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Please provide comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). Please provide any edits, changes, or additions for the Final EIS. Please be as specific as possible in referencing the Draft EIS.

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Please require consideration of  
potential trail infrastructure. This  
should be coordinated with state  
and local officials.

In Indiana, the Department of Natural  
Resources would be the primary  
contact.

In Johnson County, the Director of the  
county Planning Department would  
coordinate.

Governor Mitch Daniels recently  
arranged to purchase abandoned rail lines  
from Penn Central for rail-to-trail  
routes. The F&M line through

Johnson County is part of that. Therefore,  
please coordinate the crossing of that  
trail route, which is currently being  
planned.

Please also consider potential trails along  
the REX route - that is, along  
the property or easement.

Comments may be submitted at a public meeting or mailed to:

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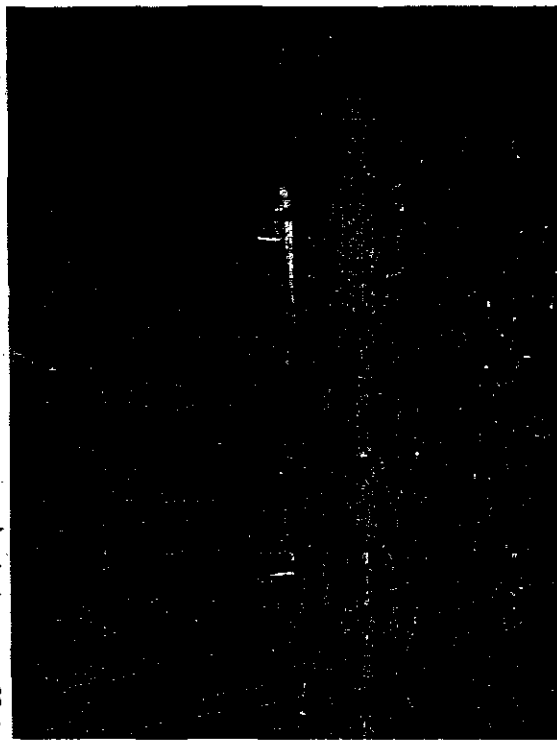


LOOKING WEST ACROSS BRIDGE TOWARDS HINDALL'S



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LOOKING NORTH ACROSS LISTMAN'S FIELD



LONGER VIEW ACROSS LISTMAN'S PROPERTY - NORTH



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## County Roads Damaged By Heavy Rains

