

FLOOD EDITION

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A daily roundup of recent news stories and opinion pieces about Tennessee transportation, water and flood control infrastructure

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Residents and business owners who sustained losses can begin applying for assistance immediately by registering online at www.fema.gov or by calling 1-800-621-FEMA.

[Grand Ole Opry Stage Sat Under 2 Feet Of Water \(Lake Wylie Pilot/AP\) -With 17 Photos](#)

The outlook for other devastated areas of Tennessee, Mississippi and Kentucky looked more grim: The death toll climbed to 31 with the discovery of a missing kayaker's body in Kentucky. Twenty died in Tennessee alone. Mayor Karl Dean raised the damage estimate for Nashville alone to \$1.5 billion Friday, with 17 percent of Davidson County still to be checked. Already officials know 9,300 properties have been damaged and almost 2,000 of those are residences. Dean said the damage total will go up because it doesn't include damage to roads, bridges or the contents of the buildings.

<http://www.lakewyliepilot.com/2010/05/07/718949/volunteers-help-clean-while-tenn.html>

[Paducah Riverport, University Aid Tenn. Tiremaker \(Washington Post/AP\)](#)

The riverport in Paducah and Murray State University's campus in the city have helped keep a Bridgestone plant going in Tennessee after this month's floods there. The Paducah Sun reported the Bridgestone Metalpha USA plant in Clarksville, Tenn., depends on just-in-time delivery of steel to process the metal used in making tires. Heavy rain and rising water flooded the plant's warehouse on May 1 and two barges carrying steel to the plant were stranded on the flooding Cumberland River.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/05/11/AR2010051103791.html>

[TN Governor Can Tap \\$17M In Emergency Funds For Flood Aid \(AP/Johnson\)](#)

Finance commissioner says Bredesen will use state's cash reserves to help flood victims if necessary Gov. Phil Bredesen will find money to help Tennessee flood victims by using the state's cash reserves if necessary, the state's top fiscal officer said Tuesday. State Finance Commissioner Dave Goetz presented a summary of Bredesen's budget proposal to the Senate Finance Committee. He said about \$17 million has been identified that can be pulled from different types of funds for emergency use. Goetz said it's not known what impact the historic flooding in West and Middle Tennessee will have on state spending, but he said state officials are prepared to dip into the rainy-day fund if more money is needed. He acknowledged Tennessee has had to siphon another \$100 million from the reserves over what was recommended in January because of revenue loss in the current year. Goetz said that about \$330 million should remain in the rainy-day fund at the end of the next fiscal year, and another \$170 million is expected in TennCare reserves.

<http://www.tennessean.com/article/20100512/NEWS0201/5120376/1009/NEWS>

[Corps Should've Better Communicated Releases From Dams: Bredesen \(WPLN\)](#)

Governor Phil Bredesen says the Army Corps of Engineers could've done a better job communicating last week how it was managing floodwaters at area dams. But Bredesen says he doesn't know whether the corps should've handled the rising waters differently. Bredesen says he has no reason to believe the corps did anything wrong, but it certainly should've done more to get the word out about when it would be letting water past its dams, and how much. "I don't know if the water releases were fine; I'm saying that you have people that think that they weren't. I certainly have heard plenty of complaints, starting with Opryland, about projections that weren't as accurate as they might have been in terms of that." Bredesen says early last week it was hard to get ahold of corps officials. "When something as big as this happens, to just kind of go to ground and not talk to reporters, you know, when you have – we had to sort of track them down – I really do think they need to go beyond that and I think they probably realize that at this point."

<http://wpln.org/?p=17531>

[Corps Defends Actions During Tenn. Flooding \(Associated Press/Hall\)](#)

The release of water from a dam upstream of Nashville during a historical flooding event has prompted a Senate inquiry into whether the public was adequately warned about rising waters downstream. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers says the controlled release of water from Old Hickory Dam throughout the weekend prevented the lake from spilling over the dam and flooding Nashville with an additional four feet of water. Sen. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., has asked for a hearing on how well the corps and other state and federal agencies delivered accurate information to businesses and individuals in the midst of the flooding that killed nine in Nashville alone. Bob Sneed of the corps said they notified the National Weather Service about the release of water for use in flood warnings.

