

April snow showers

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Much needed moisture

Folks may be tired of winter with two snow events this past week but the precipitation is badly needed during an ongoing drought. Forecasters predict that snow that fell Monday night and early Tuesday morning could add up to four inches by Thursday as a storm moves through the area. Temperatures are expected to warm into the 60s by the weekend. On April 10, the westbound lane of Interstate 80 was shut down for a couple of hours, between Kearney and Big Springs, because of what the Nebraska Department of Roads described as a dwindling number of motel rooms west of Kearney. A spring storm brought over two inches of rain to Gothenburg before it changed to ice and snow. The Panhandle received more snow that caused multiple accidents and what officials said was a shortage of lodging. Thunder, lightning, rain and strong winds accompanied the storm with a gust of 60 mph recorded on April 9 at the Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District office. Precipitation from the storm totalled 2.67 inches. White stuff clings to branches of a tree as spring buds break through in Ehmen Park Tuesday morning,