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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In re:

Bradley J. Bennett, Sr.,

Complainant

v.

Utility Operators Corporation

Respondent

Case No. 05-726-WS-CSS

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In accordance with Ohio Adm. Code 4901-1-29(A)(1)(h), Respondent Utility Operators Corporation hereby files the expert report of Edward A. Bischoff, who will be providing expert testimony on behalf of Respondent. A copy of the report is attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,



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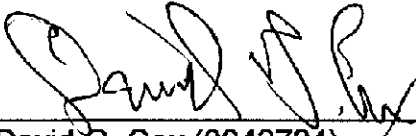
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**REPORT ON THE BACKUP OF WATER INTO
MR. BENET'S BASEMENT ON SEPTEMBER 8 AND 17, 2004
IN THE ROLLING HILLS SUBDIVISION**

The flooding of Mr. Bennett's home in the Rolling Hills Subdivision at 101 Amy Lane, Byesville, Ohio on September 8, 2004 was a result of excessive rainfall from Hurricane Frances. The Rolling Hills area received two inches of rain on September 7 and five inches on September 8. This amount of rain caused major flooding in Guernsey County. The County was under a state of emergency. The road to the sewage plant was flooded and impassable for three days. On September 9 the southbound lanes of I-77 were reduced to one lane in the area of Byesville due to high water. I-70 had been closed due to high water.

On September 17, Hurricane Ivan came through the area and dumped six inches of rain in the Rolling Hills area. This again caused major flooding in the area and the backup of water in Mr. Bennett's basement.

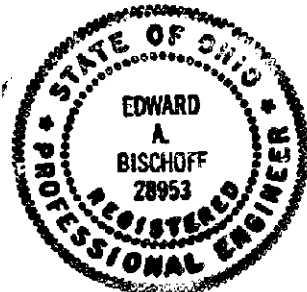
The enclosed pictures and articles from the Daily Jeffersonian newspaper describe the flooding that occurred because of Hurricanes Frances and Ivan.

The area storm drainage systems and streams were incapable of handling this amount of rain, resulting in major flooding of the area and the backup of water into Bennett's basement. The flooding caused the storm water to enter the sanitary sewer in volumes that exceeded the capacity of the sanitary sewer system lift station.

Mr. Bennett's basement is the lowest basement on the sanitary sewer system. When the sanitary sewer is overloaded with storm water, water will backup into his basement.

The articles and pictures in the Daily Jeffersonian and the rain records for September 7, 8, and 17, 2004 clearly show the excessive rainfall and the major flooding that resulted from the two hurricanes that came through the area.

The backup into Mr. Bennett's basement is directly caused by the excessive amount of rain from Hurricanes Frances and Ivan.




Edward A. Bischoff, P.E., P.S.

Enclosure:

Ohio EPA Monthly Operating Report Form 6500 for September 2004
Daily Jeffersonian articles and photographs
Mr. Bischoff's Resume

MONTHLY REPORT FORM

4500

Name, Address City, County, ZIP :
 Utility Operators Corporation
 South of intersection of Jackson Twp. Rds. 434 &
 435
 Bylesville OH 43723

Station Code :
 601

Reported Date (Month Year) :
 September 2004

Application :
 OPW00007*ED

10/13/04

Sampling Station Description :
 Influent

in(1) - Enter 1 for Continuous, 2 for Composite, 3 for Grab Sample
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Reporting Lab :
 Water Quality Management, Inc.

Analyst :

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MAX	6	151	0.632	180			
MIN	0	41	0.102	98	0	0	0

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Edward A. Bischoff

Title of Reporter:

Trustee

Frances is here

September 8, 2004



Rick Stillion

The Daily Jeffersonian

The remnants of tropical depression Frances dumped 2.95 inches of rain on the Cambridge area in the last 24 hours, according to measurements taken at the Cambridge Water Treatment Plant.

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The heavy rainfall created havoc for some local drivers, as a motorist reported his vehicle was stuck in a sink hole on Hendershot Road between Route 313 and Crane Run Road early Wednesday.

At 2:10 a.m. Wednesday, the Cassell Station and New Concord fire departments were dispatched to assist a motorist stranded in flood waters.

Minor injuries were reported by the driver of the vehicle on Hendershot Road, but additional information was not available as the accident remained under investigation by the Ohio State Highway Patrols Cambridge post.

Rain was also reportedly a factor in an early morning accident on County Road 35 (Old 21 Road) and an accident on Interstate 70 Tuesday afternoon.

Spencer Township trustees were alerted to a culvert being washed out by heavy rains at the intersection of Crane Run and Hendershot roads.

A mud slide was reported on U.S. 40, which was cleared by an Ohio Department of Transportation crew.

High water was also reported on several local roadways, including Routes 78, 83, 146, 147 and 660; County Road 35; Phillips Road and Savage Road, according to the highway patrol and Guernsey County Sheriffs Office.

A flood watch for Guernsey and Noble counties was issued by the National Weather Service office in Pittsburgh, Pa., from noon today (Wednesday) through 8 p.m. Thursday.

According to the weather bulletin issued by the National Weather Service, the remnants of Hurricane Frances will interact with a stalled front in southeastern Ohio and is expected to generate heavy rainfall across the region.

Rain will reportedly increase in intensity throughout today and continue into Thursday. Stream flooding is likely where rainfall accumulations exceed three inches.

Local authorities remind motorists not to drive through waters on local road, as swift moving currents can sweep vehicles off the roadway.

DRENCHED!: Two die in flood

September 9, 2004



Rick Stillion

The Daily Jeffersonian

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Two deaths were attributed to flooding after more than eight inches of rain fell in the region during a 48-hour period as remnants of Hurricane Frances slowly passed through.

In Cambridge, John McCance, 65, was found dead by his landlord after she left him alone for about 30 minutes. He was reportedly helping her pump water out of a basement at a North Sixth Street home.

The Guernsey County Coroners Office reported the cause of death for McCance would be listed as natural causes with the flood conditions listed as a contributing factor.

It was one of those things where the stress of using the pump and helping the person clear the basement was enough to precipitate a heart attack, Coroner Janet Brockwell told the Associated Press.

McCance was transported to Southeastern Med by United Ambulance, where he was pronounced dead at 6:40 p.m.

In neighboring Tuscarawas County, Leah Mast, a 9-year-old Amish girl, drown after being swept away in flood waters while walking home from school.

Mast was reportedly found in flood waters a couple hours after being swept away, as she and five siblings returned home. She was also transported to Southeastern Med, where she was pronounced dead.

Local officials met Thursday morning to assess damages caused by extensive flooding in the county.

We are pulling people into the EOC (Emergency Operations Center) in order to determine the damages, said Guernsey County Emergency Management Agency Director Gerry Beckner.

We are receiving reports of flooding from throughout the county, she said. We will begin assessing the damages, and I expect we will make a determination regarding how to proceed early this morning.

There has not been a form emergency declaration at this time, said Beckner before press time Thursday.

Officials opened the EOC started at approximately 9:30 p.m. Wednesday and remained at the site Thursday morning.

Resource requests were received by EOC staff overnight, including a request for a generator, pumps and an overnight shelter, provided with the assistance of the American Red Cross, for four stranded motorists.

Guernsey County Commissioner Steve Allen said he expected commissioners to declare a local emergency the first step in receiving federal assistance for clean up efforts in the county.

We are meeting with the county engineer and other officials this morning to receive damage assessments, said Allen. We will then determine if we need to declare a local disaster and send it to the state for the governor to declare the county a disaster emergency.

From there, the governor will sent the information to the federal level, which is required to start receiving Federal Emergency Management Agency assistance and funding for clean up efforts, said Allen.

Individuals needing emergency assistance are reminded to call the sheriffs office or 911, but those simply reporting damages are asked to call the Guernsey County EMA office at 432-9292.

We have individuals manning the telephones to collect information regarding damage assessments, said Beckner. Only call 911 if you have an emergency or an immediate need. Otherwise, call the EMA office.

The flooding kept law enforcement officials and volunteer fire departments busy throughout the evening Wednesday and overnight, as numerous individuals were either evacuated from flooded areas or stranded vehicles.

Law enforcement officers, including sheriffs deputies and Ohio State Highway Patrol troopers were busy monitoring the flood waters and reporting information back to us here at the EOC, said Beckner.

Numerous calls were received by the sheriffs office reporting individuals stranded in vehicles or homes throughout the county.

Volunteer firefighters often used small boats to rescue the individuals, and the sheriffs offices new rescue air boat was used to rescue two individuals stranded on Route 821 in southern Guernsey County just before midnight.

The two motorist reportedly became stranded when their vehicle stalled in flood water. They were able to push it onto a bridge which was above the flood level at the time and waited to be rescued.

We responded at the request of the Pleasant City Volunteer Fire Department after rescuers tried to reach the motorists in a small boat, but were unsuccessful due to the swift current, said Sheriff Mike McCauley.

The water level was shifting dramatically when we arrived, which made getting into the location difficult. But, the boat worked as it was intended and we were able to reach them on the bridge despite the current, winds, debris and tree tops.

The boat was also requested to assist with the search of a stranded motorist in the Quaker City area, after he notified his wife he was stranded but didnt know the exact location.

Volunteer firefighters from Quaker City searched roads around the village and eventually located the man after 1 a.m. Thursday. He was rescued with the use of the air rescue boat.

The volunteer fireman have really been at it moving people in small boats, said McCauley, who warned motorists to stay off closed roadways. Individuals driving on closed roadways can and will be cited.

Numerous roadways were affected by flood waters as of press time Thursday.

The county highway department does not have the manpower and signs to place on all water-covered roadways, said Guernsey County Engineer Del George. Motorists will be traveling at their own risk. Please be advised, do not drive into or through flooded highways.

The following list of affected roadways was provided by the sheriffs office:

Interstate 70 (westbound between Cambridge and New Concord); U.S. Routes 22 (at Winterset) and 40 (between Cambridge and New Concord); and State Routes 285, 146, 265 (at Kipling), 313 (at Interstate 77), 340, 513 (at Oxford Road), 658, 660, 672, 821.

Interstate 70 reopened at 9:30 a.m. Thursday.

The following county and township roads were also effected or closed: Eighth Street Road, Beal Road, Beeham Run Road, Bridgewater Road, Broadhead Road, Broom Road, Claysville Road, County Home Road, Covered Bridge Road, Easton Road, Eckleberry Road, Fogle Road, Frankfort Road, Freedom Road;

And, Georgetown Road, Greenbriar Road, Hamilton Road, Howell Road, Iowa Road, Laughman Road, Morgan

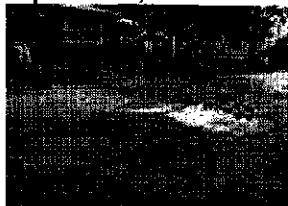
Road, Oakwood Road, Old 21 Road, Old Glory Road, Old National Road, Oxford Road, Phillips Road, Pigeon Gap Road, Robins Road, Rosedale Road, Savage Road, Shaw Road, Shriver Road, Slasor Road, Wadsworth Road and Walhonding Road.

The rainfall was only two inches less than the 10 inches received during a four-day period in 1998, which caused extensive flooding in Guernsey County.

City weathers the storm; Wills Creek bridge closed

September 9, 2004

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Dan Davis

The Daily Jeffersonian

The Cambridge Water Treatment Plant reported that in the period from 8 a.m. Wednesday to the same time Thursday, 5.33 inches of rain fell there.

This combined with 2.95 inches that fell in the previous 24-hour period to bring the storm total to more than 8 1/4 inches.

Though flood waters in some portions of the city have subsided since Wednesday, the major concern this morning was Wills Creek, said Street Superintendent Jerry O'Donnell.

Water is over the north part of the bridge [at Wills Creek Valley Drive], he said about 8:30 a.m. Thursday, to a depth of as much as 10 inches. The water was rising about six inches an hour.

