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Madison records 4 consecutive days of 90-plus weather in May for first time

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(From left) Joe and Heather Shilts, of Madison, attend Brat Fest on Willow Island at Alliant Energy Center on Saturday. Madison reached 90 degrees that day -- the first of four consecutive 90-plus days for the capital city.

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Hot temperatures don't keep Wisconsinites from annual Brat Fest

The weather in Madison has pushed the mercury to 90 degrees or more for four consecutive days in May — the first such instance since temperatures started being tracked nearly 150 years ago.

The National Weather Service said temperatures in the capital city reached 90 degrees or above on Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. Four straight May days have not reached the 90-degree threshold since record-keeping began in 1869, according to the weather service.

Two of those four days surpassed the previous highs for the dates and one tied the record.

Madison recorded 90 degrees on Saturday, short of the date's record 91 degrees set in 1978; 95 degrees on Sunday, beating the date's record 94 degrees set in 2012; 93 on Monday, beating the date's record 92 degrees set in 1991; and 91 on Tuesday, tying the date's record set in 1991.

The Memorial Day weekend heat wave extended throughout the upper Midwest and Great Lakes states with cities across the region reaching record highs.

On Sunday, Milwaukee hit 95 degrees, the highest May temperature ever recorded for the city, the weather service said.

The unseasonable heat is expected to break Wednesday with rain showers likely throughout the day and highs ranging from the low 80s to low 70s into next week.

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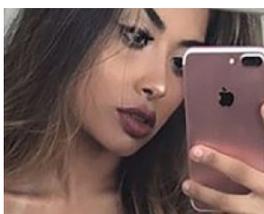
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