



Kansas State University Libraries
New Prairie Press

Symphony in the Flint Hills Field Journal

2022 - Weather in the Flint Hills

Weather Folklore: Part 2

Michelle Lindsey
Homestead on the Range

Follow this and additional works at: <https://newprairiepress.org/sfh>

Recommended Citation

Lindsey, Michelle (2022). "Weather Folklore: Part 2," Symphony in the Flint Hills Field Journal.

To order hard copies of the Field Journals, go to shop.symphonynintheflinthills.org.

The Field Journals are made possible in part with funding from the Fred C. and Mary R. Koch Foundation.

This Event is brought to you for free and open access by the Conferences at New Prairie Press. It has been accepted for inclusion in Symphony in the Flint Hills Field Journal by an authorized administrator of New Prairie Press. For more information, please contact cads@k-state.edu.

WEATHER FOLKLORE: PART 2

FACT OR FICTION

The higher the clouds, the finer the weather.

Just depends. High clouds themselves do not bring rain and may indeed be indicators of fine weather. However, they may also give way to lower rainmaking clouds.

Mountains in the morning, fountains in the evening.

Fact. Mountainous clouds usually turn into thunderstorms.

No weather is ill, if the wind is still.

Just depends. Still winds usually indicate the presence of calm, high-pressure weather. On the other hand, those who have spent plenty of time outdoors know the truth of the phrase “the calm before the storm”!

When windows won’t open, and the salt clogs the shaker, the weather will favor the umbrella maker.

Fact. Windows that stick and salt that clumps together indicate high humidity — in other words, wet weather.

When sounds travel far and wide, a stormy day will betide.

Just depends. Moist air conducts sound better than dry air, so there is an element of truth to this. However, cold air conducts sound better than warm air. This is why sound can carry so far on a clear, still winter day, without any rain or snow following.

A coming storm your shooting horns presage, and aches will throb, your hollow tooth will rage.

Fact. There appears to be a correlation between changes in air pressure and aches and pains. Some scientists dismiss this bit of folk wisdom by suggesting that selective memory may be at play, but the saying has been proven true too many times to ignore.

Reprinted with permission. Copyright © HomesteadOnTheRange.com. All rights reserved. For author information, see page 36.



Opening Night Sky
Kristin Goering