<http://content.usatoday.net/dist/custom/gci/InsidePage.aspx?cld=tennessean&sParam=33512917.story>

[Already Struggling Hickman County Tries To Claw Out After Flood \(TN/Kenning\)](#)

Mike Anglin stood next to what remained of his double-wide mobile home, pushed and spun 100 feet by floodwaters and filled with mud, mold and water that ruined everything from furniture to medicine to family photographs. After living for days in a tent and drinking boiled spring water, he is sleeping in a trailer as he begins to dig out. The Federal Emergency Management Agency has been out to assess the damage. But Anglin, 52, an unemployed mechanic who was just scraping by beforehand, isn't sure when he will get back on his feet. "We've never been rich, but now we've got nothing," he said, lighting a cigarette in a yard full of ruined possessions and missing a lifetime's worth of tools that washed away. "Even with federal help, I don't know how I'm going to replace all this." It's a common scene in hard-hit Hickman County, a rural county of 24,000 residents 60 miles west of Nashville marked by small communities, farms and isolated homes.

<http://www.tennessean.com/article/20100512/NEWS01/5120371/Already+struggling+Hickman+County+tries+to+claw+out+after+flood>

[Recovery Center Offers Help To 1,600 Nashville Area Businesses \(C. Paper/Garrison\)](#)

Federal officials and Mayor Karl Dean on Tuesday opened Nashville's first business recovery center, a facility aimed at assisting the more than 1,600 Davidson County companies affected by last weekend's devastating flood. Launched at Tennessee State University's Avon Williams campus, the new office is the first of what could be several one-stop shops that cater specifically to the recuperation of small businesses. Six other centers in Nashville already offer citizens help in receiving aid available through the Federal Emergency Management Agency. U.S. Small Business Administration Administrator Karen Mills, on hand for the new facility's opening, said small businesses create 65 percent of new jobs and produce half of the nation's employment overall. "We've got to make sure, if we're going to get Nashville back going and through all this, that the small businesses survive, and that they prosper, and that they get back on an even keel, so that they can keep everybody employed," Mills said.

<http://nashvillecitypaper.com/content/2010-flood/recovery-center-offers-help-1600-nashville-area-businesses>

[Flooded Businesses Receive Loan Lifeline \(Tennessean/Williams\)](#)

The U.S. Small Business Administration opened a business recovery center at Tennessee State University's downtown campus Tuesday to process loan applications from companies affected by last week's flooding. They expect a deluge of small-business owners seeking emergency loans. It's the first such center opened in the area by the federal government in its efforts to help businesses cope with the disaster, but some company owners who showed up Tuesday afternoon said the offer of loans up to \$2 million through the SBA won't come close to helping them recover. "The water got all of our production equipment, and we've already spent over \$1 million cleaning up just one of our three buildings," said John T. Johnson, whose family owns Mid-South Wire on Visco Drive, along the Cumberland River near downtown. "We're going to need a lot more than \$2 million."

<http://www.tennessean.com/article/20100512/BUSINESS01/5120374/Flooded+businesses+receive+loan+lifeline>

[SBA Opens Downtown Office to Help Finance Flood Recovery \(WPLN-Radio\)](#)

The federal Small Business Administration has started working out loan deals to help Middle Tennesseans cover the costs of flood recovery. SBA officials say thousands could be eligible for loans, and today they opened up a temporary office downtown to take applications. The SBA makes long-term, low-interest loans to recovering homeowners and renters, as well as businesses. Briane Messer and his family ran a wax museum at Opry Mills, now closed from the flooding, and its eight workers laid off. The family also has a couple of gift shops on Nashville's flooded 2nd Avenue. Messer is hoping a loan from the SBA can hold his finances together until he bounces back. "I'll take whatever they can give me. I'm just stuck – I'm really in a situation where if this does not go through then this may kick me out of business, without a doubt. It's a big loss." Messer estimates cleaning up after the flood could cost him \$400 thousand. And he's taking another hit: with fewer tourists visiting downtown, compared to years past he says business is down 80 percent.

