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Today is the 10-year anniversary of the great hail storm in Bowling Green. What are your memories of that day? I recall hearing the newly installed COWS alarm and going to the first floor of Potter Hall, where I waited with the other staff in this building for the storm to pass. We watched students running for cover. I was able to get in touch with my husband via cell phone, who had been ushered to the basement of the hardware store where he was shopping. My children, ages 16 and 12 at the time, were on spring break, but I couldn't reach them at home. I learned later that they were in the basement bathroom with the "bug man." I live about 10 minutes from campus, but it took more than an hour to get home, where I found 7 broken windows, dented aluminum siding and a flooded basement. My lot slopes into a pond, and about a dozen ducks had been killed by the large hail stones. What a day to remember!

--- Freida Eggleton, Registrar

Molly Kerby of Women's Studies said: I was working at Medco Nursing Home here in BG and completing my masters at WKU. I was at work when the COWS sounded and we called "code gray." I had just clocked out but hadn't left so I ended up staying at the nursing home for over 27 hours to help. The hail broke out most of the windows on "A" hall, so we had to make temporary spaces for resident's beds. The maintenance guy and I went to Lowe's and got plywood to cover the windows temporarily - about all we could do. It happened before dinner so we had to figure out how to cook and serve 70+ people who were all sitting out in the hall ways because their rooms were covered in glass. Then, about two hours after the hail storm, the street flooded and ran back into the building - we had about a foot of water gushing through the building for hours. The laundry room was even worse because water was gushing through our courtyard - it was moving fast enough to knock you off your feet and cold balls of hail in it! I remember how we all pulled together as a team. There was no distinction between RNs, BSNs, LPNs, housekeepers, CNAs; we were just all trying to take care of folks. Strangely enough, I have some found memories of that day and how race, class, and gender don't seem to matter during a disaster. We were all just people helping people!

I got home the next night about 6:00pm and it looked like it never even rained at my house. My car destroyed, so it looked really out of place in my neighborhood. People were just starting to access damages...definitely a day to remember, Freida!

Ten years ago today I was a student here, and in the process of running 3 miles for Jogging class when the COWS alarm went off. My friends and I ran about a mile back to Rodes- Harlin; we were passing Schneider Hall when the hail started. It was a rough 200yds to the front door but it was also one of the more interesting experiences that I remember from that semester--all of us were afraid, excited, and proud of ourselves for not ducking into another building (idiots), but instead returning to our own. Later in the evening, after
everything had died down, I was crossing through the valley and encountered a BSA or facilities Management associate who had a walkie-talkie--I overheard that all classes for the next day were canceled. A celebration was quickly initiated--Pizza Hut was still delivering!

**Sean McCray** - Academic Advising & Retention Center

My son and I were having our teeth cleaned at WKU's Dental Hygiene department. He was 6 years old. I heard the COWS alarm go off and noticed the black sky and told the student working on my mouth 'I'm going to leave now'. She said, this will only take a few minutes more, and I replied, 'I'm going to take those alarms at their word'. I found where my son was and got him out of his chair and we ran to the bathrooms on the second floor of the Academic Complex. Someone from WKYU-FM had run out of the door and yelled to the group of about 10 students who were looking out the large plate glass windows - Get away from the windows! 'Are you 'effin' crazy? There's a tornado coming!!!!

A few seconds after my son and I huddled in the bathroom stalls, it hit. We heard what sounded like hammers hitting the plate glass and felt the building shake. Afterwards there was a huge pile of large hail outside the windows, as if someone had dumped several 20 pound bags of ice there.

I walked over to see what had happened with the bookstore, but the area was already taped off with a 'Danger! High Voltage' sign and there was water pouring down the stairwells. All the employees were okay but the bookstore was flooded water dripping from the ceiling (I was told), and we were on the third floor of a four story building.

The day had been warm, and I left my apartment windows open that morning. All my electronic gadgetry was next to an open window and I was sure the stereo/TV/computer would be toast. When I got home, as Frieda mentioned "a 10 minute walk but an hour's drive at that point" everything was bone dry and the power was on.

It was as if the storm never happened where we lived, but two houses up the roofs were trashed and windows smashed.

What a day indeed!

**Forrest Halford**, Bookstore

**Susan Morris** of Training/Technical Assistance Services reported: Yes indeed, what a day to remember! I am reminded everyday, as I am still driving my "hail bopped" car! I had the windows fixed, but the "pings" are still there. I once thought I would paint the middles of the pings and have a polka dot car, but have yet to do that! I spent the worse part of the storm under the sinks in the women's bathroom at the "new" South Campus Bowling Green Community College site. The hail came down in huge chunks besides the regular ball shapes of various sizes, it was a "weird" sight! A young boy (looked to be around 10-12) that was waiting in a car for his mom, he got scared and made a run for the building and got pelted with ice, he received several cuts on his head. We lived in town just a couple of blocks from campus and it took me about an hour to get home. The only thing that happened to our house was it looked like someone
had painted leaves all over the house, they were stuck to the white bricks, one cracked window, we were very fortunate there. Susan :o)

I was in my car on 31-W when the large hail started falling. The low spots were flooded pretty badly because the storm had a lot of rain with it as well. I remember the splashes of the hail in the water and how loud the hail was getting on the hood and roof of my car. I pulled in under a bank’s overhang by the drive-thru window and watched the trees thrash around. Later I watched the cars drive by with their hazard lights flashing and all their windows smashed in. It was very surreal.

Brent Fisk, Library

I was working at VanMeter Insurance on Scottsville Road - ground zero - that day. At approximately 3:30 pm, we were all notified that there was a tornado headed toward us and we all scurried down to the basement to wait out the storm. As the storm passed over us, we could hear the sounds of breaking glass (car windshields) outside and began to understand why as our interns kept coming down the stairs with larger and larger hailstones. Miraculously, the building leaked very little and only a few windows were broken. My then 16-year-old son was in our basement at home and we were thankfully able to correspond via cell phone during the storm so I knew he was OK. At that time, I lived 10 miles north of town and this house (that I had just sold) had very minor damage. The home I purchased in town two weeks prior to the storm had very little damage although most houses around it had broken windows, leaky roofs, etc. The hail made such large dents in the yard that it appeared as though it had been aerated with fence posts. Sadly, my car that had been sitting in front of my work place was totally trashed, every window broken out, and had at least 5” of water in it. It was a 4-hour round trip to town and back for my brave son who had to find a creative/safe way to reach me and return us home.

On the one-year anniversary, VanMeter hosted a “hail” anniversary party in the basement. It was pretty cool.