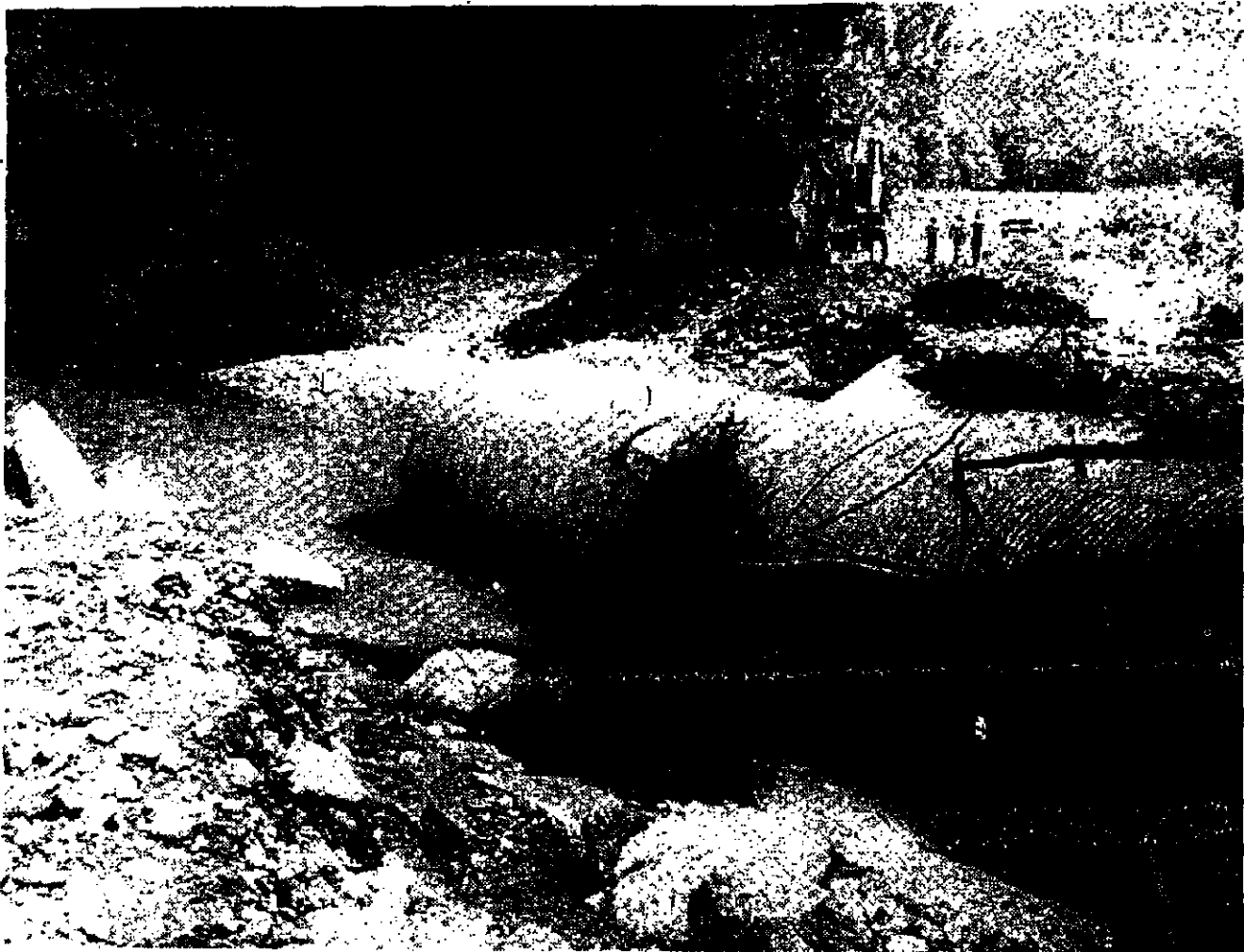
Between four and five and one half inches of rain between 1:00 a.m. and 3:00 a.m. Sunday morning resulted in extensive damage to county roads in Franklin County, Earl Sawyer, Second District County Commissioner, reported Monday, July 6. The most serious damage caused by the storm was the destruction of two slab bridges and two culverts on Pipe Creek Road and

Walnut Fork. Three creek crossings on Walnut Fork were washed out, leaving residents on the dead end road stranded until dry fords can be built.

Sawyer said that the reconstruction of the bridges will probably be done by a contractor. He said the lack of manpower on the county highway department makes it necessary to hire a contractor.

Until the bridges can be repaired, dry fords will be built to give residents in the area means of transportation. Until the dry fords are built, fire department and emergency medical service will not be available to these residents.

Heavy storm damage was also reported on Haskamp Road, one mile west of Hamburg.



The bridge above was washed out early Sunday morning and is located just west of the James Effing home on

Walnut Fork.

The damage was the result of between four and five and one half

inches of rain in two hours.

Bob Giesting Photo

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# BROOKVILLE DEMOCRAT

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Franklin County - Noted For Historical Sites And Recreational Opportunities

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## Heavy Rainfall Forces Closing Of Some Roads

Some of the heaviest rainfall over a short period of time in recent years in this area created some road and bridge problems for Franklin County residents, leaving some stranded for a period of time.

The Franklin County Highway Department was busy trying to get some of the bridges and roads open early Tuesday morning of this week after four to five inches of rain was reported in Brookville and parts of Franklin County. The rain started falling on Monday morning and except for brief intervals fell almost throughout the day and all through the night on Monday. It was very, very heavy for several hours from about 10 p.m. to midnight and then continued although not quite as hard through the early morning hours on Tuesday.