Authorities continued to monitor the rising waters, as both the Cambridge Health and Rehabilitation Center and Victorian Oaks assisted living facility, as well as apartment buildings and dozens of homes, are located nearby.

O'Donnell added that the bridge crossing Wills Creek on Eighth Street Road was closed, though water was not covering the bridge decking as of about 8:30 a.m. Thursday. Despite extensive problems caused by heavy flooding throughout Guernsey County, authorities in Cambridge said they had experienced few difficulties.

We haven't had to deal with any major incidences, said Police Chief Richard W. Wayt Thursday morning.

An increase in traffic volume passing through the city due to a temporary reroute from Interstate 70 along Route 209 west to Route 83 has created some traffic snarls, he added.

Cambridge police asked residents to travel only if necessary, and reminded motorists to not drive through flood waters. Officers assisted Ohio Department of Transportation crews and troopers from the Cambridge post of the State Highway Patrol overnight in redirecting interstate traffic.

Elsewhere in the city, a portion of Ohio Avenue was damaged when water rising through holes in a manhole cover covered by asphalt lifted the recently paved roadway. City streets crews were able to rupture the bulge, allowing water to escape.

O'Donnell said that when paving is performed, manhole covers will be collared to allow access to them. Manhole covers no longer actively used may remain covered, however.

Water lifting up manhole covers was a city-wide occurrence, he added. With the storm systems overwhelmed by the volume of water, the water will seek the path of least resistance.

There's not much you can do about that, O'Donnell said.

O'Donnell said street crews were out in force to deal with any problems that might arise.

We're going to do the best we can, he said.

O'Donnell reminds motorists that, when approaching a traffic light that is flashing yellow, to proceed through the intersection with caution. Cross traffic at such an intersection will have a flashing red light, to be treated as a stop sign: approach, stop, yield to traffic with the right of way and proceed only when safe to do so.

Cambridge firefighters were busy Wednesday afternoon and evening, responding to nine calls in a span of more than eight hours.

At 3:09 p.m., an Orchard Avenue woman reported smoke in the basement of her home. Firefighters reportedly located an electric appliance cord and pulled a scorched electric fan from flood waters in the basement. Burnt clothing was also observed. The rising flood waters extinguished the blaze.

Other calls included:

12:13 Elm Street woman expressed concern for appliances in her basement

3:25 traffic accident with entrapment call on Interstate 77 was canceled while units were enroute

4:43 smoke was found in the basement of a Lincoln Street apartment building, determined to be due to a flooded furnace

4:50 units assisted United Ambulance Service crews move a patient from a North Sixth Street home

6:10 report of automobile over an embankment on Glenn Highway

7:06 units investigated possible flooding in the basement of a Beckett Avenue home

8:01 light bulb in a pole at a Southgate Parkway business was found blown

8:35 units responded to a report of an automobile in flood waters on East Pike; the driver reported by cellular telephone he was out of the vehicle and firefighters confirmed this.

Area schools were affected by the rising water as well, as the Cambridge, Rolling Hills, East Muskingum, Caldwell, Noble Local, and East Guernsey school districts were closed. Barnesville and Newcomerstown schools were operating on a two hour delay.

STILL SOAKED: County under state of emergency

September 10, 2004



Rick Stillion

The Daily Jeffersonian

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As flood waters begin to recede in portions of Guernsey County, local officials are awaiting word on federal assistance to help with the clean up and repair of more than \$1 million in damage, which doesn't include personal property damage.

Guernsey County commissioners signed a declaration yesterday declaring a state of emergency in the county. Ohio Gov. Bob Taft declared a state of emergency in Guernsey County later in the day Thursday.

Officials still don't know the extent of damages.

We have to wait for the water to recede before we can see the damage to the culverts, bridges and roads, said Commissioner Steve Allen. Once the rain stops, it takes at least 36 hours for things (water levels) to return to normal.

While many of the roadways, bridges and culverts remained under water early Friday, Guernsey County Engineer Del George said damages to those structures should easily exceed \$1 million.

This is similar to the 1998 flood and based on past history and experience, the damages will be in excess of \$1 million so far, said George, who observed the flooding from an Ohio State Highway Patrol helicopter Thursday.

Wills Creek was expected to crest early Friday at 25 feet 10 feet above the flood stage according to the National Weather Service and Guernsey County Emergency Management Agency Director Gerry Beckner.

The National Weather Service said it (Wills Creek) appears to be cresting, but the final call will not be made until later this morning, Beckner said Friday. We are currently at 24.9 feet and it looks like it will crest here (at Cambridge) today at 25 feet.

But officials warned the crest will take longer to reach northern portions of the county, as Wills Creek flows north through Guernsey County.

The readings are based on the Campbell Avenue gauge station, but it will take another day or so for the crest to travel through the northern part of the county, said George. We are starting to look at the eastern and southeastern regions of the county today, but it will be next week before we get good damage estimates on the entire county.

Flood waters continued to rise Thursday as water reached the Cambridge area from the surrounding regions.

The water continued to rise here in Cambridge because of the water coming out of the hills into the creeks and runs that feed into Wills Creek, said Beckner. The dam at Seneca Lake was closed, so they were not letting any water out into Wills Creek. The lake had nothing to do with the flooding.

George warned residents that repairs from the latest flooding could take a while to be completed, as county workers are just completing repairs from the flooding in January 2004.

This is the third (declared) disaster this year, said George. We had the flooding in January, the heavy rains and slips in May and June and now this flooding. We are still working on the repairs from the first flood in January, and we are just starting to receive approvals for the May-June damages.

Now we are going to have to start the paperwork all over again for damages from this flooding and that will take

into the winter. It takes a lot of man-hours to get the process done. It is not east to get back to normal following an incident like this, said George.

Individuals who wish to report personal property damage are asked to call the Guernsey County EMA at 432-9292.



Evacuations in Byesville

September 10, 2004



John Lowe

The Daily Jeffersonian

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BYESVILLE Evacuations and a dramatic rescue characterized a day in the village quite different from Wednesday night.

Rising water Thursday flooded homes on the east side as residents of Peters Street evacuated, Mayor Don Gadd said.

The people went to shelters and to the homes of friends and relatives.

Meanwhile, an unknown man proved to be a hero when he saved the life of a boy on the south side of town.

Apparently, some juveniles were riding bicycles through water on flooded Marietta Road when the current knocked a boy off of his bicycle, Gadd said.

The boy was being swept into a culvert.

The only thing showing was his head and his hands, Gadd said.

A man in a silver truck stopped, pulled the boy to safety, got back into his truck as Byesville firefighters were arriving and left the scene.

We don't know who he was, Gadd said. But, whoever it was, tell him we said, Thanks.

That culvert is about 700 feet long. So, the boy would have drowned.

Firefighters conducted several water rescues, Gadd said, mainly at Seneca Lane near the Narrows south of the village where Route 821 also was flooded.

Firefighters, village employees and the administration were all over the village Thursday trying to contain or minimize the effects of water they had thought they had under control the night before.

Gadd sent Water Department employees to Cambridge Thursday morning to get 200 empty, burlap feed bags at Green Valley Co-op.

He and the crews spent the morning filling the bags and stacking them at doors of some Main Street homes and businesses.

We had about 20 homes that flooded out, Gadd said.

All of the village utilities were still operational Thursday afternoon and the water department pumped an extra half million gallons of water into the new plant as a precaution, Gadd said.

At 2 p.m., Gadd went to the wastewater treatment plant to survey the situation.

The water level was still about 3 feet below the top of the dike around the plant.

Had the village not added 5 feet to the height of the dike after the record flood of 98, the plant would have been

flooded Thursday.

Gadd was mystified by the sudden rise in flood water.

It was fine until 3:30 this morning, he said on Thursday. Then, almost on the dot, it started going up a foot an hour.

We had the water out. Now, its backing up. Where its coming from, I dont know.

But, if Gadd was puzzled, he also was angry.

We did everything we could to keep the water out, he said.

But its rise Thursday was relentless.

Gadd believes it didnt have to be that way. In 2003, he developed and shared with state and federal officials a plan he believes would have kept this flood out of Byesville.

That plan called for flood basins and wetlands to be built along Wills Creek. Some officials had called his plan brilliant but, to this point, nothing has come of it.

Gadd would like citizens of the village and of Cambridge to write to their state and federal legislators and to the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

He wants people to urge that action be taken on his plan.

Everyone said, That kind of flood wont happen again.

If we had had those basins, he said, we wouldnt be having this right now.

Its time we started doing some kind of preventative measure instead of just waiting until this happens again.

I said Wednesday night that we were in good shape. But were not in good shape today.

Officials: Parts of county still flooded, inaccessible

September 13, 2004

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The Daily Jeffersonian

Guernsey County officials continued to assess damages over the weekend, but some regions were still inaccessible due to remaining flood waters.

We worked throughout the weekend assessing damages, and we are getting things put together today to forward some of the information on to the state, said Guernsey County EMA Director Gerry Beckner.

But, there are still places in the county, especially in the north, we cant get to because of the flood water. The damage assessments are far from complete, and it could take a week or two to know exactly how much damage is out there in the county.

Officials continued to list damage assessments in excess of \$1 million until all jurisdictions in the county can report.

We have received assessments from some of the trustees and mayors, but there are still some that need to be completed, said Beckner, who reports each village and township is responsible for gathering data from its jurisdiction.

Once all of the information is collected, Beckner said she will forward it to the State of Ohio for assistance in obtaining a federal declaration for assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

On Friday, Rep. Bob Ney, R-St. Clairsville, said he directly petitioned President Bush for a federal declaration that would allow southeastern Ohio counties to obtain federal assistance. As of today, Bush had not declared southeastern Ohio a federal disaster area, which would make the area eligible for aid.

The people of Guernsey County have been hit with a lot to deal with, but they have been fantastic, said Beckner. As soon as we have information available regarding assistance, we will get it distributed via the newspaper and radio.

Individuals wishing to report property damage are asked to call the Guernsey County EMA office at 432-9292.

Several roadways remain closed due to high water. Law enforcement agencies are warning motorists not to drive through flood waters.

Four deaths were reported as a result of the flooding, including two women killed when their vehicle floated off a flooded Route 313 Thursday. Their bodies were discovered Friday in the vehicle in a ditch along Route 313.

The women were identified as Lois Hastings, 41, and Gayla Norman, 43, of Walnut Street in Derwent. Other fatalities connected to the flooding included John McCance, 65, of Cambridge, and Leah Mast, 9, of Tuscarawas County.

As damage assessments and recovery efforts continue in the county, officials are keeping an eye on Hurricane Ivan a potential second source of flood-causing rainfall due to hit the southern United States later this week.

We are watching what it (Ivan) is doing, said Beckner. It is changing from minute to minute and there is a possibility it could hit here again. But, it is too early to tell right now.

FEMA weighs our damage

September 17, 2004

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The Daily Jeffersonian

Now that the Federal Emergency Management Agency has completed preliminary damage assessments in Guernsey County, the waiting game has begun as federal authorities tabulate damages to determine if Ohio including Guernsey and Noble counties is eligible for federal assistance.

What we do now is wait, said Guernsey County EMA Director Gerry Beckner. They have completed the preliminary damage assessments and now they will determine if the state receives a declaration and what counties are eligible. And, they will do that at their own pace.

Beckner said the state has declared a state of emergency in 14 counties in the wake of recent flooding, all of which have to be assessed before a state declaration can be made by federal officials.

All we can tell people is the information will be made available through the local media sources as soon as we receive it, said Beckner. We don't know when that will be, but people need to keep watching the paper and listening to the radio to get the information they need.

That information includes the toll-free FEMA telephone number to register for flood damage assistance.

