM	Ace Ventura		Ace Ventura			The 700 Club	Prince	Prince		
FOOD	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Crave	Diners	Diners	
FX	Star Trek		UFC		Hitman					
HGTV	Homes	Homes	Spelling Manor		House	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Spelling Manor	
American Profile										
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HIST	American Pickers	101 Gadgets			Mudcats		American Pickers			
LIFE	Amer. Most Wanted	Amer. Most Wanted	Amer. Most Wanted		Amer. Most Wanted					
MTV	The Break		Fantasy		Lords of Dogtown		Jersey Shore			
NICK	Fred	SpongeBob	George	George	70s Show	70s Show	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	WWE SmackDown!				Merlin		Being Human		Merlin	
SPIKE	Ink Master		Ink Master		Ink Master		Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction
TBS	Payne	Payne	Payne		Shrek 2		Angels-Outfield			
TCM	The Right Stuff						2001: A Space Odyssey			
TLC	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Four Weddings		Say Yes	Say Yes	Four Weddings	
TNT	The Fifth Element				The Scorpion King				10,000	
TOON	Star Wars	NinjaGo	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Boondocks
TRAV	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	The Dead Files		Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures	
TV LAND	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	The King of Queens			
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU		CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime Scene	
VH1	Love & Hip Hop	Basketball Wives	Basketball Wives		Basketball Wives		T.I.-Tiny	T.I.-Tiny	The Temptations	
WGN	How I Met How I Met	How I Met How I Met	WGN News at Nine	30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Sunny			
Premium Channels										
HBO	Your Highness				Real Time/Bill Maher	Real Time/Bill Maher	Eastbound	Repo Men		
MAX	Dances With Wolves	3000 Miles			Depravity	Lingerie	Teenie Weenie			
SHOW	Faster		Drive Angry		Big Money Rustlas		Hobo			