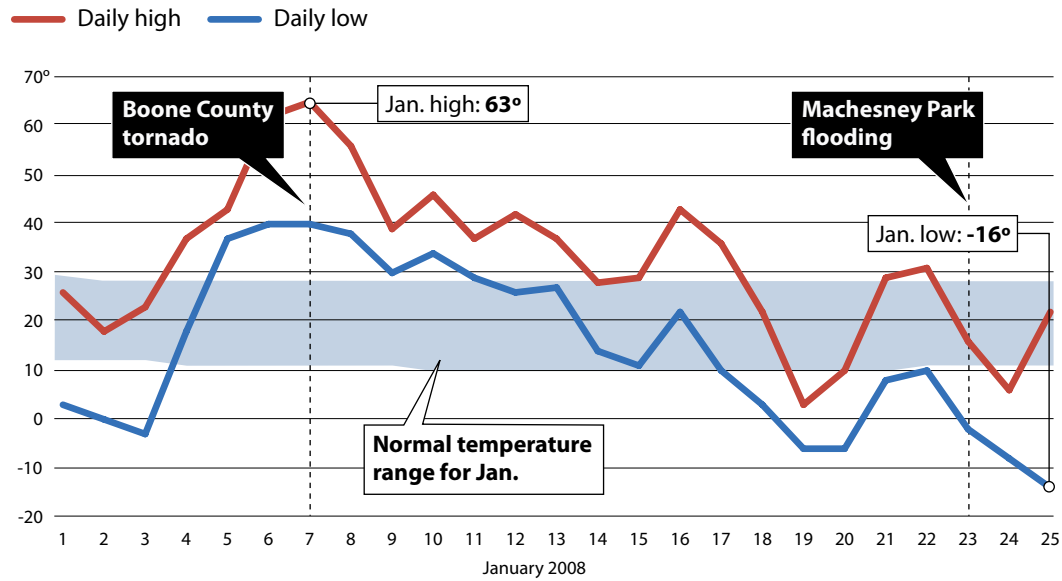


# The winter of weird weather

Temperatures in January have had a 79-degree spread, with 63 degrees on Jan. 7 and minus 10 on the 24th. It's the coldest winter in seven years. Experts point to several factors, including sun spots, the jet stream and the snow cover.



Source: AccuWeather.com, Weather Underground

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