We don't have the manpower to call everybody who we know has damage, and there could be people with damage that we don't know about, said Beckner. So it is imperative that people check the local media for the information.

Beckner said local residents can get the process of receiving assistance started by contacting their insurance companies a requirement by FEMA.

Even if they don't have flood insurance, they need to file a claim with the insurance company where they have their homeowners policy, said Beckner. One of the things FEMA will ask for is a denial letter from their insurance company.

If they get that process started now, they will be better prepared once the FEMA registration process begins, said Beckner.

As the rains from the remnants of Hurricane Ivan moved into southeastern Ohio Friday morning, Beckner said county officials are ready for the worst.

The EOC (Emergency Operations Center) is ready to open at the first indication of any problems, said Beckner. At that point, we would contact the American Red Cross to open a shelter, and this can all be accomplished quickly.

Some weather forecasts indicate as much as three to five inches of rain could fall in portions of southeastern Ohio and a flood watch remains in effect until Saturday afternoon.

But other predictions indicate rain fall will not be as significant, and the chance of rain diminishes Friday night to 30 percent, according to the Weather Channel.

We are prepared and we are not going to stand down until this weather passes through the area, said Beckner.

Round Two

September 19, 2004



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The remnants of Hurricane Ivan closed businesses, canceled events and spurred recommendations of evacuations in various locations around Guernsey County.

A personal tragedy and other dramas occurred during the flood.

But the area was spared the sort of flooding Hurricane Francis caused the week before.

Officials at the Cambridge Water Plant reported 4.15 inches of rain fell during the period of the flood. Water was still rising at the plant at 7:30 p.m. but Water Plant personnel were uncertain of when the water would crest.

According to the Web Site of the National Weather Service, Wills Creek was to crest at 2 a.m. this morning (Sunday) at 21.5 feet, or 6.5 feet over flood stage.

The rainfall was far short of what fell the previous week, but it was enough to send water across roads and, among other things, disrupt the Guernsey County Fair.

Waters began rising early Friday and, by 11:19 a.m., officials were asking residents of Derwent to consider leaving their homes. Some 50 minutes later, officials learned that low-lying areas of Quaker City were starting to flood [see separate story].

On Saturday morning, Byesville police officers were asking residents of Peters Street to leave as waters rose in the village.

Later Saturday, water began to subside only to return in places in the late afternoon. At 6 p.m. Saturday, a portion of Main Street was closed, Ptl. Tim Haren said. Water also was encroaching on High Avenue.

A Senecaville area man died Friday afternoon. It was unclear whether the death was attributable to the flood.

At 2:19 p.m., an Ideal Road woman reported she had just come home and found her husband wasn't breathing right.

A deputy arrived at the scene and performed cardio-pulmonary resuscitation. Because of high water, the Lore City emergency squad could not get through.

United Ambulance personnel arrived and, enroute to the hospital, were escorted by a sheriff's deputy from Ideal Road to the 10th Street Bridge in Byesville.

On Saturday at 1:22 a.m., a Wagner Road man was reported to be experiencing severe problems in breathing.

Quaker City did not have a squad available and could not get past Route 513 because of high water. Officials here contacted Barnesville police who were able to dispatch a squad that could reach the residence.

A Cherry Hill Road man escaped drowning Friday morning on Ideal Road, but his pickup truck was swept away by flood water.

Other incidents included:

People trapped in a vehicle on Bridgewater Road with water up to the hood. A deputy and the Antrim Volunteer Fire Department went to the rescue.

A report of an elderly couple in water on Newgottengen Road. Senecaville and Quaker City fire departments were dispatched. Senecaville found them and reported they were safe.

A Quaker City woman had to abandon her vehicle on Sparrow Road.

A number of schools were closed or dismissed early on Friday. Businesses closed. High School football games were postponed. Events, such as the Cavalcade of Bands, were canceled.

Gates at the fairgrounds remained open Friday. Anyone who ventured to the fair was admitted free, but the rides were shut down and the food concessions remained closed for most of the day.

Fair Secretary Myra Larrick said attendance was not tracked.

Although blue skies prevailed Saturday and fair operations returned to normal, remaining water across U.S. 40 probably deterred some fairgoers.

Action at the fair will wind down today after a llama show at 10 a.m. and the Retroff Demolition Derby at 1 and 4 p.m.

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Frances is here

Remnants of tropical depression cause local flooding

RICK STILLION
THE DAILY JEFFERSONIAN

The remnants of tropical depression Frances dumped 2.95 inches of rain on the Cambridge area in the last 24 hours, according to measurements taken at the Cambridge Water Treatment Plant.

The heavy rainfall created havoc for some local drivers, as a motorist reported his vehicle was stuck in a sink hole on Hendershot Road between Route 313 and Crane Run Road early Wednesday.

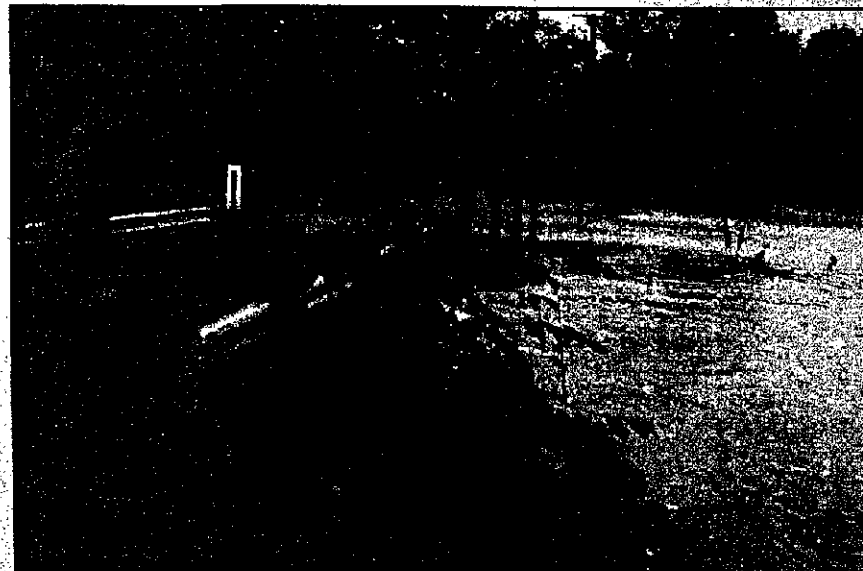
At 2:10 a.m. Wednesday, the Cassell Station and New Concord fire departments were dispatched to assist a motorist stranded in flood waters.

Minor injuries were reported



A vehicle stays on the high side of Route 660 early this morning after heavy overnight rains flooded the east bound lane.

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Heavy rains overnight turned a small creek into a wide river along Route 660 east of the Cambridge Airport early this morning.

by the driver of the vehicle on Hendershot Road, but additional information was not available as the accident remained under investigation by the Ohio State Highway Patrol's Cambridge post.

Rain was also reportedly a factor in an early morning accident on County Road 35 (Old 21 Road) and an accident on Interstate 70 Tuesday afternoon.

Spencer Township trustees were alerted to a culvert being washed out by heavy rains at the intersection of Crane Run and Hendershot roads.

A mud slide was reported on U.S. 40, which was cleared by an Ohio Department of Transportation crew.

High water was also reported on several local roadways, including Route 71, 89, 140, 147 and 660. County Road 31, Phillips Road and Savage Road, according to the highway patrol

and Guernsey County Sheriff's Office.

A flood watch for Guernsey and Noble counties was issued by the National Weather Service office in Boston, Pa., from 7 p.m. Tuesday to Wednesday through Thursday.

According to the weather alert issued by the National Weather Service, the remnants of Hurricane Frances will bring as much as 4 inches of rain to eastern Ohio and heavy to moderate heavy rainfall to the region.

Rain will reportedly fall in intensity throughout the day and continue into Friday. Stream flooding is likely, and rainfall accumulations of 3 to 6 inches are expected. Local authorities are urged to monitor the situation and to be prepared to move vehicles off the roadways.

Hurricane Ivan devastates Grenada in direct hit, three

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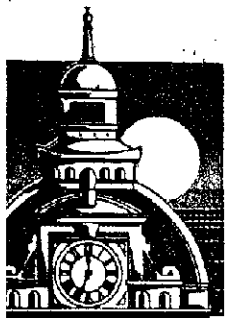
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Though flood waters in some portions of the city have subsided since Wednesday, the major concern this morning was Wills Creek, said Street Superintendent Jerry O'Donnell.

"Water is over the north part of the bridge [at Wills Creek Valley Drive]," he said about 8:30 a.m. Thursday, to a depth of as much as 10 inches. The water was rising about six inches an hour.

Authorities continued to monitor the rising waters, as both the Cambridge Health and Rehabilitation Center and Victorian Oaks assisted living facility, as well as apartment buildings and dozens of homes, are located nearby.

O'Donnell added that the bridge crossing Wills Creek on Eighth Street Road was closed, though water was not covering

the bridge decking as of about 8:30 a.m. Thursday. Despite extensive problems caused by heavy flooding throughout Guernsey County, authorities in Cambridge said they had experienced few difficulties.

"We haven't had to deal with any major incidences," said Police Chief Richard W. Wayt Thursday morning.

An increase in traffic volume, passing through the city due to a

temporary reroute from Interstate 70 along Route 209 west to Route 83 has created some traffic snags, he added.

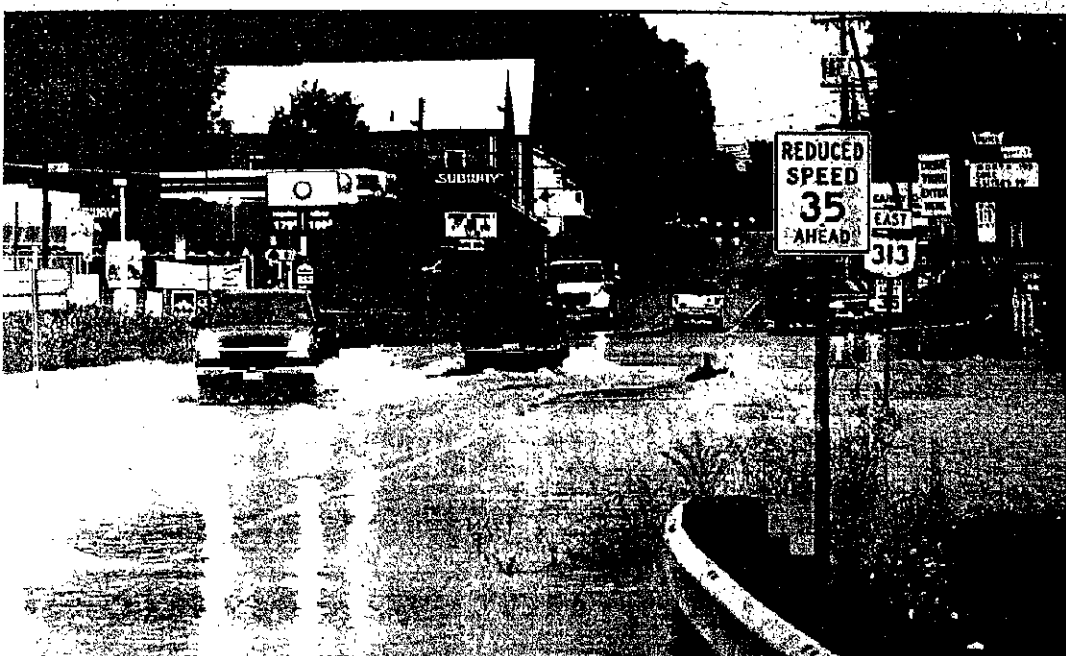
Cambridge police asked residents to travel only if necessary, and reminded motorists to not drive through flood waters.

Officers assisted Ohio Department of Transportation crews and troopers from the Cambridge post of the State Highway Patrol overnight in redirecting interstate traffic.

yield to traffic with the way and proceed only to do so.