Truly, a day that will live in my memory.

Gaye Pearl, Architectural & Manufacturing Sciences

I remember being on a cruise ship in the Bahamas and having an absolutely splendid time then returning home to hear tales of what had occurred while we were gone. I also remember my dad, who owned a body shop at the time, becoming so overwhelmed with the number of people who wanted estimates that he started to charge for them just to get some people to leave. Money was good, but stress was high. Thanks to those of you who still have your “hail bopped” cars. ;-)

Lisa Taylor, Physics & Astronomy

I was in Troy, Ala., facing the last two weeks of teaching in the then-named Troy State University Hall School of Journalism. I had resigned from my cushy, tenured faculty position and was taking a $20K a year pay cut to return to the newsroom as a managing editor at a daily in the Florida Panhandle. I think hail struck me before I made that switch.

Mac McKerral, Journalism & Broadcasting
**Patty Booth** of Human Resources said: I was on Wilkinson Trace with a ringside seat to watch the Hartland Apts being ripped to shreds. Unbelievable. My husband was on Cemetary Road in a brand new 1998 Ford Explorer that had 146 miles on it. The hail broke out all the glass except for one window and piled high onto the new leather seats. It was a company vehicle but still! What a waste. Nobody was hurt though. You've gotta love those COWS!

I was in Houston at a conference--we heard that there was a tornado in Nashville near the airport and I worried about my car parked there. Much relieved to get back on Friday night and find it okay...and then sobered as we drove out of Nashville and clearly saw the path of the tornado in torn trees and roofs right by Gaylord Entertainment. At this point we have no warning about the hail storm in Bowling Green. We drove on north but started wondering as we came into Bowling Green on 31-- huge puddles, lights out, strange looking cars, broken windows. It was very surreal. I took my colleague to his home first, or tried to -- roads were cut off by water and all the time we're getting more worried. I finally got him home and he was relieved that his wife and kids were okay. They had just moved in 2 weeks before. She was ready to move out. They'd never experienced any sort of tornado before and to be in a strange town alone was overwhelming.

I made my way on home and, after dark, nothing looked too bad. But with light the next morning I saw that my yard looked like someone had taken the lid off a mega-salad spinner--mulch city. I had a broken door and roof repair (of course). I remember the standard casual conversation topic for weeks was optimal roof tarp attachment.

**Sally Kuhlenschmidt**, FaCET

It just seems like yesterday, I was working at Lowes and when the sirens went off everyone was rushed to the back of the store only some people could fit into the bathrooms and break room so we sat out in the front just waiting for it to pass by. Lowes has a metal roof so when the large hail started it sounded like a freight train was hovering over our heads. I had just moved to Kentucky from Alaska and I had never experienced a storm like this before, it was a whole new experience. When it was all over a few of us were brave enough to go outside and cover the cars with plastic. My back window was out and water was pouring in. Once the main part was over it was business as usual. Even though we had no electricity we were still selling plastic, duct tape and plywood, people would come in and just wanted to cover up the mess, it was a madhouse. One of our delivery trucks loaded up with plywood and drove around to some of the neighborhoods passing out plywood for all of the broken windows. It was a long day but everyone seemed to work together. I remember driving back to Edmonson county that night with no back window and my front window with cracks all over. It was a long drive but I was just glad to be home! It was definitely a memorable day!

**Tanya Vincent**, Bursar's Office
I had just finished teaching a class in Grise when the Cows alarm went off as I was walking back to WAB. I went to the basement and there was the president, vice-presidents, all the IT staff mingling together. We heard loud sounds outside so one of the staff opened the door. A big chunk of ice slammed right into building near him and the president came up and suggested we shut the door. When it was over I went back to my office to call my family and got no response. So I walked home to 14th and Park where windows were broken, screens punctured, and 8 inches of hailstones piled up around my garage door. My family wasn’t there, they had been at the public library and had to retreat to the basement in the dark. My car was unscathed but my wife’s car was dinged. I went to my basement where there was 2 feet of water. I drained it out by pulling the drain lid off, then went up and called my insurance company. They had a man out by Sunday. We put a tarp on the roof and waited a year for a roofer. It was a busy time for roofers.

**Jeffrey Jones**, Academic Technology

I was (un)lucky enough to be home from work that fateful day. Alone . . . no company but a terrified cat. My husband was at work. We lived on Peachtree Lane at that time, a bad location if you expect to hear the COWS (no, I could not hear them). The only way I even knew a storm was coming were the weather reports from WBKO. And those reports didn’t last very long, as the station was knocked out as soon as the bad weather hit.

I remember huddling in a very small, hot bedroom closet . . .yes, with the cat. Pillows piled all around. Not knowing what was coming or when it was going to get there.

Now keep this in mind: I was living in a 1960’s, solid brick home. Very sturdy.

After all the chaos, we ended up with several broken windows, hail-bopped cars (1 was totaled), damaged roof and BROKEN BRICK. Yes, the hail actually broke several bricks on the back of our house. But the most memorable image in my mind was my brothers face. He had just purchased a brand new Mustang. It had been sitting at the dealership on Scottsville Rd. It was completely destroyed. Several of the hail balls were large enough to completely puncture the fiberglass hood and were laying on the engine.

Truly a day to remember (and then hopefully forget!)

**Shawna Cawthorn**, Bookstore

I had not been working at WKU very long at all when the hailstorm hit. We were in DUC and several of us were watching it from outside the basement floor doors. We stayed out there until the hail started and we could see the storm coming from right over Smith stadium. When we got inside all the people that had been in the stairwells came running out screaming since water was gushing down the stairwells. It took a long time to get home that night but was able to see that my apt. had sustained a bit of damage but nothing to severe. My car on the other hand had been totaled. After surveying my home I came back to DUC and spent the night cleaning and repairing what we could in the dining services locations so we could still feed the students the next day.

**Nena Shomler**, Dining Services
I was working at Center Care in Hartland, but had taken the week off because my girls were out for spring break. I took them to lunch on Campbell Lane, & was intended to drive to Franklin after lunch. As I rounded the curve on Campbell Lane, I saw the most ominous black cloud & could see the rain in the distance. I started to go ahead & drive thru it, but once I saw the multiple lightning strikes in the clouds, I turned around at Fishy Business & drove home to Briarwood. When WBKO announced a tornado was in the area, I gathered the girls, put their bike helmets on & tucked them in the back of my walk-in closet surrounded by pillows & the comforter. Then the lights went out & I heard the most terrible sound I have ever heard. I sat there with my flashlight looking up, expecting to see the roof fly off my house - then it suddenly got very still. I came out of the closet & looked out of the window, but all I could see was white. The hail was so thick in my yard, it looked like snow & the steam from the pavement & yard made it very foggy, then it started again. My yard also looked like a tossed salad & all the the neighbors' cars outside were totaled. Luckily, my van was in the garage, but I'm still driving my mother -in-law's hail dented car. We had multiple leaks in our 5 year old roof, but all my windows were intact. The brick on the chimney took a pretty good hit & several bricks were broken. Our neighbors one street over on the newer section of Ironwood weren't as lucky. All my co-workers at Center Care had their cars totaled. They told me they gathered downstairs in the Urgentcare X-ray room since the walls were lined with lead.

