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Chikaskia River Flood Peril Ends

All highways were open in the Blackwell area Tuesday morning, and the errant Chikaskia River was settling back into its banks after exceeding flood stage Monday.

Blackwell police reported no property damage by the normally placid little river, which crested more than 3 feet above flood stage Monday afternoon.

Floyd Montgomery, U. S. Weather Bureau observer in Blackwell, said the river was down to 25.70 feet by 8 a.m. Tuesday after cresting at 29.28 feet at 3:45 p.m. Monday. Flood stage is 26 feet.

"It was pouring about 19,500 cubic feet per second at the crest," Montgomery said. "Normal is about 800 or 900 feet per second." He said the normal level of the river was a mere 1.70 feet.

Heavy rains in north central Oklahoma and in Kansas that swelled the river have ended, and the weather bureau reports no shower activity in the state.

Clear to partly cloudy skies are forecast across the state through Wednesday with temperatures ranging from 74 to 80 Tuesday. Overnight lows should be from 42 northwest to 60 southeast.

Accumulated dampness from rains over the weekend helped form heavy fog in many areas of the state early Tuesday morning, reducing visibility to less than one mile in many places. Weathermen said it would burn off by mid-morning as temperatures increased.

Will Rogers World Airport reported visibility less than one mile, Tinker Air Force Base ceased all takeoffs and landings at 12:17 a.m. because of virtually zero visibility.

The Oklahoma City forecast called for partly cloudy skies and a high temperature of 77 Tuesday and 79 Wednesday.

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