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This large branch fell during strong winds Monday morning into the driveway at 410 N. Purdue, barely missing the house and a pickup that had been parked in the driveway. L&T photo/Victoria Calderon

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Around 9:45 a.m. Monday, a large branch from a neighbor's tree fell, landing in Louis and Claudia Love's driveway at 410 N. Purdue in the Harrison Circle area of Liberal

The branch was ripped from the tree by the wind. It narrowly missed the pickup truck that was parked in the Loves' driveway, sliding between the bed of the truck and the couple's garage.

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“I was sitting in there, getting ready to write a check, and it came down and just went ‘boom,’” Claudia said.

Claudia has been anticipating the neighbor’s tree to cause damage to her house for a long time.

“It’s been cracked for years,” she said, pointing out the spot where the branch broke off from the tree. “It’s just neglect.”

She claimed, despite her requests for her neighbors to remove the branch, they had not made any efforts. She even asked city workers to trim the tree, but they did not have the authority to do so.

No lasting damage was made to their home or truck, and nobody was hurt in the incident.