My husband was on the road coming back from Owensboro & he called and told me he was hearing on the radio that Bowling Green had been hit by a tornado & large hail. It took him about 3 hours to get from Nashville Road to Briarwood. My youngest daughter & I talked about it this morning while watching AM KY. Her only memory was of us being in the closet with bike helmets on. I'm very thankful that all the damage were to things that could be replaced or repaired.

Cindy Morris, University Centers

Yes, that was the day I said I was finished with being a good samaritan (but of course couldn't stick to that). I was in Cherry Hall in my office where we can't hear COWS or CALVES or anything. Someone had to tell us what was going on outside (I don't have a window). After running around putting cardboard over a few holes in faculty office windows, we went to the basement and waited among many others who reside in our building. After the mess I volunteered to take a student worker and GA down to their cars near PFT. My worker's car was completely submerged in Egypt lot and the GA's car was blocked in by others with car problems. After dropping them off, my car flooded out on Regents and I had to beg two students standing on their porch to push me into a driveway--this was immediately after I had opened my car door to see how deep the water was (dummy!) and another car driving by caused water to flood my floorboard, backpack and purse. Anyway, the car dried out a little and after an hour I had made it ALL the way to Broadway where my fan belt broke and my car overheated across from Box of Rocks. Pulled off the road, opened hood, promptly tried to close it without moving the stick (dummy--but hadn't been driving that car very long--different hood mechanism). Bent the hood. Called my husband from Box of Rocks. Had to get my daughter's boyfriend to drive my husband over here (lived by the mall then). All the while I was in a panic trying to get to my three girls--thank God my husband had been home with them the whole time. Yes, that was the day I nearly had a nervous breakdown. Thanks for reminding me. : )

Paula Johnson, Philosophy & Religion
I was in blood storage cooler with a group of people that considered donating plasma gainful employment.

Jim Sears, Bookstore

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I was in a metal storage building with only one safe space - the teeny tiny women's restroom. As soon as the COWs went off, the owner high-tailed it out of there to go to his home with a basement and left me, the office manager, to take care of 4 workers. We had an 8-month pregnant woman and we shoved her in a corner of the bathroom, stacked large packages of toilet paper rolls all around her, then we stood in the doorway of the bathroom and hoped for the best. We think straight-line winds hit us, because not only could we see it lifting our roof off, it completely demolished a four-bay storage building on our property, sending debris over 200 yards away. Our insurance adjuster still has a blown-up picture of our destroyed storage building on his wall. The saddest part was we had been watching a killdeer bird's nest for a few weeks (they lay their eggs on the ground). The hail killed the poor little bird and broke all her eggs. I was out Russellville Rd, and it took me almost 3 hours to get to my house close to Hinton's Cleaners.

Oh, and thanks to the owners' actions, I realized it wasn't the place for me!

Cynthia Sprouse

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On April 16, 1998, I was not yet in Bowling Green. However, the same storm that spawned the hailstorm here was also responsible for a number of tornado and hail storms in other states (what they call a "super-outbreak"). One of the places that was affected was Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota. That day, the Minnesota Association of Law Libraries held their annual meeting at my institution, Hamline University Law School. We were supposed to give a tour of the library, which had been expanded and remodeled the previous year. There was a skylight in the law school building right outside of the library door. Just as we started taking a group of librarians into the library from the room we had been meeting in, the sky turned real dark and hail started coming down on the skylight. We quickly went into the library, where we continued the tour.

Later we discovered that there had been a lot of damage. One very beautiful street, Highland Parkway (which had trees growing in a median), lost most of its wonderful trees, many of which had been there for decades. A large number of houses on Highland Parkway and the adjacent streets were damaged. One of the librarians at the State Law Library had just moved into a house there two weeks earlier; it was severely damaged.

My wife Gayle (who I did not know at the time) lived in the Highland neighborhood. However, her mother was having hip surgery that day, so Gayle spent the tornado in a hospital waiting room. Luckily Gayle did not suffer any property damage, but had her mother been at home that day it would have been very frightening for an elderly lady.

As in Bowling Green, several car dealers were hit very hard. Electricity was knocked out in the Highland neighborhood of St. Paul, and that night the Jewish synagogue that I belonged to had services by candlelight. (I wasn't there that night, but heard the story later.) Several of the congregants were surprised to discover that the "Eternal Light" (a feature of Jewish synagogues that is supposed to be kept lit at all times) did not operate without electricity, causing the synagogue to invest a few months later in a battery backup system.
I remember knowing that the National Weather Service had forecast a particularly dangerous weather situation for that day (several states were to be involved). Ever the storm watcher (mostly out of fear), I woke up at 4:00 that morning and already storms were cutting paths in Tennessee. As the day wore on, Nashville's tv stations were stuck on live coverage about storms' destruction in Nashville and surrounding areas. Several people had been killed by tornadoes and falling debris; many homes and buildings were completely destroyed. I hated it for them but was hoping those storms stayed out of Kentucky. Yet they crept ever closer. I remember that early afternoon, flipping to channel 13 for any news, weather, something, and instead finding only soap operas. For a few minutes, the newbie meteorologist came on air, and he poo-pooed the storms, saying they were in Tennessee and posed no threat to Kentucky. (He's no longer with that station.) Meanwhile, on a Tennessee station's radar, the darkest storm cell I'd ever seen was crossing into Kentucky, heading straight for BG. I called WBKO and complained that folks needed warning, that these storms had a deadly history. Both Chris Allen and Jeff Noble were on vacation. But as the storm twisted and blasted into Warren County, Allen and Noble came rushing in-- almost too late. What they did do, though was call for COWS activation (though NOAA had not issued a warning). Many people said they heard the COWS and went indoors. As baseball- to softball-sized hail pummeled the news station, a hailstone broke through the window where the two were monitoring the radar and beaned Noble; he went sprawling. Needless to say, coverage from that point on was transferred to their storm shelter--where they could be heard but not seen.