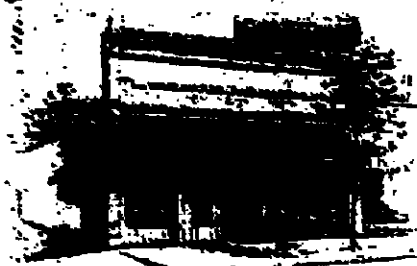
Telephone service was disrupted in the Creek Road area

### Road Closings

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(Oldenburg district) due to buried telephone cable being washed out.

Roads that were reported closed or in hazardous conditions on Tuesday morning included: Blue Creek Road near Wolf Creek where a big pipe washed out; Creek Road off 229 closed due to a number of washouts; Levee Road near the river was under water; Castle Road off St. Mary's had washouts, also Pipe Creek Road; Holland Road off 252; Big Cedar North and Little Cedar, both off 252. This was only a partial list as the highway department was still receiving calls early Tuesday morning.



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Franklin County - Noted For Historical Sites And Recreation

## County declared disaster area

By John Estridge  
Editor

Franklin County's two-day devastating flash flood began Tuesday night, July 17.

Before it was over, damage to the county's roads and structures totaled more than \$250,000, prompting Franklin County Commissioners to declare a State of Disaster existed in the county on Thursday morning.

Franklin County Highway Department Engineer George Hartman recorded 55 separate areas of damage to the county's roads and structures.

In many places, the flooding was unprecedented.

"A man I talked to off Red School Road had lived there 70 years, and he said he had never seen water over the road," Franklin County Emergency Management Agency Director Ed Hollenbach said. "It not only went over the road, it went over the rails on the bridge."

Hard rains north of the county and in the county itself, combined to flood roads and, in at

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Steve Kelley stands on Pipe Creek Road. In the background is Heather Cummins' Mustang where it came to rest in an adjacent field. The creek is on the other side of the trees.

## Answers

By John Estridge  
Editor

**MEMORIA** — It was a rainy Wednesday night, and Heather Cummins and three of her four children were traversing the few miles from a friend's house to her home on Haytown Road.

Her route took her over the iron bridge on Pipe Creek Road.

When her 1997 Ford Mustang dipped down from the far end of the bridge to the roadway, which is below the bridge level, her car hit water. Water began to spill around her ankles and she felt the car begin to move sideways.

It was pitch black with the only light coming from lightning.

After unsuccessfully trying to open her door, she rolled her window down and climbed out, instructing her oldest child, Trevor, 7, to climb out behind her. Reaching back in, Heather freed her other two children, Jazlin, 4, and Becca, 3. She pulled them out of the window and held them above the rising water.

The car disappeared into the swirling dark water. It was later found deep into the field and those who found the car estimated the water was about 10 feet deep at that point during the flash flood.

"By the time I got (Jazlin) out, it was up to my waist and the car had moved into the field," Heather said. "By the time I got Becca out, it was up to my chest."

Heather, carrying the two youngest kids and Trevor hanging on for dear life, tried to get back to the road and the bridge.

"The current was too strong," she said. "I was stuck, and stuff around my feet, and I fell."

All four went underwater for a terrifying moment.

Then came the tree. "I saw a tree down and started to walk real slow so I could keep my balance until I got to the tree."

Climbing up on the tree, Heather told her children to scream. They needed little encouragement.

Up nearby Hurdles Road, Carl Kelley was sitting on the porch with his wife, Iva. He saw a car's headlights come across the bridge and then suddenly disappear. He told Iva to call 911 because some-



From left: Jazlin, 4 waders, he and V car

Back at the tree rising, unbreathing

to quiet

"I prayed," she said. She bowed her head to save her

but if He could not He save the child. She opened her head. She saw

prostrating

Steve drove us

which was about 10

"I've never seen

high," he said

Steve and Iva

## Death ruled drowning

# Flood

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least one case, people along the river.