Cambridge firefighters busy Wednesday, then evening, responding calls in a span of 10 minutes.

At 3:09 p.m., the Avenue woman reported in the basement of the Firefighters reportedly an electric appliance pulled a scorched element from flood waters. In men's burnt clothing observed. The rising waters extinguished the.



Michael Nelson/The Daily Jeffersonian

travel slowly through high water near the intersection of Interstate 77 and Route 313 early this morning.



Elsewhere in the city, a portion of Ohio Avenue was damaged when water rising through holes in a manhole cover covered by asphalt lifted the recently paved roadway. City streets crews were able to rip up the bulge, allowing water to escape.

O'Donnell said that when paving is performed, manhole covers will be collared to allow access to them. Manhole covers no longer actively used may remain covered, however.

Water lifting up manhole covers was a city-wide occurrence, he added. With the storm systems overwhelmed by the volume of water, the water will seek the path of least resistance.

"There's not much you can do about that," O'Donnell said.

O'Donnell said street crews were out in force to deal with any problems that might arise.

"We're going to do the best we can," he said.

Other calls included:

- 12:13 — Elm Street expressed concerns of a basement in her basement.
- 3:25 — traffic accident call on 1st was canceled while it enroute.
- 4:43 — smoke was the basement of a three apartment building, due to be due to a flooded.
- 4:50 — nurse assist Ambulance Service to a patient from a No Street home.
- 7:06 — units in possible flooding in ment of a Beckau Ave.
- 8:01 — high bulb in Southgate Parkway was found blown.

O'Donnell reminds motorists that, when approaching a traffic light that is flashing yellow, to proceed through the intersection with caution. Cross traffic at such an intersection will have a flashing red light to be treated as a stop sign, approach, stop.

Area schools were at the rising water, as Cambridge, Rolling, Muskingum, Galwe Local, and East school districts, over Barnesville Newcomerstown, Sch operating on an world.

Two die in flood

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walking home from school.

Mast was reportedly found in flood waters a couple hours after being swept away, as she and five siblings returned home. She was also transported to Southeastern Med., where she was pronounced dead.

Local officials met Thursday morning to assess damages caused by extensive flooding in the county.

"We are pulling people into the EOC (Emergency Operations Center) in order to determine the damages," said Guernsey County Emergency

The flooding kept many ment officials and vol departments busy in the evening. Wednesday, as numerous individuals were either evicted flooded areas or trapped.

Law enforcement, including Sheriff's Office, State Highway, property, and city, the flood water and information about the EOC, and Barnesville.

Numerous calls were received from individuals, and

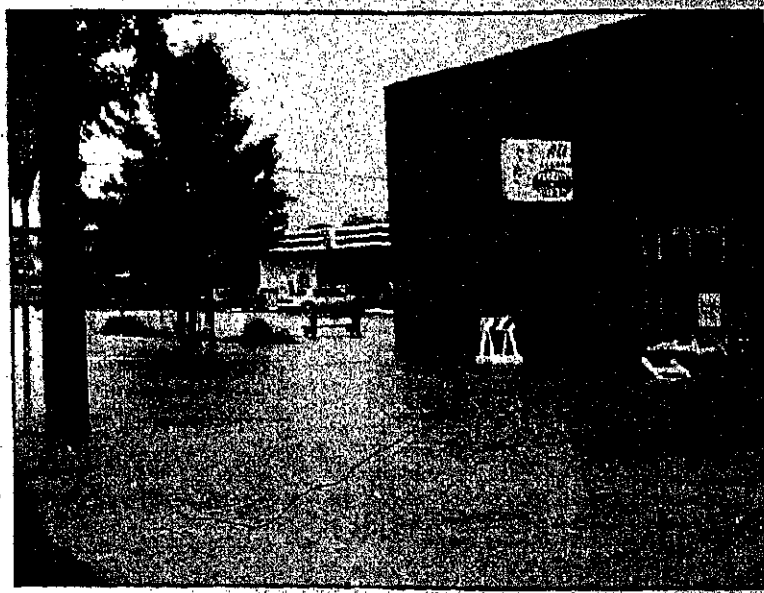
Byesville copes with high water

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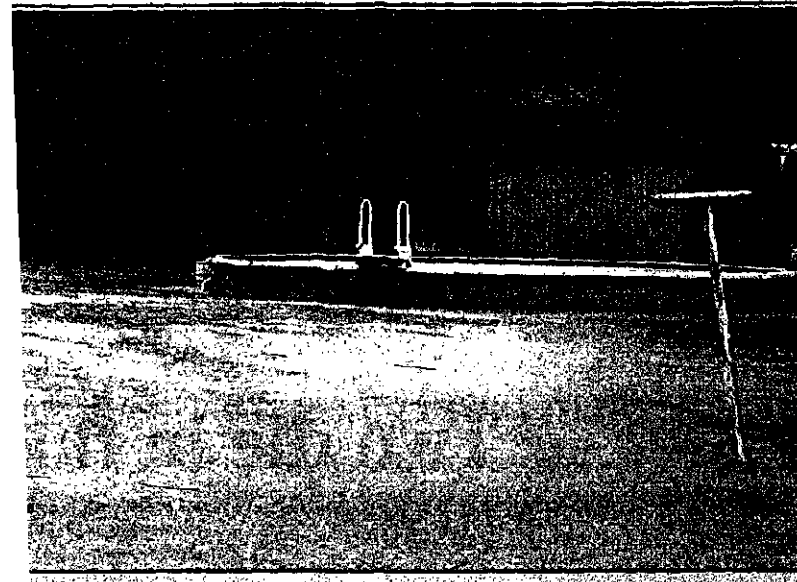
CONCORD — Officials here were asking users to conserve water through today as waters rose around the water treatment plant day night. While, flood problems Village of Byesville minimal last night. Village of New Concord problem with its water day, but officials want-prepared for an emergency were asking residents conserve water. Local Weather Service last night indicated that as 8 inches of rain had New Concord since rising water escaped dunks and encroached

on some roadways. Officials had closed a stretch of Route 40 east of the village before 5 p.m. Wednesday and officials of the East Muskingum Local School District had decided to delay the start of school today by two hours. To the southeast, Byesville Mayor Don Gadd said last night that flooding in and around Byesville was minimal. "There was no flooding on Main and Second streets," Gadd said. "There was some water on part of Peters Street in the low-lying area. "I was worried about the downtown because, in the past, it seemed like, if we got a sprinkle, we had flooding in the downtown." Gadd said much of the credit for the unflooded streets could

go to Mark Chandler, superintendent of the Sewer Department, and his workers. "Some of that," Gadd said, "is the result of what Mark has been doing to get the storm drains out of the sanitary sewer system." Some high water was in low lying areas around the village, Gadd said. Part of Byesville Road was flooded, he said, and there was some flooding in the Stop 9 area along the run that crosses Southgate Road near the Hi Li Club. Part of the annex building to the Stop 9 Church of Christ was flooded, Gadd said. A little further afield, Morgan County had massive flooding and evacuations were taking place. Reports Thursday indicated that the county was under a Level 2 alert.



Water backed up onto Main Avenue near Fourth Street in Byesville Wednesday. Carol Hinger/The Daily Jeffersonian



Swimming pool is nearly all the way under water along Pioneer Street in Byesville Tuesday. Michael Nelson/The Daily Jeffersonian

Village's new water plant nearly ready to go, was born out of 1998 flood

JOHN LOWE
THE DAILY JEFFERSONIAN

BYESVILLE — The start of operations at the new Byesville water treatment plant should get under way on Nov. 4, Mayor Don Gadd told council during its regular meeting Wednesday. That will put the village before the wire of a Nov. 7 deadline set by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. The village chose Nov. 4 because it is the birthday of the late Howard Weitzler, an influential force in the history of the village's utility departments. The new plant will be named the Weitzler-Haynes Water Treatment Plant in honor of Weitzler and Dana Haynes, another former water superintendent. Gadd reported that crews started the water pumps at the new plant last week.

"We filled up the aerators in no time flat," Gadd said. "And the recovery time for the wells was 20 seconds." In other words, it took only 20 seconds for the water level in the new wells to return to normal after the wells supplied the thousands of gallons of water needed to fill the aerators. "Our main goal," Gadd said, "is to turn water through that place. Then we can finish up the cosmetic work at the new plant." Gadd's report came as steady rain drenched the village, much as it had done during the summer of 1998 when contaminated water from the record flood stream infiltrated a well near Water Plant 2 on Vocanodan Road. That flood led to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency mandating the village's water supply and requiring more stringent treatment of water

treatment than was required and upgrade of the main plant. Rather than merely new requirements, council elected to bring state-of-the-art technology to the village ahead of the water standards for some. Among other things, high-grade aerators and dissolved air flotation equipment were purchased. Remond, chief of the department, said that the new plant would be a significant improvement on the old plant. He said that the new plant would be a significant improvement on the old plant. He said that the new plant would be a significant improvement on the old plant.

Specific flooding was reported on Routes 285 north of Sarahsville, Route 446 in Buffalo Township, Route 147, 260, Route 821 in Coal Ridge, Ava, Belle Valley and the Maple Heights area. Flooding was also reported in the low areas of Route 564.

In the Village of Caldwell, high water was reported on the southern portion of West Street, Olive Street and Route 821, as of Wednesday evening. Water in the Caldwell area was continuing to rise as of 11 p.m.

rising.

The sheriff's office received additional reports at 8:15 p.m. indicating from two to three additional inches of rain were expected to fall over Noble County during the nighttime hours. At the time of the 8:15 report, officials stated from four to six inches of rain had fallen on the county during the storm.

As of 10 p.m., Wednesday, no injuries had been reported.

Noble County Sheriff's Office and Belle Valley Fire District 146 and 147 near the Noble Local School District campus. The cause of the accident is a stranded motorist who was retained from the road on Route 146.

What to do after your house is flooded

GREG PARKS
THE JEFFERSONIAN

Stay calm.
Stay safe.

If your house was flooded and your property suffered damage, it's important to get to work as soon as possible to protect your health and prevent further damage to your belongings.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency and National Flood Insurance Program offer these instructions:

- If your home has suffered damage, call the agent who handles your flood insurance to file a claim. If you are unable to stay in your home, make sure to say where you can be reached.
- To make filing your claim easier, take photos of any water in the house and save damaged personal property. If necessary, place these items outside the home. An insurance adjuster will need to see what's been damaged in order to process your claim.
- Check for structural damage before re-entering your home. Don't go in if there is a chance of the building collapsing.

• Turn off electricity if you suspect a short circuit. Since gas may be trapped or hear hissing, open a window and call the gas company home.

• Keep power off until inspected by a professional.

• Check for sewage and you suspect damage, call the tap and call a plumber.

• Throw away any food goods that have come into contact with water.

• Until local authorities say it is safe, don't make any repairs.

• Make sure to follow all ordinances when rebuilding materials and techniques from future flood damage.

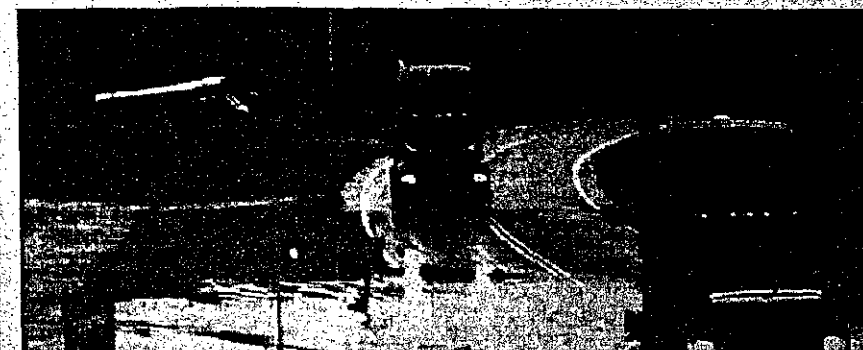
• Salvage water damage photographs with reasons for loss or other expenses.