I live in Edmonson County and was safe at home that day. The storm never touched us. I think the most difficult thing about the storm was the wondering: is my husband safe or is he driving through this? (missed it by 3 minutes) Are my friends and colleagues safe? How many people are injured? How many suffered irreparable damage to their homes and vehicles? Not as many people owned cell phones then as do now . . .

Laughably, storm coverage has since taken an almost absurd precedence over most programming on that station, but you can bet that if our local weather crew feels that the COWS system needs to be activated, they won't wait for NOAA's blessing.

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I was at work in Bonnieville, KY and was supposed to go to the WKU Glasgow campus for a night class. When I heard the weather reports on the radio, I tried to contact my professor to let him know that I would not be at class that night. He worked at BGMU and I was unable to reach him. I was scared to death that it would adversely effect my grade, but I decided not to try to go. My husband and I were in the process of buying a house (with a basement) but had not signed the papers yet. Thankfully, we did at least have the keys, so all of my family went to the empty house - that we didn't own yet - and waited out the storm.

I can remember the lack of 'official' tornado warnings from the national weather service. But, there was a DJ on WKNK (I think those are/were the call letters) out of Edmonton. She kept saying something like, "The national weather service has NOT issued a tornado warning, but I'M TELLING YOU, it's coming" Then she would list the towns and areas that were in the path of the storm. Thanks to her,
I'm sure many people were saved, though I believe there were three who lost their lives in Barren County.

**Alice Cannon, Bookstore**

WKU Facebook Page 4/16/2018

Today is the 20th anniversary of the hailstorm that hit the WKU campus and the Bowling Green community on the afternoon of April 16, 1998. Baseball-sized hail damaged vehicles, homes, businesses, buildings, apartments and churches and more than 5 inches of rain caused major flooding on campus and in the community. Numerous vehicles were underwater in the Creason Lot. Total damage from the storm in Bowling Green was estimated at $510 million. The storm system also spawned tornadoes Logan, Warren, Allen, Barren, Adair and Metcalfe counties. What do you remember about the storm?
Steven and Shannon Parker Remember it well! Nana and Jonathon were there helping us pack, and you were still in my belly! Ruined our brand new Durango and dad and Jonathon’s truck!

Faye W. Puyear I remember the large hail in Auburn

Charity Gardner Anderson I remember it denting up Jessika Paschall Elkins truck.

Lizette Garcia Edith Guzman Gregory Janette Guzman huddling at Kmart.

Edith Guzman Gregory Omg yes! Lol. I wish I remembered what it looked like outside.

RG Green I can’t believe it’s been 20 years! $3400 to my “new” car I bought a week prior to the storm.

Edin Smajlagic That was a crazy day... my poor car...

Lisa Littlejohn I was actually in Dawson when it happened it was a beautiful day at home.

Jenn Crittenden I remember the Tornado in Glasgow that day. I was 5 months pregnant with my daughter. It was so scary.

Michele Byrum Price I was there, hiding on the bottom floor of Bemis-Lawrence

Pam Leonard Scott Terry remember this day!
Terry Scott All too well...waited for the car to fill up with water before opening the door. It was cold that day too😊

Tara Ward Williams Leslie Easter Hatfield we took shelter on the bottom floor of DUC. That was a crazy day! 20 years ago😊😊

Leslie Easter Hatfield Oh my gosh! Still one of the scariest moments of my life! I remember it like it was yesterday! 😥😊😊😊

Johnette Benson It was such a mess! It really looked like a war zone with houses loosing their roof and big holes in siding. Cars with dents and broken windshields. What a time it was getting things repaired!

Terry Scott All too well...waited for the car to fill up with water before opening the door. It was cold that day too😊😊

Christy Jones Justin Carey That hail damage was intense! I don’t remember taking cover, but I do remember celebrating that classes were cancelled. 😱Amy Dennis

Justin Carey Destroyed my poor Camry.

Brandi Gann Myers I remember isn't that the same year BGHS got hit bad a well. I remember having to the Jr high school. For the rest of the year. We had to split Jr and Sr. half days.

Angelia Romines I was a freshman at WKU when this happened. It was a wild and scary day

David Knox That was a crazy day!

Scott Vaughn Knocked the siding off my house, pummeled my wife’s car and damaged our roof. All of the car dealerships had cars without windows...crazy!

Amy Buchanan Kight I was parked on that lot but was fortunate to get out before it flooded

Eric Stephen Vickrey destroyed the windows and siding of the house and mangles the cars. I will never forget that.

Karen Wilson Foster Melissa ssa Wilson Willett your Senior year.

Kellie Rickard Miller My daughter was almost four years old. The hail & rain hit our home, so she and I took cover in a hall closet. From that day forward, she was always afraid of storms!!!

Sheila Crump My car was totaled in the hail storm. 😱😊

Kyle Mills A day I will never forget, was all excited because it was my birthday and we were going out to celebrate that night. I was walking home from my last class when the tornado warning siren went off. I remember a guy yelling at me to find shelter. Just made it to my apartment as the hail started.

Jennifer Wright Moss My senior year at WKU. I remember taking a cup and scooping water out of my car. Water was up to the steering wheel.
Linda Wilkerson  David had two vehicles ruined that day too.

Katie Struss Stuart  Shelly Shannon Michael. I remember. Do you?? We were in band!!

  Shelly Denise  Wow 😳. We went to your house for the night. I can’t believe that’s been 20 years! We need a reunion! Yeah weren’t we in band practice and someone was being in softball size hail?

  Katie Struss Stuart  we did spend the night at my house!! I just can’t believe it was so long ago!! We do need a reunion!!

  Amy Farmer  Shelly Denise that’s when you dad n I were coming back from Vegas. Remember all the work we did at Grandma's house that weekend?

  Shannon Howard Miller  I remember very well! It was a crazy day for sure. We were in band practice and spent the night with Katie. My car was covered in dents from the hail. We definitely need a reunion. It’s been too long!

Dionne Milam  I remember all of those cars being underwater and not being able to go under the train bridge. I also remember all of the cars afterward looking like golf balls from the hail.

Linda Forbes  Yea, I was sitting in a chemistry class up there when it happened. My Firebird was damaged.

Tennille Stockdale  I remember this day. I remember being in my townhouse, alone, scared to death hiding under the stairs in the basement. I grabbed my dog and dissection kit that a professor loaned me to dissect my dead possum. 😜 😑. All of our front windows were shattered from the hail and my car was beat up pretty bad. Johnna Bolin

Matt Freeman  I was parked on the hill near the public health science building under a huge tree. It kept my vehicle safe. But what a wild ride

Beau-Monica Nicewinter  Tricia York-Keown I remember this storm tearing your car all to heck!