<http://wpln.org/?p=17517>

[FEMA Begins Inspection Of Flood Damage \(State Gazette\)](#)

Local officials and emergency-response employees arriving at the Dyersburg Mall for a flood update on Monday morning were greeted with a FEMA truck in the parking lot. Both the city's new codes enforcement station and the FEMA public information post have been designated space the across from Cato in the Dyersburg Mall, a central location for Dyersburg residents who wish to receive passes to re-enter the flood zone or information from representatives of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. As first responders and city officials discussed the ever-changing conditions and concerns associated with the second-largest flood in Dyersburg history, FEMA IT personnel were hooking up computers and phone lines in the retail space next door. In addition to the IT personnel, FEMA housing specialists have begun verifying damage to properties already registered with the agency.

<http://www.stategazette.com/story/1633601.html>

[FEMA Holds Town Hall Meeting With Bordeaux Residents \(WSMV-TV Nashville\)](#)

Federal Agency Tells Residents What Assistance Is Available The Federal Emergency Management Agency town hall meeting was well attended May 11. More than 200 people in Bordeaux whose homes were damaged by flooding, showed signs of frustration. Many have been out of their homes for more than a week. A woman who was flooded out of her apartment was angry at the list of rentals from fema. "I've called every apartment on that list and every one of them had a two year wait," she said. FEMA representatives talked about the assistance available, like housing, low cost loans and federal grants. FEMA'S Marvin Davis says that his agency has hundreds of people in all 42 Tennessee counties that have been declared federal disaster areas. He told Channel 4 News, \$28 Million in loans have already gone to homeowners for flood damages.

<http://www.wsmv.com/news/23525102/detail.html>

[Some Businesses Disappointed in Available Flood Help \(WPLN-Radio Nashville\)](#)

Some businesses are realizing there will be little federal help to rebuild after suffering massive flood damage. Along Riverside Drive in downtown Clarksville, John Gilreath owns Golden Eagle Jewelry, which is still standing. His rubies, diamonds and gold can be salvaged too. But the building has to be gutted. He asked FEMA for help and was turned to the Small Business Administration, which offered him loan at 4% interest, but no grant. "I'm just mad as hell about it all. And it just is beyond belief that you can live in a country that writes checks for everybody, based on my money, but yet when I'm in deep trouble, and I'm one of the guys that has paid the bills all my life, there are no grants for me." Gilreath, his wife, and eight employees are still busy pressure washing and ripping out drywall five feet up where the Cumberland River crested. Despite being out of commission for months, Gilreath says he will find a way to pay his employees.

<http://wpln.org/?p=17523>

[Tennessee Delegation Asks For More Federal Assistance \(City Paper\)](#)

Tennessee's congressional delegation is calling for federal assistance beyond the financial aid available through the Federal Emergency and Management Agency. In a letter addressed to President Barack Obama, Tennessee's two U.S senators and nine U.S. representatives requested that funds for flood victims in 52 Tennessee counties be carved out of the federal Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2010. "Tennesseans are helping themselves and their neighbors, but Tennessee will require federal assistance beyond what current emergency programs' funding can support," the letter reads. "Because the Senate Appropriations Committee will mark up supplemental appropriations legislation that you have requested on Thursday, it is vital that a request for Tennessee flood relief come from the Office of Management and Budget as quickly as possible."

<http://nashvillecitypaper.com/content/2010-flood/tennessee-delegation-asks-more-federal-assistance>

[Damage Keeps Many TN Parks Closed Week After Deluge \(Tennessean/Smith\)](#)

Emmie Thomas lowers her voice in sadness when she talks about the damage the flood inflicted on Radnor Lake State Park. Heavy rain destroyed trails, washing away mulch and gravel in mudslides. Dozens of trees are gone. Otter Creek Road, which runs along the lake, is impassable in parts and can't be used by joggers and bikers because of wide rifts in the pavement. "It looks like an earthquake hit it," said Thomas, executive director of the Friends of Radnor Lake. "It just split in two." About 12 of the 53 state-run parks suffered some damage from the overwhelming rains — among them, Montgomery Bell State Park in Dickson County and Bledsoe Creek State Park in Sumner County, where newly renovated campgrounds were underwater for days. Metro Parks aren't faring much better. About a quarter of the parks, golf courses and nature centers in Nashville's system are closed — at least partially — with moderate to severe damage.

