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THE TORNADO OF MARCH, 2 2012

On March 2, 2012 a tornado struck in Salyersville Kentucky! This tornado had many effect's on families, student's, and building's. What was it like? Well I am going to tell you right now, because I was their!

EFFECT'S ON SCHOOL:

One of the biggest effect's caused by the tornado was the school's! Not only did it effect the students, it effected their education, the student's were out of school for many day's, which mean's they missed out on a lot of lesson's! The tornado tore the top off of Salyersville Grade School (SGS) completely, Herald Whitaker Middle School (HWMS) was destroyed, Magoffin County High School (MCHS) had the least damage done, but was still standing, this mean's it was easy to repair. As for Salyersville Grade School, it had to be re-done completely, and the Herald Whitaker Middle School was torn down. But what happened to the middle school student's? I am one of those students, and sadly we never got to experience what it would be like inside the actual Herald Whitaker Middle School, we was forced to move and now are going to Magoffin County High School. It's a bummer though cause all the other student's, including myself, will never know what it would've been like inside that school and to have all of that freedom. Now construction worker's are working on the new Magoffin County High School, which should be done in 2016 hopefully. Thing's here are very different then what it probably would've been at the original Harold Whitaker Middle School before it was destroyed.

EFFECT'S ON PEOPLE:

Many of the student's fell behind, lacked education, were frightened, and some were even dramatized by the tornado. I myself was personally scared of tornado's ever happening again, even little storm's became frightening to me, which mean's I spent most my time hiding in my room for many day's. What surprised people is how no one died, that's right, no one was killed during the tornado! Not many people were injured ether, it was all minor scratches compared to death, everyone was thankful and truly blessed! Some families were greatly relieved to find out they hadn't lost anyone, though I wasn't the only one who became afraid, lot's of the younger children began to fear tornado's, storm's, even just a little rain and thunder scared them. It was truly terrifying for everyone, my mother was gone when it occurred and I had been spending the night with my grandmother, this meant she couldn't check on me, I couldn't be with my dad, I didn't know if my pet's had been killed, or if anyone was injured! We was all worried and in a panic, but greatly relieved when we found out everyone was okay.

EFFECT'S ON THE TOWN:

The effect's on town were the worst of all, the friendly neighbor hood we came to love had been destroyed, simple gas station's to snack at were gone, our favorite restaurant's had all been taken out! Something very shocking to everyone was that the church had been hit, and the Shell mart

was to, but the worst part was that the only things missing from the Shell mart logo was the S, which meant it said 'Hell' this even scared grown up's, it was terrifying, and I doubt anyone will ever forget it! I was lucky and my trailer wasn't destroyed, but the hill side behind us was demolished, fallen tree's were laying everywhere. Some of my classmate's weren't as lucky, the had to move and rebuild their home's that were taken out. I thought I had it bad, I can only imagine all the fear they must've felt inside their own home as it was being destroyed right before their eye's! For a long time, no one had electricity or water, which meant I had no connection to check up on my friend's or my loved one's, I couldn't contact any family outside the state or see if my friend's were alright, it was very depressing. As for the water, I didn't really mind, but my family was poor so we had to cut back and drink each bottle carefully and only when needed. Thing's were terrible.

In the end we discovered no one was killed, and that we are truly blessed! I was glad to be able to come back home and see my parent's again, play with my dog's, and see that my home was still standing. Now, I feel even more blessed to have such amazing friends! I am forever grateful.