JD Steenbergen  I saw that Chad Settle. I was hanging out in PFT with Steven Oliver. That is when the '74 Charger got the hail damage. The funny part is that it got damage where the all the other cars around it were destroyed haha. Still sad though 😞😢😢😢. I was going to move it to the parking garage but Jon Byrd was like, "naaa it won't be that bad of a storm" haha. When the sky turned green, I knew that I had made a mistake!

Eric Lowery  I remember this well. Lost a car in the Egypt lot flood that day!

Jennifer Worley  That was the one day my parents and sister came to visit me at college and their car was badly damaged while we were at a restaurant on Scottsville Rd. Then it took about an hour to get back to campus because of all the debris in the road, cars stalled and traffic lights out. When we got back to campus I was a nervous wreck but my crazy friends were playing in the giant puddles in the valley. Shewww. Scary day. Luanne Gillis WaldridgePamela Waldridge Pollett Kelley Knight Cassandra Ainsworth Nicole Laster Martinez Kimberly Mayes Reed
Mark Zimmerman  Susan Zimmerman remember this day?!?

Susan Zimmerman  Oh ya!!! Hanging out in the bathroom at Rhodes with Sydney! And having repairs done to a new house!!!

Matt Stamper  I remember being the front page pic of the school paper the next day, hugging and consoling my then girlfriend who was upset because her new truck was 80% submerged and totaled in the PFT parking lot. Title “It was Heartbreaking”.

Michael R. Vincent  Thats my Lowrider in this picture. Well, it was my lowrider. That day was crazy!

Erica Geers Spence  I was driving back to campus when the tornado hit.

Marta Birchell Woosley  I was working at 440 Main abd thankfully went into open early & not in my trailer that had its bay window knocked out!!

Amy Smith  I remember going to the basement of Wetherby during the storm. Trying to get back to my apt was terrible!

Ben Ball  I was only 3 when it happened. I was at my grandparents house in Franklin during the storm, and it barely even rained there. Coming back home the next day, I just remember it looked like a bomb went off in BG. Wrecked cars all over the place. We even had to take a different road into town than usual because the roads were so flooded. The roof of our house was messed up and our neighbors home had plastic siding, and it was full of holes. Both of my parents cars were smashed up pretty good from hail, including my dads at the time 2 year old truck (which he bought new, a big deal for us). Thankfully insurance fixed it though. I’m currently a student at WKU, and I’m typing this message from that truck as I wait for my next class!

Patricia A. Shumway Knox  My son David was a senior there and we were worrying if he was ok. Also his friend Travis lost another car in that tornado.

Brad Carby  I was working in the campus Pharmacy waiting for the storm to pass so my friends could pick me up!!

Tonya Spencer  Shavonna Jo Ross, I was convinced i was going to die. We went into the stairwell in Central, I was so scared for you! I'll never forget it!!!

Shavonna Jo Ross  Rachel, I can't take credit for saving her life, but I believe Tonya found comfort being in the stairwell with someone she knew. 😊;-)

Rachel Spencer Griffin  I was at work in the Music Dept. I remember watching it rain upside down and they sky turning green. Shavonna saved your life.....were you in front of the window in Central Hall before it broke?

Kellie McKay  Wallace Vibbert I do!! I was actually in Glasgow at a friend’s as the tornado touched down in the Hollow Rd area. That was a very scary day.

Wallace Vibbert  Kellie McKay I was in the stairwell of Rhodes Harlan Hall on campus as it hit. It was a scary moment.
Debbie McCoy Britt I was working in the ID Center in the basement of DUC and we felt like we were on the top floor. It took me 45 minutes to get to Kroger on Campbell Lane where my daughter was. She lost her car. I was parked in Diddle lot. Egypt was totally under water...all cars lost. Holly Crandal Barrow

Jill Taul Dyer Wow, 20 years? That’s crazy...I remember that day well. Sure wish I could have driven that car a little more than 2 weeks! 😞

Brock Mefford Me and Josh were at the mall. We drove home with the windows busted out!

Rena Pendley Young I remember like it was yesterday! Kimberly Faye-McClellan White and I were trapped inside TJ Maxx, Then walked out after to a totaled car.

Kimberly Faye-McClellan White Rena Pendley Young it was crazy...the tornado 🌪️ was so close!

Jenna Van Laningham I was watching a movie for a class in Cherry Hall when it hit. The noise from the hail on the windows drowned out the sound on the movie. Once the hail stopped, we finished the movie and it wasn’t until we went outside an hour later that we started to understand what happened.

Rebecca Robbins Trisha Hoffman Lowey remember pushing Amanda’s car out of Egypt lot?

Trisha Hoffman Lowey Omg yes! And sliding down the drain water between hills?!?

Jessica Holmes Clark I was there! I remember wading into very deep water in the Egypt parking lot and helping to roll cars out. So many dents from hailstones!

Marlena Burkhead I was on campus getting ready for work when the tornado came and then the hail. I remember seeing pics in the school newspaper of students doing cannonballs off the tops of those cars parked down in Egypt. Feeling pretty old right now.

Katelyn Wright The basement of the church I had Girl Scouts in flooded and the back window of my parents car was completely smashed. I remember going to a car wash and watching my dad vacuum glass out of where I sat.
I guess I was only 7 at the time because I just turned 27 yesterday. I didn’t really understand what was happening at the time but the sound was scary and I vaguely remember everyone(AKA the adults in my life)talking about all the damage to their cars, houses, etc. Now anytime there’s a mention of possible hail I just hope it’s nothing like that one time.

Courtney Green I remember ...we had about 15 ft of water in our back yard and 2 ft in the front had to evacuate

Carrie Bunch Ironically, I found a parking spot without having to circle the lot that day and just made into Central Hall and up to the 7th floor when the sirens sounded. We ran all the way to the bottom floor and waited in the stairwell until it was over. Water was pouring in from the roof. I had never seen hail damage like that in my life. Very scary day at WKU. Sammi Jo Eubank, I know you remember!!!!

Michael Ray I remember it took out my windows in my truck. We were at Brad Kings apartment grilling out. That was the craziest thing I have ever seen with weather.
**Myrna Morris Kingery** Lori was still in school, but at work that day. Thank heavens she was inside, but her car looked like had been in a battle zone!