<http://www.tennessean.com/article/20100512/NEWS01/5120360/Damage+keeps+many+TN+parks+closed+week+after+deluge>

[County Budget Takes Hit From Flood, Revenue Drop \(State Gazette\)](#)

Creating the 2010-11 Dyer County budget isn't expected to be easy this year. Revenues are falling - and the recent flood is expected to make matters worse. Dyer County Mayor Richard Hill said the property assessor's office is working alongside the Federal Emergency Management Agency in the makeshift FEMA office in the Dyersburg Mall. Assessments on flooded homes and businesses are being adjusted as damage is reported. If structures are torn down, total tax revenues will decline. Hill said he'd been told the flood has damaged an estimated 361 structures. "It will be several thousands of dollars loss on revenue to the county," he said. County officials have done a good job of holding expenditures down, but revenues are dropping. Monday morning, he told the Dyer County Commission's Budget Committee that sales tax revenues declined 4.6 percent this year.

<http://www.stategazette.com/story/1633602.html>

[Roads Open As River Recedes \(Columbia Daily Herald\)](#)

Mt. Pleasant has lifted its boil-water advisory, and Maury County has reopened almost all county roads closed because of flooding, emergency management officials said Monday. "People have started cleaning up and rebuilding their lives," Maury County Mayor Jim Bailey said. During the height of this past week's flooding, more than 100 roads were closed across Maury County. As of Monday, there were closures on only four county roads and one state highway, said Mark Blackwood, director of the Maury County Office of Emergency Management. There are still blockages on Elliott Court, Rally Hill Road, Leipers Creek Road and Craig Bridge Road. Blackwood said State Route 7 will likely be closed for at least the next six months, given the damage it sustained. "It looks like what you would see in an earthquake," he said.

http://www.columbiadailyherald.com/articles/2010/05/11/top_stories/02recedes.txt

[Sewage Plant Cleanup A 'Monumental Task' \(Leaf Chronicle\)](#)

Clarksville Gas and Water expects to resume primary treatment on the city's sewage today, after the department was forced to evacuate the Wastewater Treatment Plant when the facility went underwater last week. But it'll be awhile before the entire plant is operational, with some parts of the building still inaccessible. "We've got a monumental task ahead of us," CGW General Manager Pat Hickey said Tuesday. When floodwaters reached the plant last Monday, sewage treatment was suspended, a move that allowed raw sewage to flow directly into the Cumberland River. At the river's crest, the plant and its adjacent administrative building were completely submerged. Hickey said the office building's roof was nearly torn off by the flood. "People have no idea what we're dealing with out there," he said. "It's amazing the damage water can do." The city contracted with Hazen and Sawyer, a Nashville engineering firm, to lead the recovery effort, and a subcontractor, Allied Technical Services, was tapped to oversee site cleanup. Allied began de-watering the plant on Thursday.

<http://www.theleafchronicle.com/article/20100512/NEWS01/5120332/1002/Sewage-plant-cleanup-a-monumental-task->

[Nashville Schools' Flood Damage Estimated At \\$1.66 Million \(Tennessean/Young\)](#)

Director Jesse Register addresses school board Metro Nashville's public schools director called the district "extremely fortunate" to sustain as little flood damage as it did, although the total assessment may rise as the school year resumes this week. Jesse Register addressed the school board Tuesday, delivering the flood damage estimate of \$1.66 million. In addition, the transportation department had to make 137 changes to the city's school bus routes to avoid damaged or inaccessible roads. Eleven buses appear to be total losses, but other than that, Register said, things were going smoothly. "We've had some gym floors buckle, and we've had some asphalt problems," he said. "Some books and classroom materials were damaged, but it could have been worse, especially considering how many schools we have in different areas across the city." Students returned to school Monday after a weeklong absence after the May 2 flooding. "To my knowledge, there were 264 teachers that had serious problems due to flooding at home," Register said.

<http://www.tennessean.com/article/20100512/NEWS04/5120377/Nashville+schools++flood+damage+estimated+at++1.66+million>

[Flooded Opry Mills Mall's Revival Begins \(Tennessean/Johnson\)](#)

500 cleanup workers dry out 1.2 million square feet of shops in Nashville The Opry Mills shopping center — once bustling with crowds of bargain-hunting shoppers — is now overrun with workers in protective coveralls, hard hats and respirator masks hauling out racks of clothing and other mud-caked merchandise damaged by raging floodwaters. The mall was so hard hit that Tuesday was the first day its owner, Simon Property Group, allowed anyone not affiliated with the cleanup to tour a portion of the site. "You don't encounter these very often. It's definitely on the high end of the scale in terms of ... how badly it was damaged," said Kirk Lively, manager of the large loss division at Belfor, a Michigan-based restoration company hired to clean up Opry Mills' nearly 1.2 million square feet of space.

