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Winter returned last week, closing schools, stressing livestock and creating hazardous driving conditions. It happened again Monday, sans wind, moisture-laden, and no closures.

Winter Storm Walda moved through last week; this week it's Yogi. More wintry mix was expected as the Tribune went to press.



Last week's front moved in late April 8. What began as rain dumped about half an inch of precipitation before turning to snow in the wee hours accompanied by gusty winds. Blizzard conditions persisted throughout Tuesday, April 9, with most area schools closed. Interstate 80 and Highway 30 west from Ogallala to the Wyoming border were closed.

A 35-year-old woman from the Panhandle was found dead April 9 from exposure after abandoning her stranded vehicle during the storm.

Snow lasted into the next day, April 10, and schools around the region called for a late start.

Typical of spring, the high April 8 was 75 and only 33 degrees the next day.

Temperatures and snow patterns keep meteorologists guessing. More snow is in this week's forecast. Stay tuned for spring.