**Rob Phillips** This storm is the reason I graduated college with debt.

**Jason Gearlds** I lost a car in that storm.

**Heather Hensley Meredith** I was working at the mall that day... wow what a day! Do you remember coming to my rescue, Sarah? 😍

**Kim Puckett McCoy** I remember you calling to tell us the roof was leaking. I said “did you put a pan under the leak”? 😄😄😄😄😄 little did I know the roof had holes and all the windows on one end of the house were broken!

**Heather Hensley Meredith** Kim Puckett McCoy it was a crazy day for sure!!!! I just remember dreading the call to Leonard! 😑

**Sarah Small** It was so crazy! I was trying so hard to get to you, the road was flooded and I was afraid I was going to get stuck, and then when I got there your car was ruined, the skylight in the mall had fallen in and everything was just eerie feeling. It was such a weird day.

**Jonathan Biven** I was in the air flying back from Miami! And couldn’t land in Nashville for a bit!

**Tonie Tran** Hence the nickname “Egypt” for that parking lot

**Lisa Littlejohn** The tornado that hit across Campbell Lane. It might have been straightline winds. Took out the Krispie Kream and the Barnes and Noble Shopping Center Roofs

**Fredia Lindsey Larson** It was a tornado it made it’s path through Lampkin Park’s golf course

**Lisa Littlejohn** Fredia Lindsey Larson I worked at Catherine’s on Campbell lane and it was horribly cold and wet trying to clear out the store before repairs.

**Donnell Wells** Took the roof of our house in barren co. Was in basement!!

**Clint Springer** I was at work. It was fun driving home with my head stuck out the window because the front windshield was all busted up from hail damage.

**Aj Elliott** Every car in town was totaled....except my lemon! Oh, the irony.

**Janice Kuehr Bedo** We had three totaled. Mine was in the garage.

**Virginia Booher Anderson** I remember this, water was waist high at PFT, what a day.

**Christy Parker Wright** I lived on the 7th floor at then Central Hall at WKU when the tornado sirens went off. Took shelter in the bottom level stairwell. Scary day!!!
Rachelle Buchanan Spalin I was in Central Hall that day too!!

Jennifer Long Woods I lived on the 2nd floor of Central and for some unknown reason sat in my room. So many people were on our floor and the stairwell.

Anna Miller Castleman My car was destroyed when that storm hit

Pamela McMahon Ferguson Anna Miller Castleman we lived on the 9th floor, I think. I remember us all running into the stairwell as the windows started breaking. And then remember afterwards the fire alarm wouldn’t stop going off and we couldn’t go back in? I remember Cassi Moneymaker Monty and I walking to get Chinese food.

Anna Miller Castleman Pamela McMahon Ferguson that’s right! I couldn’t remember which floor. So scary!

Andy Butler I was on campus when it hit. Had holes in my car fenders

Shellei Knuckles Price I had parked my car under a tree in the stadium parking lot. Was away all weekend for a Speech trip. Had no idea the damage until we all got back. My car only had like 2 dents on the back because it was under the tree.

Bridget Trame Fredstrom No way! You got so lucky. I remember this storm so well. Every car looked like a golf ball

Carol Reeder The hail totaled my car that was only 2 years old. It was in BigLots parking lot

Melanie Proffitt Dragoo I remember it because I was in Labor giving birth to my first born. He was born during a storm that made history and now he is a meteorologist in the USAF predicting such storms. 😊:

Shala Wilson I was working at Internal Medicine Associates. My car totaled by hail plus 15 windows & roof destroyed at home. Amazing that there were few injuries!

Jenny Hundley Kidwell I was on the football field getting ready for Greek Week!

Sharon Taylor My younger daughter and I were in Target. We were given towels to cover our heads and directed to a safe place in the store. Our 3 month old car was totaled by hail and water damage in the floor of the car. Thanks to God that lives were spared.

Tyler Hendrick My mom made home from work (Greenvie Hospital) only minutes before the storm hit. She had just bought her new car, almost every car in the hospital parking lot was totaled or severely damaged. We lived on the other side of town and had no damage at all

Melinda Davis Hogue Kayla Saxton Johnson didn’t this storm mess your car up?? Am I remembering that right??

Kayla Saxton Johnson Yes!! Toted my little Saturn I had for just three weeks. Just awful.

Melinda Davis Hogue Kayla Saxton Johnson I thought so, and I remembered you hadn’t had it very long!
Nancy Blacketer I had fortunately taken a vacation day from work and my car was parked safely in the garage.

Rachel Crowder Davis I was a junior WKU student working at KOA campground. We got all the campers huddled into the main building. Luckily my car only had minor hail damage. I’ll never forget driving home and seeing all the cars damaged at the car lots and people driving with missing windows in their vehicles.

Ruth Gregory I was at work at Transfinancial operation center and my car was at Bale Tire Center for repairs so it wasn’t damaged.

Libby Johnson Humphries Remember it like it was yesterday! That was an awesome day (and my poor car) очаровательный 😳😍😱

Ben Haggard It was a sad day for the ol’ Camry. Devastating damage! Thank Goodness for Liability….no wait….♂️😉

LtCol Mike Bryant I remember being part of the weather spotting team and riding the second wave of hail out in the back of the truck. That was a ride to remember.

Rachael-Bryan Loder Angie Ladd isn’t this the storm with me you Casey Coleman and Khristopher Leviner where we had to run on porch and I kept telling khris I loved him bc I thought I was gonna die!!! Lol we were on way to go bowling I think!!

Khristopher Leviner I took them hail stones of the noggin like a champ running with Casey in my arms

Rachael-Bryan Loder it broke Angie Ladd windshield! Casey Coleman was just a baby!

Lynn Hooker You all were at the bowling alley. I remember that because I was freaking out.

Troy Dunn I have just got back for Scottsville had my truck for 8 days I pulled it in the warehouse at the Coke plant

Beth VanFleet My son and I were on our way back from the Smokey Mountains. It was a scary drive and when we got to BG, we were overwhelmed. Flooding, destruction, and devastation.

Missy Watson Cherry my parents were on a college tour at WKU with my sister and got caught in the storm. A huge hail piece hit my dad in the head and split it open! My mom's car was totaled from the hail damage!

Annie Powell Our apartment was destroyed, can’t believe that was 20 years ago!!

Lea Anne Simpson My Honda Civic was parked in Egypt and was completely submerged! Yuck!

Bob Higdon And you were calling me about every 30 minutes asking me what you should do! That’s what insurance is for.

Lea Anne Simpson Nope, that's what dads are for!
Karen Cash Blackburn We were at Mammoth Cave when this storm hit. We had really bad cosmetic damage to our car. We knew nothing about it while it was going on because we were down in the cave.