As of 3 p.m. Wednesday, Robins' Ridge Golf Course near Seneca Lake became a water hazard for golfers as rains from tropical depression Frances covered the area.



Students in the Noble Local School District were dismissed early Wednesday after the remains of tropical depression Frances began its deluge. As of 6 p.m. Wednesday, the intersection of Routes 146 and 147 was closed from the heavy rain.



Local Red Cross doing part to help victims in

The Ohio Hills chapter of the American Red Cross is doing their part in helping to bring aid to the victims of hurricanes Charlie and Frances.

Currently, four volunteers from the chapter are in Florida helping with the most massive disaster relief effort for the Red Cross while another five are on stand-by waiting for their call-out assignments.

"Our volunteers are wonderful," said Debbie Blessing of the chapter. "When called to go to Florida all were on their way within 24 hours. For one volunteer, this is his first major disaster assignment. But just like the thousands of other Red Cross volunteers, he went without hesitation to do what he was trained for: Helping people during a disaster."

As of Monday the figures were staggering.

There were 313 open to 200,000 people. More and more have become refugees.

Red Cross volunteers beginning and will be on with training to rebuild.

These hurricanes have into the lives of thousands.

All American Red Cross made possible by time and money from financial assistance for Ohio Hills Chapter 412.

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Call the chapter today 432-3558.

Heavy rains pummel southeast Ohio

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Many schools and roads including an interstate were closed in eastern Ohio on Thursday after remnants of Hurricane Frances dumped up to seven inches of rain, forcing evacuations and contributing to at least two deaths.

Officials reported that the rain was tapering off and some flood waters were beginning to recede as the storm moved on to the Northeast. However, rivers were expected to continue to swell.

A 65-year-old man helping his landlord pump water out of a basement in Cambridge died of an apparent heart attack. On Wednesday, Brockwell, father of John McCance, 65, was found dead by the landlord after the man left him alone for about 30 minutes. The man had a history of heart problems, Brockwell said.

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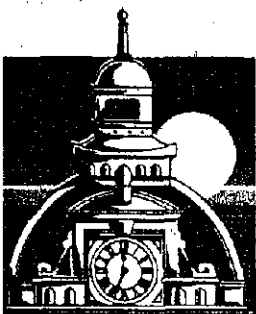
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Good day! Inside value

The following inserts are included in The Jeffersonian today (* denotes in zoned areas only): J.C. Penney, Sears.

Weather

Mostly sunny Saturday with highs around 80. Light and variable winds. Details on page A-12.

Concert

The Cambridge City Band will close its 2004 Concert in the Park series Sunday by hosting the Greater Columbus Community Band. The 3 p.m. joint concert will be in the large pavilion of Cambridge City Park, where both bands will play separately and then jointly. The Cambridge City Band, in its 163rd year of service to the area, is the oldest community band in Ohio and the 10th oldest in the United States.

Theme for 2004 is "Love of Lady" in salute to 30 years of women being cast members of the band. Peggy Linger of Indian Camp has 3 years, most years as a cast member and the board of trustees.

Everyone is invited to attend this final, free concert in the park.

Clean Sweep

Operation Clean Sweep scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 25, sponsored by Cambridge Main Street, is a organization's once-a-year offer to local businesses to have volunteers clean up in and around their stores - free of charge, except for supplies. General cleaning



Cambridge firefighters and other emergency personnel remove Cambridge Health and Rehabilitation Center residents from Wills Creek Valley Dam area.

County under state of emergency

RICK STILLION
THE DAILY JEFFERSONIAN

As flood waters begin to recede in portions of Guemsey County, local officials are awaiting word on federal assistance to help with the clean up and repair of more than \$1 million in damage, which doesn't include personal property damage.

Guemsey County commissioners signed a declaration yesterday declaring a state of emergency in the county.

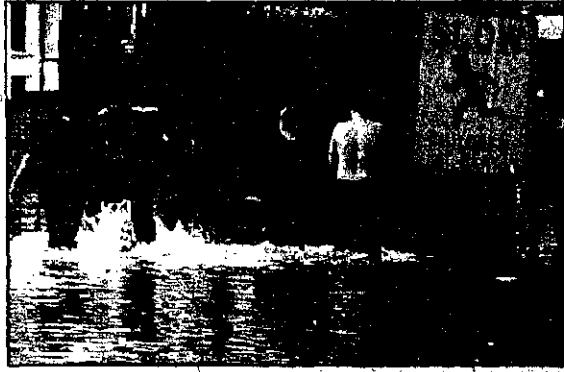
IF YOU NEED HELP HERE'S WHO TO CALL

People seeking assistance may contact the following agencies:	Police: 432-1500
* Elyria Police Department - 688-2112	Cambridge Fire Department: 432-2200
* Elyria Volunteer Fire Department - 688-0611	Guemsey County Emergency Management Agency: 432-2200
* Caldwell Fire Department - 732-2200	* Guemsey County Sheriff's Office: 432-2200
* Cambridge Fire Department - 432-2200 (non-emergency)	* Noble County Emergency Management Agency: 432-2200
* Cambridge Police Department - 432-2200	* Noble County Sheriff's Office: 432-2200
* Cambridge post of the State Agency	

Area experiencing 'major flood event'

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DAILY JEFFERSONIAN

inch of rain, said Cambridge City Engineer Paul Sherry, does equal an inch of flood water. heavy rains inundate an area, such as the remnants of the tropic depression that dumped more than eight inches of rain on the area in a 48-hour period, the water can overwhelm the storm drain system, Sherry said. Designed for lesser volumes of water, the system overflows and backup. There's nowhere for it to go," Sherry said of the rapid backup of water. This does not constitute the flooding the area experienced yesterday evening and throughout the day Thursday. As the rain it can quickly drain from the individual storm drain pipes and streets. But as it enters creeks and streams and makes its way to Will's Creek — the primary drain for western Guernsey County and parts of Coshocton and Noble counties — the volume of water increases greatly. Well, water runoff directly into the creek adds to the body of water, Sherry said, when water overflows the banks. It's the true flood," Sherry said, when water overflows the



Sean Scott/The Daily Jeffersonian
Four boys wade through flood water on North Fourth Street in Cambridge on Thursday.

banks of the creeks and streams as they wait to drain.

The channel of Will's Creek is much broader than that of a culvert. As such, it takes longer to empty, Sherry said. Bridges, fallen trees and other obstacles can impede the water's flow. That is why, Sherry said, water levels can continue to rise after rainfall has stopped, and why creeks, once drained of the rain deluge, can backup and flood. And because of the runoff into creeks and streams, an inch of rain can equal greater rainfall elsewhere can cause a rise in waterways here. Rainfall can also raise the water table to a point where it occurs in basements.

Will's Creek reached its flood stage of 15 feet Wednesday, Sherry said. The area is currently experiencing a "major flood event," with water levels in the creek at 15 feet. A moderate flood has water levels between 12 and 14 feet. Initial flooding occurs when water exceeds the flood stage deeper than 18 feet.

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Here are some of our Ohio's great
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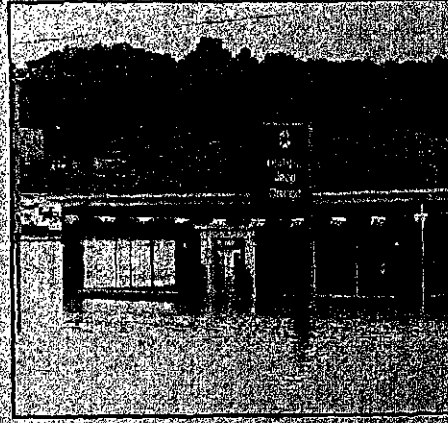
Flood impacts local economy

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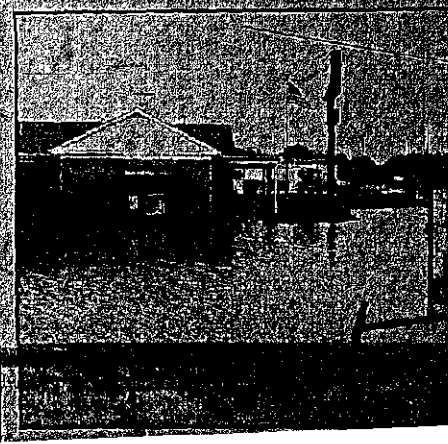
In a disaster such as a flood occurs, it disrupts both the commerce and industry in an area as well as the lives of the victims. "It definitely takes a hit," said Cambridge Chamber of Commerce President Jackie Kachilla. "People have different priorities when they see flood waters like this." People focus on cleanup efforts, they may suspend, at least for the time being, activities such as entertainment, shopping and dining. Businesses catering to such needs can suffer profits during a crisis due to a lack of customers.

But when factories are closed for one or more shifts because workers cannot travel to their place of employment, productivity declines, Kachilla added. Several area factories canceled one or more shifts Thursday and today. "You're losing productivity," he said, "and that's going to hurt the bottom line." But the door swings both ways. According to Debbie Robinson, executive director of the Cambridge/Guernsey County Visitors and Convention Bureau, some businesses may see greater profit during floods or other disasters. People visiting the area may opt to stay in the area, spending another night or two at motels. And they may visit area shops and other points of interest, if possible.

"It really works both ways," she said. But what can never be calculated with any degree of accuracy is how many travelers — seeing the flooding or hearing reports from television, radio and newspapers — decide not to stop here to shop, dine or otherwise pump money into the local economy. "The overall impact, as far as the economy goes, we'll never know," Robinson said. Perhaps one indication that current flooding is not as severe and widespread in its scope and magnitude as the summer flood of 1998 was the steady flow of people into the VCB to inquire about local attractions, Robinson said. "It's been business as usual for us," she added.



William Hall/The Daily Jeffersonian
Dunning Motors went under water early on Thursday morning.





Michael Neilson/The Daily Jeffersonian

cyclists in Byesville found some fun in what others called a disaster Thursday.

water at several MWCD prompts warnings

BYESVILLE — Pounding rain that dumped nearly seven inches of water on Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District property this week has prompted MWCD officials to urge boat owners to check on their equipment and for all residents to exercise caution in and around the area's lakes.

Used in eastern Ohio by the effects of Hurricane Frances, the lake is the southern United States has swollen six of the lakes several feet above normal. Readings produced by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers show that Atwood, Tappan, Clendening, Piedmont and Seneca lakes all are at or near summer depth recordings.

The Corps is urging people who own boats, docks and/or campgrounds at any of these lakes to check on them as soon as possible.

The Corps of Engineers officials said they do not expect the water to reach between 3 and 5 feet above normal depth readings.

The Corps has led to the closing of all three public boat launch ramps at Seneca Lake located south of Cambridge, as well as relocating units at one of that lake's campgrounds and at the Tappan Lake Park in Harrison County. Officials at Tappan Lake Park said that more than 20 camping units were closed Thursday after floodwaters covered up areas.

Officials said that public boat launch ramps would be closed if conditions are considered unsafe to put boats into the water. On Thursday afternoon, Seneca Lake was at nearly 5 feet above normal depth conditions, Leesville Lake in Carroll County was at 4 feet above normal, according to figures from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Atwood, Clendening, Tappan and Piedmont lakes were slightly above 3 feet above normal depth readings.

Evacuations in Byesville

JOHN LOWE
THE DAILY JEFFERSONIAN

BYESVILLE — Evacuations and a dramatic rescue characterized a day in the village quite different from Wednesday night.

Rising water Thursday flooded homes on the east side as residents of Peters Street evacuated, Mayor Don Gadd said.

The people went to shelters and to the homes of friends and relatives.

Meanwhile, an unknown man proved to be a hero when he saved the life of a boy on the south side of town.