But Wednesday night's storm brought devastation to the county's western area.

Tuesday, Terry Gill, a Laurel-area resident, and his two sons, T.J. 11; and John David, 10, were camping near the Conservation Club at the end of Dam Road near Laurel. Their camp site was 40 feet from the Whitewater River.

The trio spent the day fishing. "It had been a long day in the sun," Terry said.

They had fished as late as 10 p.m.

"It was clear then," Terry said.

They went to bed Tuesday night in the tent. Because he has a bad back, Terry had a large air mattress, which barely fit, in the tent.

During the night, Terry awoke to find the tent floating.

"I woke up, and we were in the middle of the river," Terry said.

He didn't want to alarm the boys but got them in the center of the air mattress and tried to open the tent. He could not. Taking a buck knife, Terry cut his way out, slip-flopping into a raging Whitewater River.

"I couldn't touch bottom," Terry said.

Using the mattress as a raft, Terry hung on with the boys still on the mattress and rode the swift current. The trio was surrounded by driftwood.

"I got beat to death," Terry said.

Oblivious to all the pounding, Terry continued to talk to his boys, keeping them calm.

Then he was able to get the mattress to the far shore.

"It's God's miracle we came out," Terry said.

But he did not know where he was. They went up the bank and through a bean field to a road. It turned out to be Standard Materials Road near Metamora.

"The boys didn't have shoes or shirts, and we didn't know where we were," Terry said.

Using his son's small flashlight, Terry signaled to two vehicles on the highway. One turned out to belong to Indiana Conservation Officer Rob Vickroy. He picked up the trio and took them to safety.

A six-foot diameter pipe under Orchard Road was lifted through the road and the bank, closing the road.

The businesses on Brookville's southern edge were going through their own ordeal that night. Water entered Sav-A-Lot and severely damaged Laser Car Wash's parking lot.

New Trenton residents found their town's alleys and streets to be a series of creeks and rivers.

In Cincinnati, three people died in the flooding.

But it was Wednesday that truly pounded the county.

The most-sounded figure is three inches of rain Tuesday night and another three Wednesday night. But there were places that had more. It was reported the Peppertown area experienced two inches of rain in 20 minutes Wednesday night.

Ricky Abshear at the end of Peters Road near Peppertown watched helplessly as an almost completely restored classic 1970 GTO was swept away by a usually placid creek. The GTO was found about a mile downstream wedged into a bank, according to Hollenbach.

Franklin County's 4-H Fair came to a standstill during the one-night. Parking areas became lakes, draining to mud.

Again at Brookville's southern edge, the same businesses were under siege again. Immediate Care employees were trapped in their building. IGA donated sacks of topsoil to use as sandbags for Sav-A-Lot.

In the county, whole sections of roads disappeared as did structures. Approaches to other bridges and culverts were swept away.

Paying for the repairs caused the Commissioners to postpone the planned bridge building project on Yellow Bank Road. The long-planned structure would replace a slab.

"We have to wait until we see what kind of damage we've got," Commissioner Bob Brack said at the Commissioners' Monday, July 23 meeting.

Commission President Lou Linkel said the floods changed the county's entire outlook.

"If we hadn't been hit so hard..." Linkel said. "It's a different picture than it was a week ago."

"People are just going to have to understand," Brack said.

According to Commissioners, money from Cumulative Bridge Fund and Various Culverts and Bridges Fund will be used to pay for at least some of the repairs to county structures.

However, local citizens may not be so lucky. Often insurance policies do not cover floods. Hollenbach said he is seeing a great amount of destruction.

"I'm not giving anybody any hope," Hollenbach said.

He is totaling the damage. This will be sent to the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

While Indiana did not suffer significant damage, Ohio did. Because Franklin County is a contiguous county to Ohio counties, which suffered much devastation, Franklin could be included with the Ohio counties if they are considered a disaster area, Hollenbach said.

Anyone with any claims should call Hollenbach at (765-647-4014).