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Weather



DATE	HI	LOW	MT
17	50	15	0
18	57	30	.20
19	55	25	0
20	57	24	0
21	47	36	.26
22	46	36	.14
23	58	34	0

Haze was observed on April 17. Fog was recorded on April 22 and 23.

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White out, lights out



LOGAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PHOTO

Logan County Deputy, Dalen Wood, investigates a head-on collision at mile marker 246 on Highway 92 near the Logan-Custer County line, Friday evening, April 13. Four were taken to the Callaway District Hospital by Arnold Fire & Rescue where they were treated and released.



ANGELA KRAMER PHOTO

Area ranchers made preparations prior to the impending storm that raged Friday evening and Saturday morning, April 13 and 14. The wet snow came at a most inopportune time for those in the height of calving season. Angela Kramer, who ranches west of Stapleton with her husband, Kenny, posted this picture of a newborn. "I got this baby up and he head butted me and took off, little stinker," she said.



MIKE NEEDS PHOTO

Custer Public Power crews work on downed power lines Sunday, April 15, at 3:30 p.m. east of Arnold at Pleasant Hill. Rick Nelson, general manager of CPPD, said over 100 transmission line poles, and an estimated 100 poles were broken on distribution lines from Stapleton to Taylor and south in their service area.

Another weekend storm wrought havoc on the region. The two day storm, Friday and Saturday, April 13 and 14, left downed power lines and broken poles in its wake. A head-on collision sent four people to the Callaway District Hospital, several minor slide-offs were reported locally, and ranchers worked to move cows and calves to sheltered areas.

Weather recorder, Deanna Brummet, who lives west of Stapleton, reported 6" of snow and 48 mile an hour winds during the storm.

Logan County Deputy Sheriff Dalen Wood investigated a head-on crash at 6:45 p.m. Friday, April 13. The accident occurred at mile marker 246 in Logan County and the Arnold

Fire District on Highway 92 south and east of Stapleton.

Arnold Fire & EMS transported four people to the Callaway District Hospital where they were treated and later released.

Austin Starr, 25, of Arnold, was driving a 2002 Chevrolet Tracker, owned by Eldon Starr of Stapleton, and westbound on Highway 92, when the vehicle crossed the center line due to road conditions. The vehicle struck a 2015 Dodge Journey SUV driven by Frank Hauser, 68, of Arnold head-on.

The drivers and Ellie M. Karweik, 23, of Arnold, a passenger in the Starr vehicle, and Sue Hauser, 66, a passenger in the Hauser vehicle were transported. All four were wearing seat belts and all four air bags

deployed.

The vehicles were estimated as total losses and were towed later due to the lack of availability of tow trucks and weather conditions.

A semi-truck also jackknifed Friday, April 13, on Highway 92 at Strasburg hill at mile marker 242 and a car slid off Strasburg hill due to extremely icy road conditions.

No injuries were reported in these accidents.

The Logan County Sheriff's office also responded to a call Saturday morning, April 14, at approximately 4:45 a.m. near mile marker 107 on Highway 83. Missy Patrick of Stapleton had slid into the ditch with her SUV and was requesting assistance. Logan County Deputy Sheriff Dalen Wood assisted the motorist and the vehicle was removed later that evening.

Rick Nelson, general manager of Custer Public Power District, reported power outages from Stapleton to Taylor and south. There were some customers without power Tuesday morning, April 17, as crews worked diligently to restore electricity. It was estimated 100 poles were broken on distribution lines and over 100 poles on transmission lines.

"We have a lot of work to do in the days and weeks ahead," Nelson said. "It will be two weeks before things settle down and get back to normal."

Nelson said he gives a lot



MIKE NEEDS PHOTO

Mike Needs, Custer Public Power District lineman with the Stapleton Service Center, submitted this photo of ice that built up on lines during the blizzard and ice storm that hit the area Friday and Saturday, April 13 and 14. This picture was taken Sunday, April 15.

of credit to linemen for working in extremely adverse weather conditions and to customers for their patience.

"We have the best customers in the world. We just hope to be able to keep the power on as we continue to repair poles and downed lines," Nelson said.

Power was out in the Stapleton area ranging from an hour and a half to a day and a half.

Mike Needs of the Stapleton Service Center said they were working north of Arnold late Monday night, April 16, to restore power there.

He estimated 20 poles broken off in the Garfield Table area and there was wire damage in that location also.

Stapleton Fire Chief, Frank Kramer was out all day Saturday, April 14, plowing roads to allow Custer Public Power access to restore power. Mike Needs said Eldon Christensen of Stapleton, and John Beshaler of Arnold also helped plow snow.

The overhang on two swing arms broke on two center pivots on Wells Enterprise farm near the junction of Highway 85 and 92 south of Stapleton. The overhangs broke from thick ice and high winds. Frey Pivot Service of Stapleton already had the pivots repaired by Monday morning, April 16.

There were no significant reports of livestock losses in the storm as ranchers had made preparations in advance to move cows and calves to sheltered areas.

Area schools closed in advance of the storm and track meets, proms and brandings were postponed.

Highways and Interstate 80 were closed in some areas Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Many travelers were stranded in their vehicles for hours. When travel advisories are issued, motorists should heed the warnings and not put themselves and rescue personnel in danger.