Apparently, some juveniles were riding bicycles through water on flooded Marietta Road when the current knocked a boy off of his bicycle, Gadd said.

The boy was being swept into a culvert.

"The only thing showing was his head and his hands," Gadd said.

A man in a silver truck stopped, pulled the boy to safety, got back into his truck as Byesville firefighters were arriving and left the scene.

"We don't know who he was," Gadd said. "But, whoever it was, tell him we said, 'Thanks.'"

"That culvert is about 700 feet long. So, the boy would have drowned."

Firefighters conducted several water rescues, Gadd said, mainly at Seneca Lake near "the Narrows" south of the village where Route 821 also was flooded.

Firefighters, village employees and the administration were all over the village Thursday trying to contain or minimize the effects of water they had thought they had under control



Michael Neilson/The Daily Jeffersonian

This area of Byesville went under early in the day Thursday.

the night before.

Gadd sent Water Department employees to Cambridge Thursday morning to get 200 empty burlap feed bags at Green Valley Co-op.

He and the crews spent the morning filling the bags and stacking them at doors of some Main Street homes and businesses.

"We had about 20 homes that flooded out," Gadd said.

All of the village utilities were still operational Thursday afternoon and the water department pumped an extra half million gallons of water into the new plant as a precaution, Gadd said.

At 2 p.m. Gadd went to the wastewater treatment plant to survey the situation.

The water level was still about 3 feet below the top of the dike around the plant.

Had the village not added 5

feet to the height of the dike after the record flood of '98, the plant would have been flooded Thursday.

Gadd was mystified by the sudden rise in flood water.

"It was fine until 3:30 this morning," he said on Thursday. "Then, almost on the dot, it started going up a foot an hour."

"We had the water out. Now it's backing up. Where it's coming from, I don't know."

But, if Gadd was puzzled, he also was angry.

"We did everything we could to keep the water out," he said.

But its rise Thursday was relentless.

Gadd believes it didn't have to be that way. In 2003, he developed and shared with state and federal officials a plan he believes would have kept this flood out of Byesville.

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"If we had had those basins, we wouldn't have had this high water."

"It's time we start taking some kind of preventive action instead of just waiting for this to happen again."

By Wednesday, Gadd said, the water was still rising. "We're not in good shape," he said.

Caldwell Village Hall open; cleanup in village by

KEVIN MACRI
CALDWELL BUREAU

CALDWELL — Cleanup was the order of the day Thursday for Noble County in the aftermath of tropical depression Frances, which dumped 7 1/2 inches of rain as recorded at the Caldwell Sewer Plant.

In Caldwell village hall remains

24 inches of water inside, however, all of the equipment had been removed prior to the flood.

Roads in and the Caldwell Sewer Plant had damage, however, the plant remains in operation.

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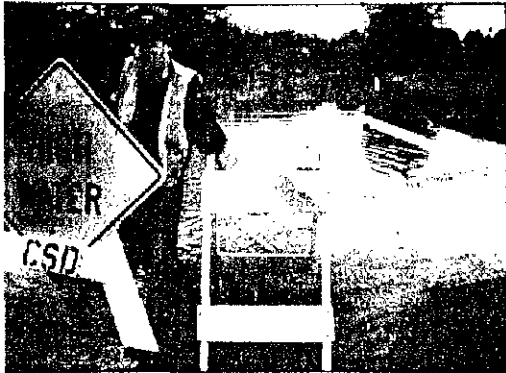
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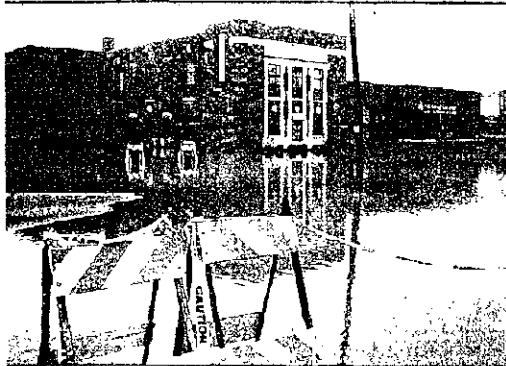
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anning, Cambridge City Street Department foreman, high water signs and barricades to higher ground as continued to rise on Wills Creek Valley Drive Thursday.



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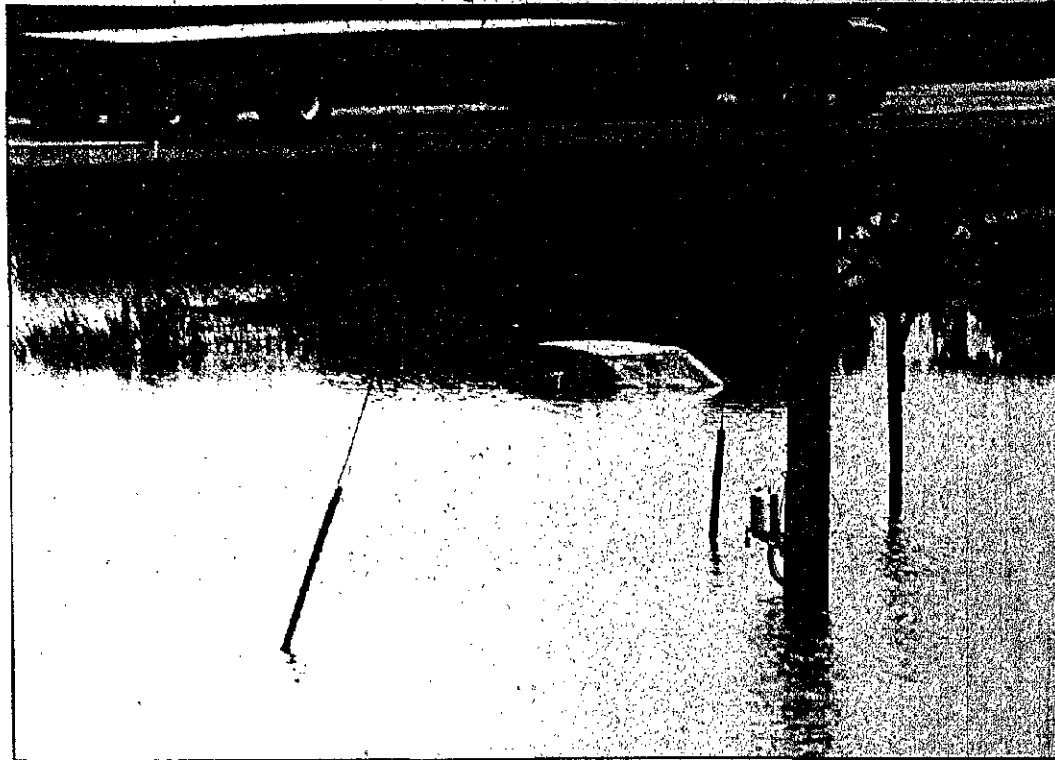


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County under a state of emergency

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for the crest to travel through the northern part of the county," said George. "We are starting to look at the eastern and south-eastern regions of the county



Michael Neilson/The Daily

A car sits in flood waters next to Interstate 77 near Byesville Thursday morning.

High water forces evacuation

RICK STILLION

THE DAILY JEFFERSONIAN

Numerous roadways in Guernsey County remained closed early Friday due to flood waters and Wills Creek was not expected to crest in the Cambridge area until later in the day.

Officials forecast Wills Creek would crest at 25 feet late Friday morning, leaving numerous roadways and bridges under water. The 25-foot crest is 10 feet above the flood stage for Wills Creek at the Campbell Avenue gage station.

The high water conditions reportedly forced the evacuation of multiple residential areas in the Cambridge area Thursday, including the city's west side, Wills Creek Valley Drive and Eastport Addition.

Firefighters, law enforcement

officers and other emergency response personnel from Guernsey and surrounding counties reportedly evacuated 54 residents from the Victorian Oaks Thursday, using small boats and ropes to traverse a flooded Wills Creek Valley Drive just west of the new bridge off Old 21 Road.

Critical care patients from Cambridge Health and Rehabilitation Center and local residents of Wills Creek Valley Drive were also evacuated, although some residents remained in their homes.

"There was immediate danger to those facilities or residences, but people were evacuated as a precautionary measure," said Gerry Beckner, director of the Guernsey County Emergency Management Agency. "The concern was those people would be isolated in the event of an emer-

gency." Assisting with the patients were crews from United Ambulance, New Concord EMS and Newcomerstown Emergency Rescue Squad. Authorities closed both Wills Creek Valley Drive and the bridge on Eighth Street Road Thursday after both roadways became flooded.

The Guernsey County Highway Department closed Martha Road Thursday after a bridge was damaged by flooding. The road will remain closed for an indefinite length of time. The following is an updated list of road closings from the Guernsey County Sheriff's Office: U.S. 40, State Route 285, 146, 265, 313, 340, 638, 660, 672, 321, 209, and county/township roads: Eighth Street Road, Beal Road, Becham Run Road, Bridge Road, Bantam

Broadhead Road, College Hill Road, Covered Bridge Road, Eagle Road, Easton Road, Ecker Road, Freedom Road, Green Road, Hamilton Road, Hill Road, Ideal Road, Laughman Road, Morgan Road, Old 21 Road, Old National Road, Phillips Road, Rock Road, Rock Road, Savage Road, Shreve Road, Smith Road, South Road, Taylor Road, The Meadows Road, Wills Creek Valley Drive, and Wills Creek Valley Drive.

BRIEFS

Seeks federal aid for flood victims

Gov. Robert Taft announced Thursday that he is asking a state of emergency for several counties by recent flooding, U.S. Sen. Bob Ney, R-Ohio, announced Friday has directly petitioned President Bush for a similar federal declaration that would allow these counties to obtain assistance.

Ney said: "I am requesting that the federal government provide assistance to these counties restore services and repair damages."

York Lake
York Lake will be closed through Sunday to all traffic except dock holders and their water craft. This is for safety to persons and property.

Regarding the opening of the lake to water craft will be decided when they become safe.

Bank loans

INNERSVILLE — Bank has developed a loan program to assist those who have experienced damage to their homes from the effects of the recent rains and flooding.

Purpose of the program is to invest in the local communities and help those in need to deal with unexposed.

Bank is allotting a \$250,000 throughout its to make loans to individuals who have losses related to flooding. The unsecured loans are being offered at rates with a maximum amount of \$5,000 for those who qualify.

are available though Bank. Individuals for more information can their local Red Cross Community Action for more information, or call Bank directly at 461-23.

out of water

Cambridge-Guernsey Health Department warning to children not to play in flood water.

ing ion water might look out of fun for some kids could be dangerous, the

County ready with funding help for flood victims

Troy McCollister, director of the Guernsey County Department of Job and Family Services, said Friday that additional funds from the state are available to assist victims of recent flooding in Guernsey County.

The funds will be distributed through two programs, the first providing up to \$750 per household for the elderly, defined as persons 55 years of age and older.

The maximum possible disbursement for this program

through the state is \$25,000.

Under the second program, a maximum of \$1,500 additional Temporary Assistance for Needy Families funds is available to qualifying households responsible for children and having income less than 200 percent of the federal poverty level.

The programs cover structural damage to homes and losses of clothing and major appliances, among others.

Applicants must provide validation of their income.

The deadline for both programs is Oct. 1. Neal Murdock at 432-2381 ext. 2212 or GCDJFS at 432-2381 ext. 2289 for more information.

GCDJFS hours are weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. McCollister said hours outside the regular business hours may be arranged.

To date, about 50 households are being assisted.



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Workers carry out flooded items from the Chrysler showroom at Dunning Motors on Route 209 Saturday afternoon. The building had several feet of water inside.

What are you to do with flood contaminated food and water?

