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Heavy rains, but little damage

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Despite record-setting rainfall, flooded area, multiple tornado warnings and a dozen or so road closings, Scott County appears to have escaped the massive four-day storm system with little harm even though neighboring communities were not so fortunate.

The unofficial county rainfall totals for the storm system that struck about midnight Thursday and lasted through Sunday was about 8.4 inches, said Director Michael Hennigan of Georgetown/Scott County Emergency Management and Homeland Security. Much of the rain fell between the start of the storm Thursday through Friday afternoon, although the

rain was light and steady throughout the weekend.

Early projections called for as much as 12 inches of rain over the four-day period, but the actual totals for Scott County appear to be far below those early estimations.

Water levels rose throughout Thursday and Friday requiring several high-water rescues, especially on Lyle Road, but there were

no high-water rescues through the weekend as

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Michael Hennigan
GSC Emergency Management
and Homeland Security Director

residents heeded road closures and no one took unnecessary chances,

Hennigan said.

“We got off very lucky,” Hennigan said.

It wasn’t as if there was no flooding. Peninsula Park, across from Cardome, was flooded well beyond Elkhorn Creek’s banks. Several roads were closed due to high water, but alerts and signage warned motorists and others who avoided the areas.

Officials grew concerned when water

reached mobile homes in the North Elkhorn Mobile Home Park behind Arby’s restaurant on Paris Pike. Residents were encouraged to evacuate to a shelter established at the Church of the Nazarene on Lemons Mill Road, but no one left their home, Hennigan said.

The storm’s opening barrage began early

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Backyards in Bradford Place fill with feet of water as weekend brings inches of rain. Water nearly crests the top of a six-foot fence.

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Residents frustrated with stormwater floods

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This past weekend’s storms and heavy rainfalls have exposed clogged drains and stormwater issues that lead to flooding in Georgetown’s residential neighborhoods. Over eight inches of rain fell during a four-day period, but some residents say their yards flood even with much less rain.

Residents in Bradford Place have experienced several feet of stormwater collection in their backyard.

Dave Moore’s backyard flooded some four feet riding up the trunk of his weeping willow tree. His yard often floods when there is even less rainfall, he said.

“It’s always been a few feet after a storm, but it goes down,” Moore said. “We don’t see damage fortunately, except trash, all the time.” Moore has found everything in



Storm drains in Bradford Place fill with garbage and dirt as water collects from several streets into residents’ backyards.

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his yard from liquor bottles, beer cans, to potato chip bags, boots and gloves, he said.

For the first few years living in

the house the family would make light of the flooding and take

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Fatal accident shuts down I-75 NB ramp

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Eriq Brock Mason, 28, of Stamping Ground, died Sunday following an accident involving a tractor trailer, according to Scott County Coroner Mark Sutton. The accident happened at the intersection of Cherry Blossom Way and I-75 NB Exit 126 around 7 p.m.

“This car had went up under the trailer there at the intersection,” Sutton said. “The truck had turned left to go onto the interstate and the car was

coming from the direction of Walmart.”

Mason was pronounced deceased on scene, according to Georgetown Police Department Assistant Chief Josh Nash.

“We’re still waiting on things to come in,” Nash said. “We don’t really know who is at fault or what, but at some point that vehicle went under the semi near the wheel well and got lodged underneath. That’s what caused the fatality.”

The accident is still under investigation, he said. No charges have been filed at this time.

Storm shelters utilized, ambulance priority for GSCEMS

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GSCEMS ambulance fleet is down to six after a wreck in Lexington; storm response leads to over 150 people taking advantage of public shelter across county; and an update of the Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) was presented Friday, April 4, at the Scott County Fiscal Court Workshop.

“We’ve had quite a bit of rain and weather,” said Judge Executive Joe Pat Covington. “Appreciate all the response

and effort from EMA (Emergency Management Agency), our road department and then, our fire department, EMS and law enforcement as well.”

Over Wednesday’s tornado outbreaks, 101 people took shelter on Lisle Road in the new tornado shelter, Covington said. Thirty-seven took shelter in Stamping Ground behind the EMS

Covington

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Coming up:
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