Kimberly King Carpenter I was working and lived off of Smallhouse. We lost both cars because of the hail. My neighbors had it worse part of their roof caved in because of the weight of the hail. They also lost their pontoon boat and RV. Their kids had to call them back from Florida.

Lecia Meredith Wilson Just had got a new mail Jeep. Took it to be serviced in bowling Green. It got beat all to heck. Broken windows too. Terrible, hope we never see that again.

Melissa Fryer Rivas Prado Kerri Barber Browning this was the day you visited me at WKU on a campus visit, twenty years seriously 😳 😳

Karissa Riter I remember trying to drive home after the storm only to have the hail that pierced my radiator melt which caused my radiator to leak and leave me stranded on the side of the road. Thank goodness for good friends!

Kylee Hunt My 1st car was totaled in this storm. Got back to it the afternoon after the storm hit and there was still ice inside my car where all the windows were busted out. 😞 😞

KB Dunn Tracey Y Folden....I’ll never forget you taking me grocery shopping and giving me a place to stay after my apartment and car were destroyed!!!

Kendra Phelps Hendrix My car had no glass left in it! I remember it being larger than baseball size out by the mall.

Becky McFarland Welch I lived in Stonehenge Apts at the time and they received a lot of damage from the hail. There were so many cars destroyed!

Heather Suell Stewart I was and the mall and we were escorted to a storm shelter behind Victoria Secret. It was loud and very scary!

Krystal Arbach Norris I was doing physical therapy rehab in the Football building and came out and noticed all the huge dents in every car...

Soleil Hurst I remember waiting for a ride home that afternoon outside the Planetarium. Dr. Schwank’s secretary was picking me up and she had to stop on the side of the road when the hail started to come down hard. We were going to have the first International Gala that evening at WKU. I was a freshman in Biology and President of the International Club.

Sandra Eskridge Black We were in BG. Rode home in a wrecker!

Bill Wilson I killed a wild turkey and had it in the bed of my truck. By the time I got home it looked like someone had already plucked it and packed it in ice!!!

Tammy A Cowles I worked at Sumitomo on Three Springs Road. Lots of damage to vehicles. My front windshield was smashed but my sunroof survived.
Jamie Swaim Remember the power outage cookout, the muddy football and hearing the newscaster say they were going off the air. The 4th floor RA wasn’t home, so I went up to clear it. Two girls told me they were doing their own tornado watch and laughed. Our tornado safe space flooded and windows were broken. Crazy.

Joni Johnson Prihoda The power outage cookout and hiding out in Andi’s apartment watching Matt on the news are the first things that stuck out in my mind. That, and riding to Kroger with Ryan Lehr to get food for power outage cookout.

Delia Osborne Working at DUC and we all had to go down to lower level by subway. I knew we were safe in that huge building! My roommate called to see if I was safe. He was at Gordon Wilson hall. Afterward, several of us walked around FAC and there was a lot of water damage inside. I think I have some video footage of it somewhere.

How was that 20 years ago???????

Shannon Bryan I remember the storm and I remember i was on campus but not sure where. I remember my street was flooded and it was hours before i got home. I do remember a house on the corner of rhe main street before turning left for campus was under water.

Shannon Bryan I remember my fiance had my car and it was parked in the structure so it wasn’t damaged. However, his car was a dealership, outside, and was damaged.

Alys Howard We lived in a single wide trailer at the time. I was home, as I had just gone thru sinus surgery the day before. Thank God the tie down straps held!! It looked like a machine gun went off in the front, blew out the windows, ripped the shutters and shingles to shreds, and broke and busted out the cement block underpinning! The whole trailer seemed to breathe and the floor bucked with the storm. I thought I was a goner! Huge trees in the woods behind me were twisted and uprooted from the ground. Heard the famous train sound. I think it was a tornado.

Rachel Will Yes I was there. I was in the basement of McLean hall listening to sirens and windows being busted out. The one day I didn’t park in the parking garage and of course my car was totaled!

Bob Missy Jones I was parked in front of PFT. Car was flooded. I pulled out of water to dry land. Later I took my car to a car vac and vacuumed water out so I could drive home. Hail damage all over car.

Stephanie Cornwell The WKU CEC group flew out of Nashville just minutes before the storms hit Nashville. We learned we were the last plane to take off and when we landed we learned of the damage to Nashville and to WKU.

Karen Jones-mena I am a florida resident now. I live about 10 miles from where Hurricane Irma made landfall. I was in Bowling Green when this deadly tornado outbreak happened. I will never forget the true terror of the day. Grapefruit size hail is what I saw! My van was totalled from the storm. My two kids and I made it with mere seconds to spare..jumping out of the vehicle as fast as we could and running into the days inn motel as the tornado blew directly over us. The fury of that storm is what reminded me to evacuate when Hurricane Irma was coming here! I miss the hometown team news and weather coverage from WBKO. I think you guys are second to none.

Morgan Atkinson I was with my mom, sister and best friend at the mail under a table. The tornado that went over the mall was one of the scariest moments of my life. The car was demolished from softball size hail. By
the time our family picked us up and navigated through flooded streets, it was in the wee hours of the morning before we got home to Logan County. I don’t care to relive any of it.

**Terri Taylor Harms** I remember this! I was parked in front of my dorm and my car was totaled from hail that year!

**Carol White** I saw softball sized hail.

**Carol White** I was in the basement of a large brick building and the hail hitting the building sounded like a war zone. My convertible was totaled. Over $20,000 to our home and we got off easy.

**Amy Warren** I was there and I remember it well! I was working on campus in the ID Center.

**Meg Cornelius** I was on my way out of town; heading home. I stopped at Bob Evan's to pick up my paycheck and my manager talked me into grabbing a bite to eat. As I was eating, one of my coworkers said, "Don't alarm the customers, but come outside.". The sky... As I walked out of the restaurant, the sky in front of me was a clear blue. Turning around & looking over my shoulder I froze. It was the kind of response you see in the movies: stunned into silence. The sky was black-pitch black, as if night was rolling in when it was afternoon. But instead of the stillness of night, the Black was alive; clouds churning over one another like smoke. Then came the lightning. It exploded in the clouds, sending arms in all directions at once. The wind began to blow, and the blue skies vanished. We rushed inside & hurried the guests, as calmly as possible into the walk-in freezer. I remember one of the waiters brought a pot of coffee, serving guests as we walked & telling everyone we were overreacting. Seconds after we closed the door it hit. It sounded like someone was running around that thick metal freezer hitting it with bats & bowling balls. It lasted no more than a minute or two. It seemed like forever. When we emerged, the restaurant sustained minimal damage. The old wooden shutters had protected most of the windows. But in the parking lot...ugh...The cars were destroyed. I was clearly not going home. As we assessed, people began pulling into the parking lot from I-65; their car windows were shattered, their faces cut. We helped unsteady people walk in out if the rain, got them settled, iced their wounds and waited for help to arrive. The interstate, they said, was a nightmare. I lost several tshirts that day, because I gave them to people who needed something dry to wear, and I had been packed for a long stay at home. I'll never forget how blessed I felt that I let my manager talk me into getting dinner. If not, I would have been on I-65 when it hit, and might not be here today.