BETH GAYDOS
OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

Since flood waters may carry silt, raw sewage, oil, or chemical wastes, salvaging foods that were flooded can be a major concern. Intestinal diseases which cause diarrhea and dysentery are the most likely illnesses that occur from consuming flood contaminated food. Parasites and intestinal viruses are generally to blame. Waterborne transmission of E.coli, salmonella, and shigella is also a concern with contaminated water systems.

Discard all foods packed in foil, cellophane, paper, cloth or cardboard that have come into contact with flood waters. Even if the contents appear to be dry, they may not be safe.

Discard all flooded meats, fish, poultry, fresh fruits and vegetables as well as foods packaged in crown-capped bottles, glass or plastic jars and bottles. Fish from flood waters can creep up under the lip of these lids and contaminate the food. If you are unsure about the condition of any food, throw it away.

Only food in sealed, airtight commercial metal

containers, such as cans, may be safe. The duration of the flood, and whether or not the flood water contained raw sewage or other contaminants. Fruits and vegetables that were more than two weeks from maturity at the time of the flood may be safe to eat by the time they are ready for harvest. In the amount of time it takes the produce to mature, there should be enough rain and cleansing to make them acceptable. But even then, the produce should be disinfected and cooked before eating.

Leafy vegetables such as lettuce, cabbage and green beans, fleshy vegetables (tomatoes, cucumbers, summer squash, peppers) and berry fruits are highly susceptible to bacterial contamination. It is nearly impossible to remove flood residue from the leaves and crevices of the produce. They should be discarded.

Root crops such as beets, carrots, and potatoes and vegetables with rinds or outer skins such as eggplant or winter squash are less vulnerable to contamination. They must be thoroughly washed and scrubbed, disinfected, rinsed, peeled and cooked before consuming. To disinfect, use a tablespoon unscented household bleach in a gallon

Officials hopeful water at MWCD lakes will crest soon

SENECAVILLE — If present indications are accurate, the high water at several Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District lakes is expected to crest Saturday or Sunday.

Officials from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers informed the MWCD on Friday that they expect the rapid rise in depth to slow over the weekend at the lakes hit hardest by the remnants of Hurricane Frances in Ohio.

Pounding rain that dumped several inches of rain in the MWCD region this week has prompted officials to urge boat and camper owners to check on their equipment and for all residents to exercise caution in and around the area's lakes.

Most of the lakes affected at Wood, Leesville, Tappan, Glendening, Piedmont and Seneca are between 1 and 2 feet above normal summer depth readings. While Creek

Lake in Coshocton County had swelled more than 10 feet above normal in the past 24 hours.

The situation has prompted the closing of all direct launch ramps and boat launches located south of Coshocton and north of Seneca, as well as elevation units at the Tappan Lake grounds near the Harrison County line.

However, smaller planned this week at the lakes, the MWCD officials said.

Regatta at Albion, Ohio, will be held on Saturday. MWCD officials said.

NEED HELP? HERE'S WHO TO

People seeking assistance may contact the following agencies:

- Bylesville Police Department — 685-2121
- Bylesville Volunteer Fire Department — 685-3811
- Caldwell Fire Department — 732-2802
- Cambridge Fire Department — 432-3232 (non-emergency)
- Cambridge Police Department — 432-4431
- Cambridge Police (Officer St.) Highway Patrol — 432-3881
- Cambridge-Guernsey County Health Department — 432-3577
- Guernsey County Emergency Management Agency — 432-3292
- Guernsey County Sheriff's Office — 432-4455
- Guernsey County Emergency Management Agency — 432-3292

United Ambulance (Caldwell) — 685-3811
United Ambulance (Cambridge) — 432-3881
For more help, call 432-3292.

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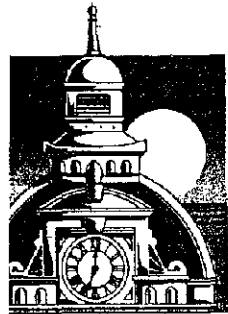
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FEMA arrives here

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Federal Emergency Management Agency officials were expected to visit Guernsey

County Thursday to assess flood damage in preparation for declaring a federal state of emergency that would pave the way for local residents to

receive assistance.

"We have been waiting for FEMA to come and complete the preliminary damage assessment, and they are coming

today," said Guernsey County EMA Director Gerry Beckner.

"We expect to receive federal assistance soon after the assessment is complete, but we cannot

say when the deal is made. It all depends on the paperwork. As soon as we know we will get the word, we can get it to the residents."

Beckner said residents have been told FEMA will provide local assistance in the form of food, clothing, and shelter.

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Noble County prepares for Ivan

KEVIN MACRI

CALDWELL BUREAU

BELLE VALLEY — Officials in Noble County are bracing for the worst while hoping for the best.

Officials from all reaches of the county — from villages, townships and fire departments to school districts, county commissioners and ambulance services — gathered Wednesday to discuss a plan of action as Hurricane Ivan made landfall and started its northward march from the Gulf of Mexico.

As of Wednesday evening, said Noble County Emergency Management Agency Director Chasity Schmelzenbach, the National Weather Service was predicting Hurricane Ivan would bring approximately 10 inches of



(AP Photo/St. Petersburg Times/Douglas R. Clinton)

Cliff Mitchell, 21, front, ambles up a walkway Wednesday while visiting Wausatch Park as water from Pensacola Bay is churned by heavy winds as Hurricane Ivan approached Pensacola, Fla., and the Florida panhandle.

Ivan blasts Gulf Coast

GULF SHORES, Ala. (AP) — Hurricane Ivan slammed ashore early Thursday with winds of 130 mph, packing deadly force and a powerful punch of waves and rain that threatened

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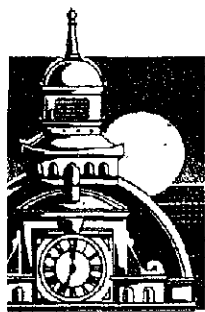
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FEMA weighs our damage

RICK STILLION
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Now that the Federal Emergency Management Agency has completed preliminary damage assessments in Guernsey County, the "waiting

game" has begun as federal authorities tabulate damages to determine if Ohio — including Guernsey and Noble counties — is eligible for federal assistance. "What we do now is wait," said Guernsey County EMA Director Geny Beckner. "They

have completed the preliminary damage assessments and now they will determine if the state receives a declaration and what counties are eligible." And, they will do that at their own pace." Beckner said the state has declared a state of emergency in

14 counties in the wake of recent flooding, all of which have to be assessed before a state declaration can be made by federal officials. "All we can tell people is the information will be made available through the local media

sources as soon as it's said," Beckner knew when that people need to see the paper and the radio to get the they need.

That information a toll-free FEMA (da-ber to register for assistance.

"We don't have to call everybody who has damage, and the people with damage don't know what Beckner said. So it's that people need media for the information.

Beckner said he can get the process assistance started if their insurance company requirement by FEMA.

"Even if they don't insurance, they need claim with the company where they homeowners," Beckner said. One of FEMA will ask for letter from their company.

If they get that ed now they will be paid once the FEMA process, Beckner said.

As the rain from Hurricane Frances hit southeastern Ohio on Monday, Beckner and his staff were busy.

The FEMA Operations Center opened in the state capital building in Columbus, Ohio, on Monday. Beckner said the center is open 24 hours a day. Some of the staff are from the state's emergency management agency.



The Hall of Champions at the Guernsey County Fair was filled to the rafters on Thursday during the Junior Fair Livestock Sale. Inside the ring, Kayla King leads her grand champion market steer around while the bidding takes place.



Junior Fair sale hits a new record

RICK STILLION
 THE DAILY JEFFERSONIAN

OLD WASHINGTON — Buyers at the Guernsey County Junior Fair Livestock Sale Thursday shelled out a record \$145,000 for 47 lots, smashing the previous record of \$226,929 set in 2001.

"Wow! Unbelievable," said county treasurer and long-time fair supporter and sale official Jim Caldwell following the sale. "Where else in this world can you raise that amount of money in the short of a time period for the kids of Guernsey County? And all thanks to the generosity of the buyers." In 2003, Junior Fair Livestock Sale buyers spent \$101,929.

ble Local bus drivers concerned by flood reaction

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VILLE — Bus drivers and the Noble Local School district with the board of education evening to discuss evacuation procedures and problems which arising last week's flood. aid poor radio communication of foresight and assistance students in ample time great conditions for themselves ts. attending the meeting said officials by radio they ate to the school as waters

were rising last Wednesday, and they still had to wait as long as 45 minutes before students boarded the buses.

"The longer we stayed here, the higher the water got," said bus driver Rod Reeves.

Reeves said if students would have been ready to leave when the buses arrived, students could have been transported home in safe conditions.

Bus driver Iris Wickham said she encountered high water in several places on her route last Wednesday. She said it was a situation she will not repeat.

"We are out on the roads trying to get

the world's most precious cargo home," she said. "I am asking please — don't ever do this to us again."

Reeves said another alternative in a similar situation would be to keep the students at the school during a flood rather than risk transporting students in hazardous conditions.

"As a driver loving these kids, and knowing their parents love them, the safest place for these kids is right here."

School officials reported there were no injuries to students or staff during last week's flood.

During the 1998 flood, Noble Local operated as an emergency shelter for

flood victims.

Superintendent Dan Doyle said school administrators have met for the past two days discussing last Wednesday's events and ways to eliminate future problems.

"We have met the last two days in administration meetings reviewing procedures to make us better prepared," Doyle said. "If the same conditions present themselves, we will definitely get out earlier."

Doyle and board members said they also plan to meet with bus drivers to discuss any ideas they may have regarding emergency dismissals.

Board President Steve Crum feels everyone expressing their concerns at the meeting had valid concerns. He wants to make sure bus drivers can incorporate their concerns into the district's future.

As Hurricane Ivan makes its way north, school officials said students should stay tuned to radio and television stations for information regarding early dismissals or cancellations.

"We will have our people early in the morning checking roads. We anticipate the potential for bad weather," Doyle said.

esville officials hope they are prepared for the weather

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VILLE — Officials here have been going backward and forward all day dealing with last week's flood and for the possibility of another

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done all of the cleaning we Mayor Don Gadd said. "We're [Ivan] goes somewhere else."

d: Village in 'pretty good shape' following flood

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VILLE — The mayor here, as red for the possibility of a natural disaster in town, continue to explore ways to help those whose lives were impacted by last week's flood.

still waiting for a national declaration of a disaster area," Mayor Gadd said Thursday afternoon, "hoping to get it soon."

In the routines of the individual victims remain disrupted, the village has been cleaned up considerably.

"In pretty good shape," he said, "we've got time down and trash pickup is hoping for more than a

Tom McVicker, superintendent of the Water Department, agreed.

"The Street Department [personnel] have been going around picking up debris all week," he said, "to keep it from plugging up culverts. They have unplugged a couple of culverts, too."

His own department has been busy as well.

"We're moving equipment to higher ground," he said. "Electrical boxes, control lines — we're moving all of the electrical up."

"We have stored 219,000 gallons of water in the storage tank at the new

national disaster area declaration.

"We have consulted with Quicksall and Associates," he said, "in case we do get into mitigation somewhere down the line."

In cases of flood mitigation, the government provides money for a municipality to buy flood-prone, residential property from homeowners.

If mitigation occurs, the land is purchased, structures razed and nothing can be built on it again.

"There is a city block," Gadd said, "that, if we do get mitigation, we're looking at removing it."

Gadd was speaking of a section of Peters Street that has been hit by floods several times now.

"The land can be used as a park," he said, "or something similar as long as nothing is built upon it."

plant."

He emphasized that the village is not using the new plant yet. But it is taking advantage of components of new plant to help in this possible emergency.

"We're using the tank and the electrical components of the new plant," he said, "and the filtering and chemical feeds of the old plant."

Also, employees have built a small dike around the old well near Water Plant 2 — the well that was infiltrated by the waters of the Flood of '98.

