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Storm blamed for eight deaths

A large storm already blamed for at least eight deaths in the West slogged through Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico and other parts of the southwest Sunday as it slowly churned east ahead of Thanksgiving. A5

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Santa Claus greets members of the DuBois Area Middle School band Saturday at the DuBois Mall after he arrived in a Sandy Township fire truck. The band then played while escorting him through the mall. (Photo by Paul A. Wilson)

Winter storm watches issued

Family and friends might not be the only ones coming to Grandma's house this week for Thanksgiving. Snow, ice and rain might show up, too.

National Weather Service forecasters in Pittsburgh and State College have issued winter storm watches for heavy snow and ice for Clearfield, Elk, Jefferson, Clarion, Forest and Indiana counties from Tuesday morning through Wednesday afternoon.

The watches extend north into the southern tier of New York and west into eastern Ohio.

The culprits are two upper air systems expected to converge over the South later today and spawn what will become a nor'easter that will move north along the East Coast Tuesday and Wednesday.

The winter storm watch means 6 or more inches of snow, along with sleet or freezing rain, may fall.

Precipitation will begin Tuesday and taper off Wednesday afternoon. Hazardous travel is likely and power outages are possible.

Later Tuesday, some warm air may work into the region from the southeast several thousand feet above the ground and introduce the possibility of ice, which will reduce snow accumulations but make travel no less difficult.

If the warm air does not mix in, precipitation will remain all snow and amounts could be heavy.

Residents, especially those with travel plans Tuesday or Wednesday, should stay abreast of the latest forecasts.

Weekend snow

An arctic cold front plowed through west-central Pennsylvania Saturday afternoon and the high wind, biting cold and snow squalls that accompanied it made for difficult travel in many places.

Minor traffic accidents were

widespread and some roads, including several major ones in Elk County, were closed temporarily due to the icy conditions.

Most areas in the Greater DuBois area saw accumulations of as much as 2-4 inches through Sunday afternoon.

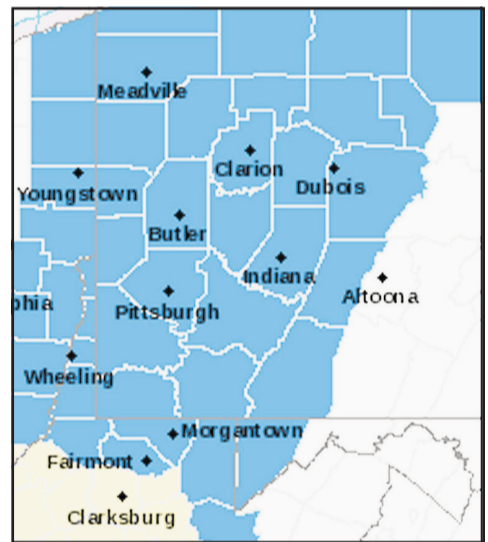
Areas to the west, primarily in Clarion and Venango counties, were buried with lake effect snow.

In Venango County, 20.1 inches had fallen in Seneca by 11 a.m. Sunday and Oil City reported 18 inches at 11 a.m. Sunday.

Snowfall totals in Clarion County include 10 inches in Frogtown at 8 a.m. Sunday, 7 inches in Clarion by 6 a.m. and 6 inches in Limestone early Sunday.

Marion Center in Indiana County reported 4 inches at Sunday morning.

Ringold in Jefferson County had 8 inches of snow by 8:30 a.m. Sunday.



The area in blue is under a winter storm watch from Tuesday evening through Wednesday afternoon. Heavy snow and ice accumulations are possible, according to the National Weather Service. (NWS graphic)



Richard "Dick" Pfungstler, center, is flanked by his brother, Tom, left, and his son Jude, right, at Atlas Pressed Metals plant in DuBois. Dick is the new president of the Metal Powder Industries Federation. (Photo courtesy Atlas Pressed Metals)

Atlas Pressed Metals CEO elected president of Metal Powder Industries Federation

DuBOIS — Atlas Pressed Metals CEO Richard (Dick) Pfungstler received word in late September that he has been elected to serve as the 27th president of the Metal Powder Industries Federation.

His two-year term began following the Federation's

69th annual meeting last week in Key West, Fla.

The MPIF traces its roots to the end of World War II, when a group of entrepreneurs came together to help the industry fill surplus production capacity that had been geared up for the war effort. Today, the resulting

trade association promotes powdered metal technology and works to develop standards and testing methods. The MPIF serves as an umbrella organization for six different associations, representing powder producers, parts fabricators and pro- See President, Page A9

Sen. Scarnati applauds ruling in Obamacare religious freedom case

HARRISBURG — Senate President Pro Tempore Joe Scarnati, R-Brockway, announced his support for a U.S. District Court ruling last week that delays the implementation of certain mandates contained in Obamacare on the Catholic Diocese of SCARNATI Pittsburgh and Erie.



The two religious groups challenged a controversial provision of the Obamacare law which would have required that their employees be offered health insurance to cover contraception and abortions.

U.S. District Judge Arthur J. Schwab found that "requiring schools and charities to comply with those Affordable Care Act mandates could result in decreased donations, loss of employees and fines that could force the closure of some church programs."

Judge Schwab's decision is a major victory not only

for the Catholic Dioceses, but for all Pennsylvanians," Scarnati said. "No individual, organization or employer should be forced to violate their deeply held religious beliefs."

"Religious Freedom is one of the founding principles of our nation and our forefathers clearly recognized this in the First Amendment to the United States Constitution," Scarnati said.

"The First Amendment states that Congress shall make no law prohibiting the free exercise of religion," Scarnati said. "Unfortunately that is exactly what Democrats in Congress and President Obama have done through this portion of Obamacare."

"Americans are tired of all the broken promises coming from President Obama and his administration," Scarnati said. "The implementation of Obamacare has been an unmitigated disaster and it's time for Congress to repeal this deeply flawed law."

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