

Storms rip Midwest, more on Thursday

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MOSCOW, Ind. -- Weather forecasters warn an outbreak of violent thunderstorms over the Midwest Tuesday could be followed by much more serious storms Thursday. At least six people were injured and several homes were destroyed in southern Indiana while heavy rain and lightning strikes sparked a huge fire at a petroleum tank farm and flooded roads around Kansas City Tuesday night, Accuweather.com reported. No one was reported injured in the fuel tank blaze in Kansas City, Kan., which burned a million gallons of unleaded gasoline. In Rush County, Ind., what authorities said could have been a tornado destroyed an historic covered bridge at Moscow and injured six, CNN reported. But the real weather trouble could be coming Thursday. Accuweather.com predicted Wednesday a widespread outbreak of tornadoes will take shape across the nation's midsection as a strong storm system emerging from the Rockies will cross the central plains and Upper Mississippi Valley. Under threat are such cities as Des Moines, Iowa, Omaha, Neb., and Wichita, Kan., forecasters said. They urged residents of those areas to keep close tabs on the weather Thursday.

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