"We have added pipe to the well's vent, too," McVicker said, "so flood water

As for the possibility of more flooding this weekend, Gadd believes not much more can be done at this point.

"We have done the maximum we can do," he said.

"Water gets out of town all right, but we're prone to backwash when the stream starts filling up. Once the flood plain fills up, then the water comes back at us."

"We have tried to seal off the entry points. And anything that was flooded before we tried to elevate."

Gadd has his fingers crossed.

"Some have predicted the hurricane will go south of us. I hope they're right."

won't go down it."

Mark Parsons and Ryan Kasper of the Sewer Department said that department's crews also have been preparing for another flood.

"As far as the lift stations go," Parsons said, "we can pull the motors as soon as it starts raining so they don't get burnt up."

The department also has borrowed an extra pump from EnviroFlo.

That could come in handy in getting rid of storm water infiltration at the treatment plant.

The dike is 4 foot taller than in '98," Parsons said. "And we have learned a lot

even since last week."

Still — with the ground saturated with the level of Williams Creek higher Thursday than it was rains came last week — heavy rain could spell trouble.

"If we get more than 8.5 inches of rain," he said, "we're just going to have to wait it out."

McVicker was both sanguine and realistic.

"We've done everything we can at this point," he said. "But if we get more than we had in '98, I can't guarantee anything."

New Concord stands by for Ivan's

JOHN LOWE

THE DAILY JEFFERSONIAN

NEW CONCORD — Village employees and officials here will stand by this weekend in the event Hurricane Ivan moves into the area and causes a flood.

Chain saws are ready and sand bags are in place. Administrators said, but the village will not be doing anything different from last week. Hurricane Francis soaked the area with 2 or more inches of rain.

Most village residents live at higher elevations. Although some may have to contend with flooded basements, they have to worry about rising flood water.

The only properties in the village susceptible to flooding are the sewer treatment plants, which stand on low-lying land on the east side of town.

"Our plants," Huey said, "are just about the only buildings in town in the flood plain."

The sewer plant east of the village is lower than the water on the west side of town. But the sewer plant pump is submersible and the pump is not.

During last week's flood the water nearly reached the water plant. "We were concerned to say the least," Huey said.

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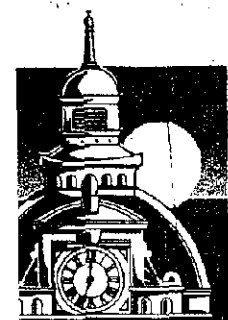
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First Frances, now Ivan; flood cleanup continues

JOHN LOWE
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The remnants of Hurricane Ivan closed businesses, canceled events and spurred recommendations of evacuations in various locations around Guernsey County.

A personal tragedy and other dramas occurred during the flood.

But the area was spared the sort of flooding Hurricane Francis caused the week before.

Officials at the Cambridge Water Plant reported 4.15 inches of rain fell during the period of the flood. Water was still rising at the plant at 7:30 p.m. Saturday but Water Plant personnel were uncertain of when the water would crest.

According to the Web Site of the National Weather Service, Willis Creek was to crest at 2 a.m. this morning (Sunday) at 21.5 feet, or 6.5 feet over flood stage.

The rainfall was far short of what fell the previous week, but it was enough to send water across roads and, among other things, disrupt the Guernsey County Fair.

Waters began rising early Friday and, by 11:19 a.m., officials were asking residents of Derwent to consider leaving their homes. Some 50 minutes later, officials learned that low-lying areas of Quaker City were starting to flood [see separate story].

On Saturday morning, Byesville police officers were asking residents of Peters Street to leave as waters rose in the village.

Later Saturday, water began to subside, only to return in places in the late afternoon. At 6 p.m. Saturday, a portion of Main Street was closed. Ptd. Tim Haren said. Water also was encroaching on High Avenue.

A Senecaville area man died Friday afternoon. It was unclear whether the death was attributable to the flood.

At 2:19 p.m., an Ideal Road woman reported she had just come home, and found her husband wasn't breathing right.

A deputy arrived at the scene and performed cardio-pulmonary resuscitation. Because of high water, the Lore City emergency squad could not get through.

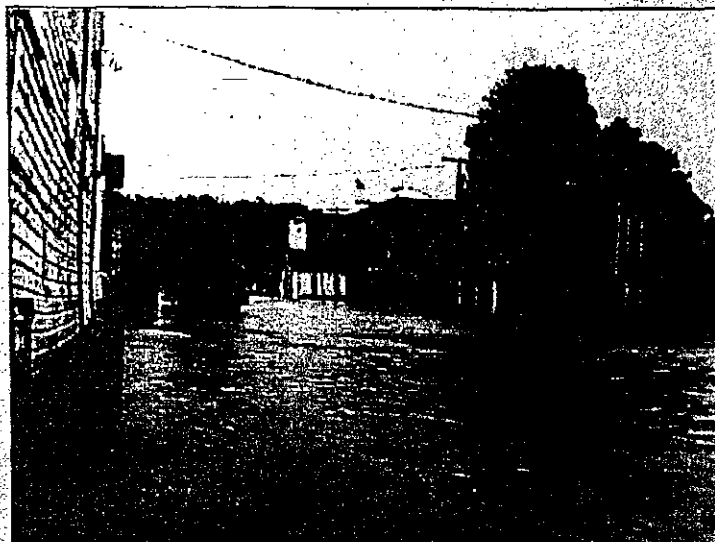


Photo by Crystal Vargo



A birdhouse perched atop a stop sign appears to be the only thing spared by flood waters in this photograph from the Buffalo area on Saturday.

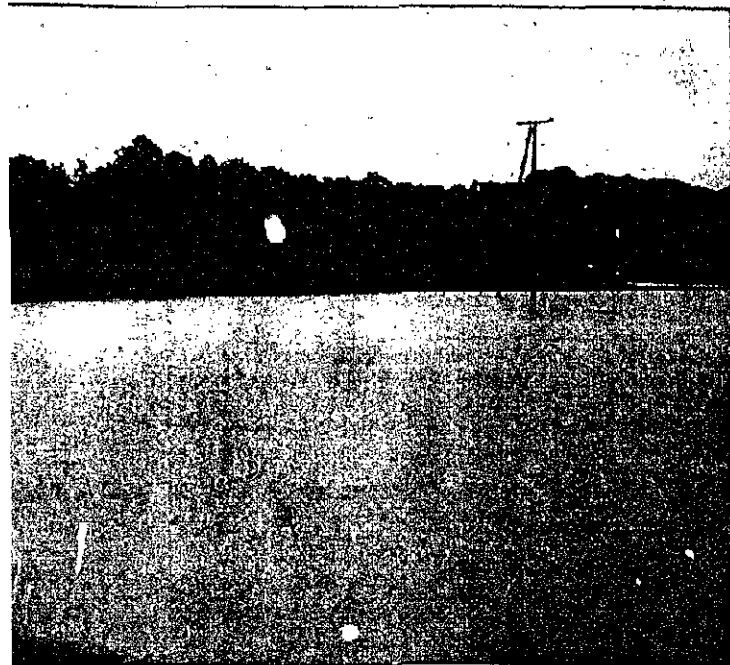
United Ambulance personnel arrived and, enroute to the hospital, were escorted by a sheriff's deputy from Ideal Road to the 10th Street Bridge in Byesville.

On Saturday at 1:22 a.m., a Warner Road man was reported to be experiencing severe problems in breathing.

Quaker City did not have a squad available and could not get past Route 618 because of high water. Officials here contacted Barnesville police, who were on

A Cherry Hill Road man, who had been unconscious for several days, was found by a Byesville man.

Other residents here had been told to evacuate. A Byesville man was found by a Byesville man. A Byesville man was found by a Byesville man.



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Caldwell remained closed Friday as flood waters escaped the banks of Duck Creek. This photo was taken at 4:30 p.m., water was crossing the eastern portion of the bridge. At nightfall, water was rushing over the bridge.

e County Sheriff Smith inhibits travel during flood

By J. J. AU

Noble County is calling for a comparison of its flooding caused by Hurricane Ivan to the flooding experienced in 1998.

Sheriff Landon said the county is in emergency mode except for ponds and in the county Friday until day-evening.

State officials said the high water was 77. The high water was 8:20 p.m.

Noble's flood waters were a comparison of 1998.

As in different years, more water on the river was experienced.

Several other counties were experiencing flooding.

We were not of flooding 1998 levels.

The Emergency Management Agency Director Landon reported.



"This is a picture in front of my home taken at 1 p.m. on Friday. My home is located on State Route 147 between Sarahsville and State Route 78. My flood is headed toward Cambridge," wrote Bob Joy in an e-mail to The Daily Jeffersonian newsroom.

Valley Volunteer Fire Department sustained flooding. Four emergency shelters were in operation in the county.

"In the eastern end of the county, customers on Yoker Valley Road were without phone service. Other sporadic phone problems were experienced."

However extensive damage is estimated at the village's sewer plant facility. Langley also reported high water levels inside the village's municipal building. damage estimates were not available however as of Friday evening. Reports from the sheriff's office at 11 p.m., indicated



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Flood waters from Hurricane Ivan covered Noble County Road 14 near Wolf Run State Park Lake on Friday, the only access road to the Noble County Emergency Management Agency Emergency Operations Center.



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A barricade put up by the Cambridge Street Department blocks the way through Linden into Eastmoor Addition on Saturday following Friday's day-long rain.



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Playground equipment at the park in Buffalo sits surrounded by several feet of flood water Friday evening after rains from Hurricane Ivan drenched the eastern United States.

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Professional Background

As founder and president of Bischoff Miller & Associates, LLC, Edward Bischoff has extensive experience in planning, designing, constructing and administering utilities, drainage facilities, transportation systems, and municipal services. Mr. Bischoff's philosophy is to provide quality engineering services to public entities and private businesses at a reasonable price. He believes in providing clients with honest, professional advice that is in the best interest of their projects.



Mr. Bischoff's experience over the past forty years includes work in Asia, Europe and the United States. While in the United States Air Force and the Ohio Air National Guard, he served in Korea, France and Germany, as well as taking civil engineering teams to various Air Force Bases in the United States. One of the most challenging experiences was during his tour in Korea where, because of the massive build-up of personnel, the water treatment plants were in desperate situations. As the Director of Engineering and Construction for the Air Force in Korea, Mr. Bischoff was involved in developing and implementing solutions to improve these conditions. The water treatment plant at Kunsun Air Base was a diatomaceous earth plant with a demand almost twice its capacity. The plant's equipment was primarily Japanese, being operated by American and Korean operators. By coordinating the work of several Air Force agencies and the local Korean agencies, the capacity of the plant was quickly increased using temporary facilities until the permanent expansion could be built. His experience also includes work on wastewater collection and treatment systems of all sizes, utilizing a variety of equipment, materials, technology and treatment methods. He has been instrumental in the long ranging planning and growth for many community utility systems, including the formation of many water and/or sewer districts throughout the State of Ohio.

Mr. Bischoff also has extensive experience in non-complex roadway design and construction. As the former Consulting Engineer for both the City of Grove City and the Village of Powell, he was directly involved in numerous projects including non-complex roadway design, traffic control studies and plans, traffic signal plans, intersection design and improvements, street lighting, drainage plans and right-of-way relocation.

His common sense approach to business and engineering solutions has played a major role in the firm's success as well as its clients' success. Through his direction, Bischoff Miller & Associates, LLC develops programs to provide clients with much needed assistance in problem solving, creative planning and project financial strategies to develop workable solutions. Mr. Bischoff has always taken an active, innovative role in finding new solutions and establishing new industry standards. On several occasions, he has also provided support for his clients by serving as an expert witness in various legal proceedings. He and his firm continue to set engineering examples through superior service, unique mechanical layouts, state-of-the-art systems and environmentally sound solutions.

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