<http://www.tennessean.com/article/20100512/BUSINESS01/5120372>

[Health Dept.: Exposure To Floodwater Does Not Carry Tetanus Risk \(State Gazette\)](#)

According to the Tennessee Department of Health, residents and emergency officials entering areas exposed to floodwater or debris have no immediate need to get a tetanus shot before recovery work begins. The state health department is working with the Metro Nashville Health Department and other county health departments to educate residents about tetanus and who is and is not at risk. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, exposure to floodwaters or debris does not increase your risk for tetanus. "It's not necessary to get a tetanus shot just because you have been in flood water. Being in flood water does not increase your risk for developing tetanus," said state Health Commissioner Susan R. Cooper, MSN, RN. "You should get a tetanus shot if you haven't had one in 10 years or more." Tetanus is a very rare but serious illness caused when C. tetani bacteria, which is found naturally in the soil, enter puncture wounds or cuts. It is easily prevented through routine vaccination of children and adults.

<http://www.stategazette.com/story/1633603.html>

[State Warns Against Scam Artists Selling Flood Damaged Cars \(WKRN-TV Nashville\)](#)

Countless cars and trucks were submerged across Tennessee during the historic floods earlier this month. With every flood, some of those vehicles are bound to end up being sold again to unsuspecting buyers. The Tennessee Motor Vehicle Commission is concerned that scam artists may purchase flood damaged cars and try to sell them without warning the buyer. Mike Schumacher of Mikes Mobile Repair said, "Your average person is not going to notice a lot of the damage." Schumacher has seen it all after a couple of decades of working on cars. Whether it's a bad alternator or water damage, he says water can do serious damage to a car, and sometimes that damage can be easily hidden. "They're going to make them smell nice, they're going to make them look nice, and they're going to wash them all down and make them nice and pretty and it's going to look like nothing ever happened to it," said Schumacher. The Commission suggest buyers look for mud and rust or a mildew smell in the car.

<http://www.wkrn.com/global/story.asp?s=12466361>

[TN Lawmakers Seek Flood Relief In War Funding Bill \(Tennessean/Theobold\)](#)

The 11-member Tennessee congressional delegation has asked President Barack Obama to include special funding for flood relief in a supplemental appropriations bill to pay for the wars. While members of the delegation expressed optimism Tuesday that extra federal funds would be provided, the request will be competing with several other add-ons being proposed to legislation to provide \$33 billion for operations in Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan. Also Tuesday, Craig Fugate, administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, said at a Washington media briefing that 23,000 Tennesseans had registered for federal assistance and that \$51 million in federal help already had been approved. The Senate Appropriations Committee, of which Republican Sen. Lamar Alexander is a member, is scheduled to discuss the supplemental appropriations bill on Thursday. Alexander said he had talked to committee Chairman Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, and ranking Republican Sen. Thad Cochran of Mississippi on Monday and received assurances from both that they want to help Tennessee. <http://www.tennessean.com/article/20100512/NEWS0201/5120357/1009/NEWS>

-Other Infrastructure News-

[Cohen Bill Elevates Aerotropolis Concept \(Memphis Daily News\)](#)

U.S. Rep Steve Cohen hopes his colleagues on Capitol Hill will soon become as familiar with the term “aerotropolis” as the constituents he represents in Tennessee’s 9th District. The Memphis Democrat has introduced legislation that will help this city and others more fully develop their transportation assets under the umbrella of aerotropolis – a concept in which an airport and other modes of moving freight and people help drive an economy. Cohen and 13 other Congressmen introduced H.R. 5236, or the Aerotropolis Act of 2010, which would serve as an amendment to SAFETEA-LU, the massive transportation legislation from 2005. The bill, according to its opening line, attempts to “ensure that projects that assist the establishment of aerotropolis transportation systems are eligible for certain grants and for other purposes.” Cohen told The Daily News that passage of this legislation will help Memphis, already tops in the world in air cargo and a leader in other transportation modes.

