

APRIL CALENDAR

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- 4-1-1978 In Latrobe, PA, a gust of wind picked up an elderly man and hurled him into the sidewalk; he was killed. Winds at the Latrobe airport were measured at 85 mph.
- 4-2-1956 Hard to believe, but well documented. As a tornado passed through parts of Wilmette, IL, in the very early a.m., its barometric pressure reductions resulted in “rear windows of cars blown out” and “sealed beam headlights popped out of the receptacles.”
- 4-3-2004 A supercell thunderstorm formed near Eunice, NM, and drifted into TX’s Gaines County. Hail, mainly nickel-to-baseball-size, fell on US-62/180 10-22 miles W of Seminole, TX, for 1 hr 6 min. Hail accumulated (on the flat) to a depth of 1.5 feet closing the highway.
- 4-9-1973 (8th-10th) MO’s worst April blizzard left up to 1 foot snow and drifts to 10 feet in NW half of state. Winds to 60 mph blew vehicles off slick roads. 12,000 4-lb turkeys killed near Kirksville; drifts covering fences allowed cattle to walk to some major highways.
- 4-11-2005 (10-11th) 8 of April’s 1st 9 days saw 60s/70s in Denver, CO. By today, a spring blizzard closed Denver International Airport; 1,000s of travelers stranded. Long stretches of I-25/I70/I76 closed by blowing/drifting snow. 31 inches near Conifer; 23 inches near Strasburg.
- 4-15-2000 What a difference a day made (with the help of a strong cold front). Yesterday’s 86 degrees in Goodland, KS, tied the record high for the date. Today’s high of 29 degrees was also a date record high, but a record low high. It was a new record by 3 degrees.
- 4-16-1998 TN’s 2nd F5 of record scoured Lawrence County from WSW of Deerfield to E of Summertown. Up to 1-mi wide, it completely leveled homes, hurled a 5,000-lb pickup >100 yd, debarked trees, and pulled up clumps of dirt/grass from the ground. Amazingly, no one was killed, 23 hurt.
- 4-17-1970 After 10 p.m. near Cotton Center, TX, an F4 tornado “smashed flat as a pancake” a pickup; 2 people killed. Up to 6 blocks wide, it later hurt 40, caused \$4.5 million damage in Plainview. It was hidden from view by fog, lack of lightning, and little accompanying noise.
- 4-18-1978 Must have been an interesting ride. Fortunately, however, the tornado was “weak.” Nonetheless, it did roll a mobile home in Ormond Beach, FL, 200

feet; the mobile home was destroyed. A woman and 4 children inside were not seriously hurt.

- 4-19-1976** Much of the NE/New England broiled in their worst April heat wave of record. Today's April record 98 degrees in Providence, RI, is 3 degrees warmer than May's record. Other April records set include: 96 degrees in Hartford, CT and New York, NY; 91 degrees in Burlington, VT.
- 4-21-1994** Dry thunderstorm winds to 60 mph picked up sand/gravel which was still on/by area roadways in Pocatello, ID; it had been used to improve traction on snow/icy roads during the previous winter. It sand blasted paint from 70-80 vehicles and shattered car windows.
- 4-22-1978** Tents are sometimes struck by lightning. In this case, a close call, as a tent containing a number of sleeping Girl Scouts was hit by lightning as they were camping at AR's Delgray Lake. 2 of the Girl Scouts suffered minor burns.
- 4-23-2001** (22nd-23rd) Extreme changes. Pierre, SD, set its heaviest snow of record for so late in the season (12.5 inches). By the 28th the snow was melted and a record date high (96 degrees) was set.
- 4-24-1978** Thunderstorms (radar measured tops of 70,000 feet) produced hail mainly of golf ball to baseball size in the Mansfield, TX area. Many millions of dollars damage. A spokesman for the local newspaper noted, "It appeared as if the world was coming to an end."
- 4-26-1994** Scary. A large waterspout hit a bridge over the Peace River near Punta Gorda, FL. A pickup truck on the bridge was thrown 60feet down into the water (driver slightly hurt). 2 cars were also damaged (1 rolled over); an infant in one was also slightly hurt.
- 4-29-1994** Best to be in the interior of a structure, away from windows, during a thunderstorm. In Bastian, VA, lightning entered a home via a window; a woman inside was injured.