**Andrea Jones Brooks** RIP cavalier😂 I had only made two payments on it before it was destroyed.

**Ashley Nathan Neathery** My car was parallel parked right outside Bemis Lawrence hall. My room was on the 6th floor. We were called to the bottom floor and asked to shelter in the stairwell. I went up to the first floor. Someone left there door open and I watched the hail fall out there window which was open. The sound of the hail hitting trees, windows and cars was horrific. My car managed to avoid any broken windows I assume partly because I was near a tree, but the body damage was terrible. My floor mates car was in Egypt parking lot and didn't survive. She happened to be in math class up on the hill and had no clue the storm was as bad as it was. No smart phones then.

**Theodore Eysenbach** 9th floor Rodes Harlin Hall. 20 years ago crowded into the stairwell with everyone else stuck in the dorm. I went to my room to get something and looked out the window to see baseball sized hail crashing in the puddles below.
Ann Elliott  I was in a small broom closet with Henry Pepper and someone else, don’t remember who, at Century 21 Office building on Scottsville Road. Our cars were totaled but we safe thank God.

Melissa Woodcock  I was out shopping and drove like one of the Duke boys to get to my apartment before the tornado hit. The hail damage was insane. I remember the insurance companies opened up the tobacco barns and totalled out all the cars.

Lora Jenkins  Emma Jenkins. This was what Kentucky got. I was in Bowling Green that day and left before the storm hit. Came to work the next day and it was a mess. People asked how much damage I had to my car and I said none. Guess I was the only one with no damage.

Jami Ochsner Schoenbaechler  I was working on Scottsville Rd when this came through. My kids were at day care. My car was totaled. The windows in my apartment were busted out. This was the scariest storm I have ever been in. My daughter had major anxiety during storms for years after this.

CheyAnne Fant  My roommates and I hid in our bathtub with a single mattress over our heads...our windows broke in the apt, and the TV got hail damage! Also, I was driving my Aunt Kaye Davis’s car, and it was totaled due to hail damage! Kristen Nally McBrydeAngie Jarrett Walton

Shawn Crowe  We were on air with live coverage via the campus cable channel. WKU Storm Team was a brand new thing, and we got broken in the hard way that year. This storm came two months after 8 inches of snow covered campus. Back then, classes didn’t get cancelled for weather.

Charlene Hole  My car was totalled by hail in the mall parking lot. That was the second car totalled by hail in Bowling Green!

Denise Coughlin Breen  My boss told me to take afternoon off so my car was in the garage. Got in bathtub with my cats in their carrier, king size quilt and pillows over us. Can’t believe how calm I stayed, do remember sweating to death with all the stuff I had covering my head!

WKU Instagram 4/16/2018:

wku  Today is the 20th anniversary of the hailstorm that hit the WKU campus and the Bowling Green community on the afternoon of April 16, 1998. Baseball-sized hail damaged vehicles, homes, businesses, buildings, apartments and churches and more than 5 inches of rain caused major flooding on campus and in the community. Numerous vehicles were under water in the Creason Lot. Total damage from the storm in Bowling Green was estimated at $510 million. The storm system also spawned tornadoes Logan, Warren, Allen, Barren, Adair and Metcalfe counties. (Photos courtesy WKU Archives.) #WKU

redarrowryan  In the third picture, somewhere under all that water is my car.

findingpiece  Omg...I was there! So old.

shopheather79  I was on campus that day. Makes me feel so old to hear that was 20 years ago!!!

ericanky  I was a student then.
**I was headed into work at The Greenwood Spirits Shoppe next to the mall. Scariest day ever. This from a girl who has been though my fair share of hurricanes.**

**I was 30-40' in the air, on some metal wheel racks when the first bits of hail started. Nickel to quarter size. Sky was red. Soon as I got down and inside the building, the baseballs started falling. Drove home with no windshield.**

**I was in Thompson Complex when it hit. They made us go to the bottom floor but it started flooding from the rain coming down the hill so we had to move up a floor.**

**My brothers brand new camero looked like cottage cheese**

**I was on the 24th floor of PFT when the tornado sirens went off. One of the last ones down before the power went out. Sadly, my car did not survive.**

**I forgot where I was but I was in bowling green lol**

**I drove my little car around with hail damage for 3 years after that. What a scary time on campus that day.**

**I was in my infamous “corner room/suite” at Schneider Hall & my red Geo Prism who I called Big Red was smashed from the hail!**

**I was in BG that day. We had returned from Spring Break and my wife wanted to go shopping. We were out on the Bypass and I pulled under a bank drive through in my new Honda CRV. My wife was in “My Friends Place”. I had one of the only cars in BG that wasn’t damaged. I could not believe the destruction!**

**I was pregnant with one of your honor students at the time. Remember it vividly.**

**I remember that day and the ones that followed. I was working as a desk clerk in East Hall that day. The RA told me I had to stay behind the desk and I remember the windows breaking in the mail room. The sky was the strangest color. Afterwards I had to cross Big Red Way to get to my dorm. It was like a river with all the water rushing down from the top of the hill. Definitely a memory not to be forgotten.**

**I remember the cars that drove around dented up for years after that**

**Yep my truck had to be completely rebuilt**

**Is that Kevin wood pushing that red truck out**

**I remember this day well...**

**Thankfully my car was in the parking garage that day and I was safe in the stairwell of Rodes Hardin. My not-so-bright roommate told me to call my mom back after we were released. Yes, she had stayed in the room. ☹️**

**I remember!**
**jeff3164** [Jeff Eversoll] I believe I’m the police officer standing in the water of the first picture directing traffic. I remember watching the water rise on Creason Drive.

**wwebb87** I remember it well!

**mveith4@mrs.jenleigh** remember the dumpster floating down the street in front of your apt?

**onetouchmediaky** Wku does have bad drainage when it rains. Hope it's been fixed.