<http://www.memphisdailynews.com/editorial/Article.aspx?id=49931>

[TVA Lakes Looking Good As Recreation Season Nears \(Times-News\)](#)

Most reservoirs in East Tennessee operated by the Tennessee Valley Authority are filling up nicely for a promising summer recreation season on area lakes. David Bowling Jr., TVA senior management adviser of River Operations, told the Times-News on Tuesday that reservoirs like South Holston, Fort Patrick Henry, Boone and Watauga are currently tracking toward suitable levels for recreational needs this summer. However, the Cherokee dam could stand some more precipitation and might not have as much water drawn down from it as June 1 approaches. “Right now, as a system, everything looks good. Individually, you have some reservoirs like Norris that were down low before,” said Bowling. “Cherokee needs 3 to 4 inches of rain before June 1 to be at its target elevation. The good news is the other nine — big storage at the nine reservoirs — will help Cherokee when it comes to releasing minimum flows so everybody gets balanced.”

<http://www.timesnews.net/article.php?id=9022978>

-Opinion-

[Lamar Alexander: Thousand-Year Rain Causing Enormous Hardship \(Tennessean\)](#)

Middle and West Tennessee have been hit with what Army Corps of Engineers officials tell us is a thousand-year rain event – in a thousand years, we wouldn't expect to have this much rain – and it is providing enormous hardship across much of our state. Nashville has gotten the most attention from the national media, but it isn't the only city in Tennessee to be devastated. For example, Water Street and other parts of downtown Clarksville were badly flooded, Millington was heavily damaged and the mayor of Dyersburg has estimated over \$9.5 million in damage to that city. Gov. Phil Bredesen says that 52 Tennessee counties are impacted and President Obama has already designated 42 of those counties as federal disaster areas. I expect other counties will be added to the president's list soon. On May 4, I toured some of the flood devastation in Nashville. On Friday, I did the same in Clarksville. My thoughts and prayers are with those whose lives have been lost or otherwise devastated by the storm and the flooding that followed.

<http://www.tennessean.com/article/20100511/DICKSON07/100511039/-1/nsitemapXML/Thousand-year-rain-causing-enormous-hardship>

[Guest Columnist: Level-Headed Response Kept Flood Hysteria To A Minimum \(TN\)](#)

Three days after it started raining in Middle Tennessee, the national media finally caught up to this major national disaster by reporting on the devastating floods that ravaged the Nashville metropolitan area. Yes, it was third in a series of stories (after the oil spill in the Gulf and the failed Times Square bombing attempt) filling the airwaves, but another major factor in the lack of national media attention was the way the disaster was handled here locally. It was not a PR nightmare. It was handled with relative calm, an organized response and a lack of sensationalism. I've only heard one or two reports of looting and have seen 1,000 times more instances of volunteerism than criminal activity. Much of the credit for this goes to Nashville Mayor Karl Dean and all of the heads of Nashville's public agencies for being organized and acting quickly. When the city saw the flood waters start to rise on Sunday, Dean called a news conference with representatives from every possible Metro agency. <http://www.tennessean.com/article/20100512/OPINION03/5120347/1007/opinion/Level-headed+response+kept+flood+hysteria+to+a+minimum>

[Floods Bring Out Humane Response \(Daily News Journal\)](#)

The foot of rain that swamped Middle Tennessee, leaving much of Rutherford County under water, was followed by another flood of sorts: humanitarian acts. Faced with disaster, people have come together, reaching out to neighbors they've known for years and others they've never seen. It's called compassion, and it has created a new connection for people in Rutherford and Davidson counties. Little girls are setting up lemonade stands to raise money for flood victims, and people are paying \$5 a cup. People are putting together bags of clothes and cleaning supplies for those whose homes were damaged. Food Bank donations are rising. Neighbors are teaming up to make life bearable, and here's a great example. Kurt Page of Shores Road west of Murfreesboro got permission to take more than a week off from work, and he's ferrying neighbors, supplies and mail across the flooded road in his 1990 Chevy Suburban. The truck was parked out by his barn, but now with a few adjustments it's running back and forth through floodwater all day long. <http://www.dnj.com/article/20100512/OPINION01/5120311/1014/OPINION/EDITORIAL++Floods+bring+out+humane+response>

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